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The saloon was superbly fitted up and splendidly illuminated, and filled with the most brilliant and imposing com-pany that had ever gathered there. Here Washington, and she has forgotten that she ever was anything else!" Thus he thought and spoke when Maud's face was turned away, while she pany that has ever gathered there. Here, were assembled some of the most distin-guished men and most beautiful women from the four quarters of the nation; men high in military or civic rank, re-nowned in the field or the forum; scholnowned in the field or the forum; schol-ars celebrated in the arts or sciences; general officers in their gorgeous uni-forms; foreign ministers and ambassa-dors in their sumptuous court dresses, and attended by their suites; in a word, all the school of the science in a word. all the splendor, talent, beauty and cel-ebrity of the capital city in its best season filled the President's saloon that night.

. It must be confessed that our rustic boy, with his pride and genius and sen sitiveness, was at first somewhat dazzled and dashed. Yet he need not have been. In all that brilliant assemblage there was not so handsome or graceful a man as Falconer O'Leary—with his classic profile, and his gypsy skin, his large, dark, flashing eyes, and shining raven hair, and his fine, free, athletic figure, olothed in the simple suit of black—he was literally "handsome as Hercules ere rist labor," and more than pair of bright eyes lin-on the boy and wondered was His eyes rought their tar, Hunter. There she was!--the ul girl-seated on one of the rid first pair one gered Maud Hunter. There she was!-the beautiful girl-seated on one of the side ofas, and, as usual, with her father and her mother.

And unobserved for a while he watched her, and nearly suffocated with strangely mixed emotions of love, jeal-ousy, anger and admiration. Maud had been beautiful as a star, when clad in her plain, humble gown of black cal-ico, without a single ornament. And now the advantages of a rich and elegant costume. She wore a robe of rose-col-ored brocade, made low on the neck, with short sleeves, and trimmed with a gossamer lace, pearl necklace and bracegossamer lace, pearl necklace and brace-lets, and a string of pearls twined in and out with the sunny braids of her hair, and looping back the long, bright ringlets from her rosy cheeks. Her face was averted, and her head bowed over a bouquet that she held in her haid--she was blushing under the too admining blushing under the too admiring gaze and speech of some perfumed fo eigner, who was bending over net eignet, whom Falconer at once stigmatized as who was bending over her-and an impudent, conceited French poodle, whom he should like to seize by the goatee and send whirling from the room. "Can you tell me who that foreign jack a nape is, standing before Miss Hun-ter?" he asked of Donzoni, who was passing near.

"That! Oh! Is it possible you don't know? Why, he is one of the foremost among the competitors for the hand of the beautiful heiress—said to be a dangerous, if not a successful rival of Sir Henry Percival. "Who is he?" muttered Falconer, be-

tween his clenched teeth. "Why, Senor Don Emillio D'O----, the

way, Senor Don Emillio D'O—, the son of General the Count D'O—, the Argentine Republic. One of the lions of the Washington salons. I am sur-prised you did not know him!"

"No, I know nothing of the foreign monkeys that fine ladies choose to make ons of," growled Falconer, with a bitter look directed toward Maud, who had not as yet lifted her head.

ot as yet lifted her head. Other gentlemen had approached the "A very pleasant evening, Miss Hun-"A very pleasant evening, Miss Hun-military officer. They closed in and in-tercepted his view of the lovely girl, and he anathemized them for the act . The very heart in his bosom was corroding with chagrin. He had never seen Maud in full dress before, and now, insignificant as such a superficial matter really was, it seemed to the boy's vexed and morbid feelings as if the very elegance of her dress, as well as the nature of her surroundings, separated her farther and farther from him. And when her face was turned away, she seemed quite an-other person from the little, loving creaother person from the little, lowing crea-ture in the plain black calico frock, who used to sit by his humble cottage fire and knit or sew—and who was all his and knit or sew-and who was all his own, with no one to interfere-and whom he could love, caress, chide, praise, flat-ter, quarrel with, and make up with at tie cety; there is little exclusiveness his pleasure, with no one to oppose. Now she was drawn away and lifted high "I The was drawn away and inted night above him, and he growled behind his set teeph. "No! no! this is not my gentle love—""I am truly reloced to hear that you have been so well pleased, Miss Hunter, "And yet— and yet, sir, I might have been better pleased." "Miss Hunter, if you are not already

