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you well. Can you ride ?' 'Well-a little,' said Fred, quietly.

muzzles before turning to her visitor.

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such a thing,' she said, mentally.

must have been off his head.

MISS BEE.

CONTINUED.

surgery, and left him without a word.

tle room looked like a scion cut from

dow, with a phial in one hand, a 'ar-

stoppered gold labelled bett'e in il

other, stood, with her head thrown back

counting the drops that fell from the

larger vessel, their speed being con-

given by her father; and as Fred h.

the opportunity of inspecting her clise y

in her plain green cleth rate, with " ite

cuffs, and plain collar about her large

shapely threat, he acknowledged to him

The other occupant of the room was a

very brown, very wrinkled man of sixcy-

five or so. As he sat on a well-polished

Windsor chair, resting his soft hat and

bands upon his stick, his back seem

curved and his brow furrowed, as if

bore in miniature the reflection of son e

of the ridges he had ploughel n many

field. He was watching the falling ir at

as intently as the lady who made them

drip, and neither paid the slightest hee

'Fifty !' rang out, in a clear, p case:

voice; and the stopper was driven home

with a click, the big bottle put back

small drawer opened, and a little co. l

found, which was nipped and bitten so

between some little white teeth, before

squeaking with apparent resentment .

proceeding was the moistening of a latel

with the mouth that contained the tee

the label was affixed to the bottle, and

'There, Dick,' said the lady, handin

it to the rustic. 'Now, mind, that is f.

keep me wacken all night?'

ly. 'Can I do anything for you!'

I'm starving. I'm Fred Hessleby.

The young lady nodded.

sharp, peremptory tone.

'Come and see the horses.'

'Better put on your hat,' said Bee.

into his head.

Come along.'

What preseribe? said the visitor.

to the new comer.

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er was out.'

self that she was a very fine woman.

mouth, who shook her head.

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'Come and see the cows,' said the lady, imperatively; and fred bowed, and followen meekly to where three beautiful ing in a field. These awang their tails lazily and

bli ked as their ears were pulled their question. The door was answered by a chubby, orns turged, the visitor standing at a round-faced girl, with beady eyes an O respectful distance watching his guide, .. then took him to where a frisl y 'Master's gone down the mash,' she ouf was penued by itself ready to show said. 'Missus is in. Like to see her?' it appreciation of the caressing hand by The visitor said he would, And, evidently under the impression that he was

SURVI or tourne. a patient, the girl led him into the little Fred Hessleby raised his eyebrows, an hands on her pocaet handkerchief. took in the scene at a glance. The lit

"You don't like cows,' she said, half con un turnely. country chemist's shop, grafted on to the B of ! appreciate their works,' he said, stock of an old study; and by the wn

'My apiary,' said the lady, stopping or a row of wooden hives. 'Per a your had tetter not come too near, the dector's daughter herself, carefully as you are strange,' she added, as she stretching out a hand to let the busy trolled by the glass stopper half out, and deftly kept in its place by one long white n ent b fore continuing their journey. | gun in the case is Bee's ! She quite answered to the description

Don't they sting?' 'Sometimes,' said Bee, calmly. 'I

'I do,' said Bee. 'Do you like honey's

The tour of inspection was continued programmere scrutched with the stump a birch broom, the poultry and eons were ted; the garden was well . calling a good deal as she saw her to marks from his trousers ; and at last

three-handed whist, and taking lafter tomorrow. it was thrust into the bottle. The next

sartiest of greetings and welcomes to

CHAPTER IV.

said : 'Poison. For outward application OIL AND WATER DO NOT MIX. A week passed, and Bee was in the rgery with her father, while Fred was ritting a letter to Bloomsburg.

rubbing in ; you must not take a single 'Well, my dear; how are matters oing on ?' said the doctor.

'Aw raight, Miss Bee, I knew; and 'Oh Leautifully, papa.' said Bewill it ease them thar grinding pains a laughing. 'Oh! how glad I am that w are country folk.' 'Yes, I believe it will. Sorry my fath But, come ; you are rather hard upon

'Oh lor. ye needn't be, Miss I'd ju t 'Hard? How can you talk so, dear What is there in him to like? Did you tor, anny day. Morn', Miss Bee. Morn,

Mester,' and he shuffled out of the room. ever see anything so ridiculous as the way he rides?" 'My father is out,' said the lady quiet-'Well, he has a bad seet, certainly

but he sticks on, and when we had that canter on Monday he kept up. 'For very shame, father dear. Oh, ·Well, yes, pleaso. Some breakfast.

now can anyone be so unmanly as to be fraid on horseback ?' 'Of course you are,' cried the lady, frankly, as she held out her hand. 'Glad 'Many people are, my dear ; but I to see you. Papa will be back to dinmust confess that he is not quite what I

expected.' 'He's a miserable coward,' said the Half an hour after Fred Hessleby was girl, flushing, 'and I'm ashamed of him,' thoroughly enjoying a hearty Lincon-'My dear Bee!'

shire breakfast-no despicable meal after 'Well, I am, paps; and I do wish he' a long walk-and all the time, chatting freely, he was making himself acquaintwas not your dear old friends s son. ed with the character of his hostess. Was Mr. Hessleby like him when he was fully aware that in a free, straitghforward | young ?

'By George ! no, my dear. He was a fashion she was inspecting and examindaring rider and splendid oar. He fished, shot, did anything. Why, he was A I After breakfast Bee proposed what she called a look round, speaking in a quick, at athletics. You see Fred has led a London life. But he's very clever, my dear.' 'You London gentlemen don't see

much of our rough rustic ways, she said. 'At saying unpleasant, sarcastic things. 'But he has a great depth of knowledge 'Won't do for me,' said Fred to himof the world-politics, and people, and self. 'But I'll be as civil as I can. How the like.'

'He knows nothing about people such foolish of my father to get this cretchet as we are,' and Bee, with her eyes, flashing, 'and I hate him ! I wouldn't marry 'Thank you, I will,' he said. 'And him for all the world. Only let him dare to ask me to -that's all !'

Doctor Banks sat looking at the door 'Oh no. Fresh air never hurts me. through which his daughter had passed, Fred followed, and Bee led the way to thoughtfully forking up his grey hair

the neat stables, where a couple of hor- with his fingers the while. ses turned their heads to gaze at them 'I was afraid it would not do. Poor with their great soft eyes, seeming to old Tom will be horribly disappointed

enjoy the caresses of their young mis- but it is all a blunder. tress, as she went into each stall and

Meanwille, Fred Hessleby was getting slapped their necks and rubbed their on with his letter to the thoughtful solicitor in Serieants' Inn.

'I ain almost beginning to sympathise 'Joe-boy is rising three, and up to any weight,' she said. 'Carries my father with Harry the Bluff,' he said, among self, will you, my boy?' easily. Silly Sally is aged, but full of other things, 'I never did appreciate go. I ride her. Joe-boy could carry bachelors; but there was an occasion exclaimed. They have haltered me to a 'Won't you pat them. They won't Flemish mare !' I quite conceive his sensations upon that occasion. Not "Think not,' said Fred in a hesitating that I am haltered; not that I mean to voice; and he went delicately amongst be. Again, not that the lady to whom I stared. This was beyond all that had an inch long, to act as ground bait; and

am sure that you don't want to see my thing. name in the Diverce Court, and perfectly certain that you would sooner die yourself than go into mourning on my behalf. mores-colored Jersey cows were ruminat- I am obliged to tell you that a union between Belinda or Bee Banks and your affectionate son is utterly out of the

'You will say, Why?

'I simply answer, that we entertain a oroughly mutual dislike. I rather suspect that she has been making herself out werse than she really is to disgust making dishes at it with a very long me; and I cannot complain; for certainly if I have a best I have not put it on. 'Nusty creature " said Fred to him- You know I am rather odd, and here I salf, as he saw Bee wiping her white an sure I have been. But fancy marry ing a lady such as this. I am in the surgery, study, and den of the doctor, whom I really love. There you see I have some sympathy with you! He is a erfect specimen of a true-hearted, pureminded country gentleman, and my stay here has thoroughly made me compre hend why your friendship has endured Well, I are chatting with him over west from the to hive more than once, eigar, and these are the pleasant mements that I have here. But fancy the the insacts that went in and out settle talk veering to partridge shooting, and on her torefinger, to crawl about for a my being informed that the light double

'But surely she doesn't shoot ?' I say 'Shoot, Sir ? Why shell bring down her birds right and left better than any 'Who manages them when they man I know. Wonderfully clever girl, my dear boy,' the old gentleman goes on. 'The help she is to me in my profession is immense. The poor people prefer her to me. Look at that.