million friends'" "Miss Hunter may do her utmost will with me," said the old gentleman. shak-ing his hand, and then welcoming Falcon-er with cordiality. And our boy felt a twinge of compunction and also of mortification to think that he had really committed the wandalian of massing Washington, and she has forgotten that she ever was anything else!" Thus he thought and spoke when Maud's face was turned away, while she received the adulation, conveyed by glance and tone and sigh, of the circle opened, and at the same moment the beautiful girl lifted up her head, and her eyes fell upon Falconer, and the smile of joy that suddenly illumined her sweet, pensive countenance, revealed that she was still at heart his Maud. She took and pressed her mother's finorea mortification to think that he had really committed the vandalism of passing through the reception room and entering the salon without having had the grace to pay his respects to the master of the house—not to say the President. But this slight feeling of self-reproach was but as a ripple upon the stormy waves of his deeper and fiercer emotions, in which it was soon engulfed. He drew the little hand of the maiden within his arm and joined the promenders. The

took and pressed her mother's fingers, and stooped and spoke to her with a and stooped and spoke to her with a gladdened sparkling glance. And Mrs. Hunter smiled gently, and looked toarm and joined the promenaders. The thick press of the crowd was now bethick press of the crowd was now be-ginning to thin off—the salon was only moderately full of company. And Miss Hunter, hanging on the arm of a stranger of distinguished manly grace and beauty, was now the observed of all observers. She was indifferent because unconscious of the attention they attracted; but he, on the contrary, with his heart bursting with suppressed emotion, and desirous above all things for a confidential inter-view with her—he was painfully con-Hunter smiled gently, and looked to-ward Falconer. But then the boy's proud, jealous, sur-ly demon instigated him to grumble to himsefl that he would not stand there to be made a spectable of, and, turning to be made a spectable of, and, turning abruptly, he moved off to a distant part of the salon, where, from an oblque angle, unobserved himself, he continued to watch the maiden. There was a little stir and murmur around him, which he soon understood to be occasioned by the quiet entrance of the President into the saloon. But the President was a subject of profound

above all things for a confidential inter-view with her—he was painfully con-scious of the hundreds of eyes that saw him. He was pale and silent—now with her arm resting trustingly on his, with her touch thrilling him through every nerve and vein to his heart's core, Le could no longer affect to address her with the commonplace nonsense of the President was a subject of profound indifference to our boy, until he saw his venerable but still erect and imbasis while venerable but still erect and im-posing form standing before Mrs. Hun-ter and her daughter. He saw him bow and smile, and fall into a pleasant, lively chat with the mother, and then, after a lively which the mother and then after a with the commonplace nonsense cf a drawing-room chit-chat. He looked toward Mr. and Mrs. Hunter

little while, turn and address the daugh-ter and offer Ler his arm. And he saw to see how they took his promenade with their daughter, and whether they watch-Maud bow and smile and arise. And saw them pass off together for a promenade. The boy's jealous heart overflowed with ed him. But, no! they appeared cheerful and confident, or indifferent, he could not decide which. The President and Mr. Hunter were earnestly discussing some subject of interest, and Mrs. Hunter was listening to them with pleased attention. There was evidently no jealous surveil-"It was not enough," he said. "that her head was turned with flattery before, but now the President must do her this

unusual honor!" lance on their part. But, oh! the crowd-the crowl, with its argus eyes! pressing so close upon them, too-two or three couples abreast, immediately in front of them-two or three couples treading on their heels be-hind-and a couple on the right fand, and a couple on the left-and no oppor-tunity of relieving his bosom's weight by speaking one earnest heart word to his beloved that would not be heard ty a dozen pair of ears, and repeated, most lance on their part. And he stood and watched them as they joined the circle of promenaders that slowly revolved around the saloon. He watched the pair closely. They walk-ed and talked like friends. In the President's manner to the beautiful girl there was a sort of fatherly fondness and familiarity, and in Maud's demean-or to his excellency a filial respect and affection that seemed to dispense with ceremony and reduce their intercourse

a dozen pair of ears, and repeated, most likely, by as many gossiping tongues. And this their frist meeting after their stormy separation and long, weary abto a primitive simplicity. After making the circuit of the salon two or three times the President led her back to her place, took the seat by her side and continued the pleasant, lively chat with her there. Falconer ob-They made one or two turns around

They made one or two turns around the room, and then another fear soized him—the company were now thinning cff so fast that he thought their parting hour would come before he had said what his heart was bursting to say. At lest he stooped and whispered huskily: "Maud Hunter, I must speak to you alone, or die!" Newly chat with her there. Falconer ob-served them some time longer, and then, nodding his head grimly two or three times, he said to himself: "Now I will try her! I will put her to the test! I will put them all to the test! Come! I will go and invite Miss Hunter to take a provued with me

Hunter to take a promenade with me. Let us see if she will accept the invi-tation. Let us see if she will not rather "Matta funcer, I must speak to you alone, or die!" She pressed her fingers on the arm on which she rested, and without further reply raised her head and looked '...ward a distont corner sofa that ad been be 'very sorry,' and too much fatigued, and beg to be excused. Oh! ha! hal know how it will be!" And so saving, the boy deliberately lately occupied by a party who were now leaving it to retire. Falconer followed her glance and led her toward it. They reached it, and took the vacant seats.

"Maud," he commenced, "you sail, a few moments ago, that you might have been better pleased with Washington. Dearest Maud, will you tell me what you mean?" were gayly conversing with their heads together, and did not perceive the ap-proach of Falconer until he stood before mean?" "If you had called to see us frequently

them. He bowed to the group, and then, turning to Maud, addressed to her some words of the merest commonplace couras others did and do, I should have been happier." "As others do! And do you irrigine,

Maud Hunter, that I could visit you as others do? 1, your inseparable compan-ion from infancy! I, who for years, and pleasure lighted up her face, and out flew her little white hand like a bird until the very moment of our sudden separation, looked upon you as my wife? Oh, Sylvia, how blind, deaf, insensitle into his-and: "Oh Falconer! I am so glad to see you!" she said. Spoiled child of society, as he had you must be to all I feel! to all I suffer Visit you as others do!" "I did not mean that, Falconer. You

"I will do myself that pleasure, rath-er, if the President will excuse me" she said, turning with a beaming smile toeyes stagment in their sockets be was sick of existence he could derive no consolution or relief even from his art ward the latter. The President assented with a bow and now; he could not have touched the Luccoon; he could not even have work ed at the Niobe; he could do nothing. he thought but die, if death would only The President assented with a bow and a smile, and a jest as to what he should inswer were he forty years younger. "And will your excellency permit me to present to you my earliest friend and foster-brother. Mr. Falconer O'Leary, of Maryland. No doubt," she added, with a smile full of girlish gayety and in-nocent freedom. "Mr. O'Leary, as in duty bound, made his bow to the President in his reception room, but we know that his excellency finds it impossible to re-member every one among his 'dear five million friends."

he thought but ale, it used that alon come. Maud retired from the salon with her parents. On reaching home she went immedi-ately to her own chamber, where throwing herself upon the bed, all elo-gantly dressed as she was, she gave way to a passionate fit of weeping. There came a tap at the door; she knew her mother's signal, and arose and opened it.

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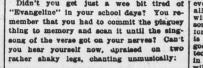
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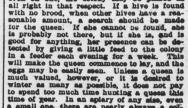
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Falconer has heard it." "Undoubtedly, and he was talking about your rumored engagement to Per-cival, while you' were thinking only of your pledge to himself! That explains his wretchedness." "But, mamma," said Maud, gravely, "it is impossible that Falconer could, for an instant, entertain the idea of my being so false! No, no, mamma! Fal-coner never, never thought so ill of me!" "My child, as long as Falconer lived with you, he evidently does not fully understand and appreciate you. His judgment is blinded by his passions." "And, oh, mamma! could Falconer be-lieve that I could be a traitor to my child; and that he understood you to nother?" "Oh, how could Falconer? How could he? Oh, mamma, let us undeceive him "Oh, mamma! tell me how I can unde-ceive him at once!" said Maud, clasping her hands. The lady drew her to her bosom, and also ran in Nva Sotia. The lady drew her to her bosom, and also ran in Nva Sotia.



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called her, she was still far more natural, simple and genial than himself. "I am so glad to see you. But why have you not called?". must know I did not mean that. I should have been gladder to see you than

to see any one else, my dearest brother!" "Your brother! Hum—yes! You in-troduced me to the President as your foster-brother—was it as your foster-brother dict would have been gled "Circumstances beyond my control," Miss Hunter, have deprived me of that honor. I need scarcely inquire, Miss Hunter, whether you are pleased with Washington city. Your looks assure me that you have enjoyed your winter here." brother that you would have been glad to see me?'