'My dear father, I look at that, To my horror, it is an exceedingly large, ner. coarse thumb in a bottle, pickled in over, and the visitor spirits, and I am informed that on one o luced to the pardener and occasion John Hodgling contrived to get group, the was told that he need two fingers smasled and his thumb int be afraid of the dogs, Bee's upper jured in a thrashing-machine; that the few days he found himself taking flowers doctor was away for a couple of days, stor carefully remove two or three and that Miss Bee went to the knife case, did a bit of amputation, dressed tor Banks returned to give the for the wife of a surgeon in a new colony; Dinner followed in due time; plans but, my dear father, can you expect me ere made for the next day; and at last to marry a woman like that ! She gives red Hesslebo retired to rest, after play me the creeps. I shall be back the day

another week. And then, somehow, he fishing, Fred ?'

stayed another week. 'The place is doing me good, and the doctor is the quintessence of hospitality. I'm getting some excellent shooting and timsh my holiday here. I see very little ing to join them later in the day, of Miss Bee now. There is a sort of truce between us. We let each other alone, while the doctor and I are always together. Talk about fishing, though, I had a Cay after the jack with her ladyship on a big lake there is here. I ook sixteen, and the smallest was three pounds and a haif. Her ladyship landed one of twenty-five pounds, and I got one of fourteen. She fishes just like a man, only better. Fancy seeing a lady land a big pike by sticking a finger and thumb into its orbits and lifting it

oat. Ugh!' Another week and another, and then came a letter which took the old selicitor's breath away. It was very brief.

Here was the pith : 'It has all been a mistake on both sides. Bee and I are engaged. My dear father, congratulate me, for I am the happiest of men. Home tomorrow, and

will tell you all. Mr. Thomas Hessleby, of Serjeants' Inn, was at home in his gloomy diningroom at Great Guildford street when this letter came. He had just dined, and was about to enjoy his glass of wine. As above said, the surprise took the quiet solicitor's breath away, but it soon came back : and, rising from his seat, he took a key from a drawer in the sideboard. went into the hall, lit a chamber candle. and went down to the cellar for a pint bottle of a very old and peculiar port, over which he meditated upon the pecu-

> CHAPTER V. A SUBPRISE.

liarities of the human race in connection

with marriage.

How was it? Oh, as follows : Hessleby was enjoying his visit to the noon, the fish bit and were caught, till. country, and a fortnight went very quickly; so did the third week nearly to the down his rod, and wished that the doctor

end, when one morning at breakfast the

'You won't mind pouring out for your-

'Oh, no, of course not,' said Fred, seizing the coffee-pot. Then, as if recol-

back all night; and I'm a little uneasy.'

thought Fred. Talk about a strong. Now, my dear father, I do honestly wish tinued the doctor, in a curious, furtive thought Fred, for the tenth time; but words :-

it awkward about you.'

kindness, and if you think it better, I'll culation from Bee. bring my visit to a close.'

about meeting her afterwards, perhaps swept away. you had better go back.'

'Nervous?' said Fred.

'Well, timid about taking it : some cople are. Of course, we are so used o it that we never give it a thought

'I'm afraid, doctor, we are playing at ress questions and crooked answers,' said Fred, in his barristerial manner. Pray what do you mean?

'Why, what I say, my dear boy, about from the Thurgoods'.' 'The Thurgoods', Sir ?

'Yes; they've got typhus there. badly. Widow Thurgood, poor woman, 1.1 the little cottage down Bower Lane. Large family. She's down, and two chilren; after dinner last night.

'God bless her for a true woman " ex claimed Fred; and the doctor stared, words came out in so involuntary a man. was soon close by.

'Perhaps you had better not risk the er. Ah, don't do that !'

infection,' said the doctor. 'Oh, I'm not afraid,' said Fred, gent ly; and he stayed, and during the next in her eyes, and, ceasing swimming, she and fruits, and medicines and spirits, and nourishing things to the cottage, and seeing Bee and talking to her, and takthe stumps, and so well that the places ing messages back; and when an old ming still a quick, excited way. healed. Very satisfactory, of course, friend of the widow came and relieved much better the young folk got on.

'Why don't you go down to the weir and have a day with the barbel?' he memy a good many times, too tired | But Fred Hessleby did not go back said; 'they would be on wonderfully late.' the day after tomorrow, for he stopped such weather as this. You like barbel-

'I should enjoy it immensely if Miss time with those of her companion, and properties, parities the blood from all bee would come,' he replied; and the together they swam, partly with the taint, and increases its solid constituents. 'I should enjoy it immensely if Miss plans were made, all parting very warm ly that night to meet next morning for fishing,' he wrote, 'so I may as well the fishing excursion, the doctor promis

CHAPTER VI

A DAY'S FISHING. Nothing could have been added t never had such pike fishing before. We punt was moored in the switt water be-either side of the half-drowned child. low the weir, towards which Bee forced tised hands, Fred watching her the while, and thinking how handsome and forthgraceful she looked, but only to check himself directly, for he had had a night's thought-I thought'-

'Impossible!' he muttered; it would not do. She's a brave true hearted woman, but she's always doing something I could not stand. Bah! , Absurd !'