"Yes, dear Falconer." "Miss Hunter! I have heard a rumor "Yes; it is a pleasant place in its sea-son; we meet interesting people from all parts of the world here. And, best of all, to which I have hitherto given but little

redence, but which your manner would seem to confirm." "I do not understand you," said Maud. "Miss Hunter—pardon me for asking a plain question, which I, nevertheless, think I may be considered entitled to ask "I am truly rejoiced to hear that you

and to which I may have a right to as candid answer."

system. Watery blood is responsible for nearly all the headaches and backaches and sideaches that afflict "What is it then Mr O'Leary?" Mr. O'Leary! It was the first time she had ever so addressed him, and though he might have known that she could not do otherwise, since he perse-vered in calling her Miss Hunter-the ame went through his bosom like a sword. He was very pale with restrained emotion—and his voice had an unnat-urally low, level tone, as he inquired: comes through the use of Dr. Wil-liams' Pink Pills. Weak, ailing, des-pondent women who use this medi-"Miss Hunter, pardon my presump-tion, but are you engaged to be mar-ried ?" cine are made active and strong;

tion, but are you engaged to be mar-ried?" "Falconer, you wound and distress me." "I am grieved to do so—I beg pardon --nevertheless, I beseceh you, answerd the maiden, in a low voice. "Enough, enough, Miss Hunter! par-don my presumption, and permit me to lead you back to your party," said the boy, in a smothered, suffocating voice. "Falconer, my dear brother, what is the matter?" asked Maud, in alarm. "Nothing—nothing—nothing— except

Theoher, my dear brother, what is the matter?" asked Maud, in alarm. "Nothing—nothing—nothing— except that I am what many men have been be-fors me, and many men have been be-fors me, and many men will be after me—a foel?" He got up and offered his arm, and she also arose with a look of perplexity and distress, took it, and suf-fered him to conduct her back to her parents. And then the boy bayged decep-ly and withdrew. He inpmediately left the salon—the light of life semed dying

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and even Russet Sweets. The Northern Spy, considered very highly in some parts, is an also ran in Nova Scotia. The apple tree is fong lived and grows to great size. You will notice in one view that considerable space is left between the trees, in the funcess of time these trees will aboot up and reach out until the sunlight can scarcely pierce the gloom. The soil of the orchards is cultivated cars-fully. Some years it is planted in grain or potatoes; in others sown to grass. Occasion-ally a crop of grain is raised 4nd allowed to rot.

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The young tree which had its picture taken in a cort of tearly group did a fine job this year. In fact it rather overdid it and had to be proped up. The full of this tree will if three barrels at the least. An old aggle tree will produce ten barrels or more of excellent fruit.
The apples are picked in the orchards and usually carted away at once to steamer or train for shipment. In packing apples one is open the bottom of the barrel. The wery finest specimens of '.a fruit are arranged in rice layers at what will be the top of the barrel layers at what will be the top of the barrel rate who you open a fresh barrel.
But the Nova Scotia fruit grower is an honest individual. He grades the apples are picked in the cider mill.
The valley is a city of big gardens. The main roads, running generally east and west, on on each side of each ridge, are called streets. The houses any large and prosperous looking; many of years has been generally abolished. Almost every house has its telephone. Every farmer keeps a good stable and smart rigs for pleasure driving.
Altogether it is an unusual farming community. The rounds of social life go on as in a city. The sons go to college and return to the farm content to make that their calling in file.
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womankind. Watery blood is re-sponsible for the dull eyes, sallow checks and the listless, dragged out feeling that is found in so many growing girls. Good blood means good health, and good blood actually comes through the use of Dr Wil

PREPARING BEES FOR WINTER.

Do not put off preparations for wintiger, bonger than can possibly be avoided. The soncer after the white honey harvest is over that the bees are prepared for their win-ter snooze the better for all concerned, un-less, of course, there is a fall flow of honey from buckwheat, golden rod, or some other source. But as a rule the beginner had bet-ter not figure on his bees storing honey in Sectember.

ter not figure on his bees storing noney in September. The first thing to be done after the sup-ers are removed is to see that each colony has a laying queen and a good number of bees—enough to cover all the combs in an eight-frame hive on a day inclined to the cool will generally make a satisfactory clust-er for wintering. To be sure (says E. G. Hand, in the "Canad, be Journal") that there is a queen, each hive must be opened and brood looked for Look about the cen-tre of the hive, and a nice patch of seal-ed brood is seen on in an three frames, or follows the

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It is true there were electric lighta and there was a trolley car crawling around the city, but they no more made it Western and modern than a bead necklace would change the character of the Venus of Milo. The driver of the trolley car looked like one of "The Three Calendars," and a gayly dressed little boy beside him blew loudly on an instru-

ment of discord as the machine tranquilly advanced through the crowd. A man was run over a few months ago; his friends waited for the car to come around the next day, pulled the driver from his perch and stuck a number of long knives through him in a truly Ori-

ental manner.-Henry van Dyke in Harper's Magazine

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