A similar fit had attacked Bee Banks. For days past she had been warming tohaving softened her towards him ; but feminine wilfulness, she did everything soft white neck. she could think of to make herself distasteful to her father's guest, and the warmth of the previous evening was replaced by a frigid bearing that grew more chilly as the day wore on.

And what a golden day was that : the ever falling water murmured delicionsly at the weir, and bubbled and foamed about the boat ; the lock-house looked lovely against the back-ground of trees. The lock-keeper's child played on the sedgy grass. Slow-moving barges came rich grass in the meadows, or came down to stare leisurely at the punt; and, as the water foamed and flashed in the sun. In spite of what nearly approached or lay calm and mirror-like beneath the mutual disgust, certainly dislike. Fred overhanging trees in that golden afterin very weariness of the glut, Fred laid would come, so that he might have somedoctor said, in a curious, hesitating one to whom he could speak.

'She disgusts me,' he said to himself 'I declare I hate her. How can a wo-

man treat a worm like that!' It did not occur to the young man that he had impaled a good many wrigwhen history the truthful states that he lecting himself, 'Miss Bee not coming gling worms that day upon his hook; he 'Fact is she's not at home. Not been with her white fingers. Then, too, cart.' twice over, she had snipped up great lob Fred set down the coffee-pot, and worms with a pair of scissors, in pieces 'It will be better for both.

milied woman. Eah! the governor to fall in with your notions; but, as I manner. 'I'm quite used to this sort of he came not, and Bee fished, and the lock-keeper's child played upon the bank, saw anything grander in my life." 'The dickens you are !' thought Fred. and the sun shone warm, and the young 'I ? Brave?' she said, softly. 'Oh, I never give it a thought when she man thought he should like to smoke; no. It was you who were so brave. Oh, comes and goes; but this time it makes and then he began to feel drowsy, and Fred, and I thought you so different to then he started back to wakefulness as that.' 'Pray don't let me cause any uneasi- he heard a cry from towards the lock, 'Oh, nonsense!' he cried. 'Any felness, my dear Sir, said the young barri- some thirty yards away. At the same low could have done that. But, Bee-

> It was all momentary ; and then Fred a different girl.' 'I should be very sorry, my boy,' said Hessleby sat spell-bound, as he saw Bee Don't you think it is you who ought the doctor, warmly, 'for it has been a rise up in the boat and plunge right into to confess?' she said with the tears in treat to me to have you here. I only the boiling stream to rise and swim cas her eyes, and her lips—they really were wish you and Bee could have hit it ily towards where the lock-keeper's child beautifully curved lips-quivering with better; but if you feel at all nervous had fallen from the bank, and was being suppressed emotion. 'Oh, you made me

stripping off his white flannel jacket he, when you looked at me so superciliously, toe, took a header into the stream, and and I saw that sneering smile at me

began swimming after Bee. ford Bridge and the low weir, and Fred and I did.' Hesaleby soon found that he had all his work to do to keep from being swept round by the water back towards the little woman, you'll go on hating me weir; and that, if he wished to reach the like this to the very end?

and when I told Bee of it, she said she'd was hasty and labored—signs that sent pret, acknowledging fealty to a master. was beginning to lose her nerve.

while the speaker felt startled-the a tremendous effort to overtake her, and bound, and-there is no doubt about the 'Be cool,' he shouted, firmly, 'Slow-

For she had turned a blanched face to wards him, with a wild despairing look

caught at his arm. His stern, commanding tone had its struck out towards the shore, but swim

He did not know what induced him t guard, and Bee returned home, the say the next words, but they came as if doctor felt quite cheerful to see how by an inspiration; and he exclaimed, least they parted for it to come, but no raising up the idea of another's peril to sound was heard. A time came, though, chase away the absorbing sense of self-'We must be steady or we shall be to

> Bee uttered a quick, gasping cry; he strokes calmed down to one time for time with those of her companion, and stream, and nearer and nearer to the rapidly sinking bundle of clothes that was being carried along near the shore-reached it; and then there were a few strong strokes. Fred found feet ing, caught at Bee's hand as she was being swept by; and then-he never knew how-they had staggered through the thick sedge over the towing-path,

For a minute neither could do mor it easily and well, handling the punt-pole than draw painful breath in gasps; then as she stood up in the front with praccaught Fred's hand in hers, and sobbed

'Oh! what a brave thing to do; and I

She could say no more; but, selfforgetful now, she applied herself in the most business-like way to trying to restore the child; while, in his helplessness. Fred bent over her, now wringing the water from her streaming hair, now from some portion of her clothes, while wards Fred, his conduct during the fever the color began to come back to Bee's cheeks, then to her forehead, and lastly, this particular morning, as if from sheer he could see the warm flush all down her

Just then the child began to sob and cry loudly, and the tragedy turned to comedy, as the mother from the lockhouse, who had just missed her, came

running up, furious and angry. 'She's alius a tumblin' in, a hussy, she cried, in strident tones, as she realis ed the truth. 'There, get home with

you. You li be drowned some day. Anger against her offspring filled all the mother's breast, to the exclusion of bank, and gathered the marsh mangelds every thought of gratitude of those who and rosy persicarias, or tufts of waving had saved its life, and she followed the sobbing girl, abusing her angrily, till down the river or up the river, passed her voice was hushed by the closing of through the lock, and were gone. Here the lock-house door, and, with a laugh and there, the sleepy cattle cropped the in his eyes, Fred exclaimed in tragicomic tones-'Virtue is its own reward.'

Bee laughed, but very faintly, as she held out her hands to her companion ; while virtue, in the person of Fred Hessleby, found, if he could read his companion's eyes aright, that he was welcome to other and greater reward, if

'You saved my life,' she said, in a tone very different to her usual way of speak-

'Oh, nonsense!' he cried, quickly. 'Here, I say, doctor; oughtn't we to make haste home and change? Let's walk sharply up to the lock and cross. An epitome of everything that is attractive and desirable in juvenile literature. [Boston could only think of Bee doing the same Hullo! there's your father in the dog

Let's walk back,' sail Bee, gently.

It was not a long walk, only lasting TERMS: Postage Prepaid, \$2 00 Per Year the straw, and just touched each horres have been led is a Flemish mare, but a gone before. A young lady who stepped at this Fred had shuddered, and she had about a quarter of an hour, but some making the young lady's lip curl with very handsome, healthy, robust young out all night! Well, certainly it was seen it, and making a mocking grimace how it is wonderful what was got into it Englishwoman, who might make some enough to make any father a little un- as she continued her occupation, so that by two people who were dripping wet, *Papa must have been mad to propose man happy, but who, with me, would easy.

"The dreadful country hoyden,"

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"The dreadful country hoyden,"

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'You brave little woman! I never

ster. 'I'll thank you warmly for your moment there was a splash, and an eja- come now-confess you have been doing all you could to make me think you quite

so angry the very first day. I knew why 'Good Heavens!' ejaculated Fred; and, you had come, and it irritated me, and when I was dispensing the aconite lotion, The Lincoln Tress runs swiftly by Bol- it made me feel as if Ismust hate you;

> There was a passionate sob here. 'And-and my brave, true, unselfish,

our meeting Bee when she comes back child that the doctor's daughter was try- Their eyes were looking deeply searching to save, he must swim strongly and ing each into each just then; and then well. In fact, it was a hard fight; and Bee's lids fell, her head drooped, and in in a few minutes they were all three far very unmaidenly fashion, she let her below the boat and lock-house, Bee lips fall upon the strong white hand that much nearer to the child but losing her clasped hers so tightly. It was a simple first quiet methodical stroke for one that action, that of a slave some might intergo and nurse them. She went directly the blood flushing to Fred's face, for, as At all events, it was Bee's-uncultured a practised swimmer, he knew that she Bee's-way of showing her resignation to her fate; and as Fred Hessleby felt Throwing himself on his side, he made the warm, soft touch his heart gave a matter-he would have clasped his companion in his arms had not the rapid peat of hoofs been heard, and the noise of wheels.

It was the doctor's giz, as he overtook iem, after going round by the bridge.

'Why, hallo !' he cried ; 'been in ?' 'Yes, doctor,' cried Fred, merrily; 'and effect, and with a gasp she once mere we are in deeply now-over head and

ears, never to come out again. 'Why, Bee!' criet the doctor; 'it is really true ?'

Her lips formed the word 'Yes;' at when she said it so that all might hear.

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