"Dear lady! No, she has not hurt me. It was a distress of the moment. No more, no more! says the Poet, quite beautifully. Mr. Kitts almost admires him. "And as for women, dear friend, pray do not speak of them as unfair. They are always tair. And they have their own little gifts, as you will see, if you go into it—their pretty charms, their tricks—"

"Like kittens," suggests Mr. Kitts, eagerly, as if dwelling on his thoughts and desirous of following them.

Yes, yes. You take me, I see," says the Poet, poising himself on one leg and beaming on Kitts, in spite of his decision about him a few minutes ago. But adulation is so sweet, and so hard to get—with some people! "Kittens! Quite so. Little cats!
The dearest women have something of the
tiger in them, you know. Not to be
trusted! Ah! I have a sweet poem on that idea-not as yet vulgarized to the paper but here-here," tapping the place where he supposes, poor dear man, that his brains lie. "Women have their own place," he continues sententiously, unconscious of the fact that Kitts is longing to go for him. "They have their beauty. And if Mature has denied them intellect, poor souls, still their beauty, transient though it is, gives us refreshment as we wander

through this gloomy vale."
"Who's us?" asks Mr. Kitts, with a Frown of perplexity. It is a rather danger-

"Dear friend, surely I need not reply. Why, we—the lords of creation—we, the creatures of intellect. We, who can rule the world with our thoughts, our aspira-

tions, our genius—"
"Do you know," says Mr. Kitts, surveying him calmly, but straightly, "you'll get yourself kicked if you go on like that?"
"Eh? What?" says the Poet, as if not able to believe.

"Yes. Kicked, Kicked, I assure you," says Mr. Kitts, turning on his heel. Terry is now pouring out the tea, Fanny chatting beside her. Larry is laughing with Miss Anson over some absurd mistake of yesterday, whilst Max and Geoffrey, in their best clothes and manners, and with cheir stockings very carefully but most unmistakably darned, are handing cakes to everybody. Trefusis is helping Terry, his heart somewhat disturbed within him. Terry is looking lovely, quite lovely, poor child, in spite of the shabby old serge gown in which she is dressed; a gown scrupulously neat, but old, so old, and yet—the sting lies here-so undoubtedly her best. There is something of anger in the glance that Trefusis occasionally sends from her to Miss Anson. The latter is so exquisitely frocked: everything is so exactly as it should be, everything so toned; it is the very art of dressing! Trefusis feels his soul rebei against the contrast. Why, why will Terry let no one help her? Surely pride can go too far. It hurts him in a strange angry way that she, the girl he has chosen out of all the world, should be one whit behind the very best the world can show.

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The Poet is again holding forth, but now to Larry. "How picturesque it all is!" says he. "And how she suits it!"

"She'd suit anything," says Larry, looking at Terry. 'Yes, she's a picture in herself," says the Poet, laying his head delicately on one side—the side where he thinks his heart is. "I am glad to find a brother devotee at Miss Anson's shrine.

"Miss Anson! I wasn't thinking of her," says Larry. "Though of course I"—chivalrously—"admire her too. But—er there's a good deal of her, isn't there?" "Could there be too much of perfection?" asks the Poet, plaintively.

"I suppose not." says Larry. "But Miss Anson is big, eh?" "Ah, the charming creature !" cries the

"She is supreme, exquisite. One can take her, as it were, by degrees. She lasts. She lasts." "Do you mean that you cut her up?" asks

Larry. "You should be careful, you know. Women hate being cut up."
"Her eyes yesterday, her lips to-day, her perfect chin to-morrow," goes on the Poet, sighing heavily. She is a perpetual feast. She is a thing of beauty, as that very much overrated person called Keats once said: pray excuse my quoting him. She has so many charms that one hardly knows how to take them all in at once. She is dear,

very dear !' "At any price," says Larry to himself, but out loud he says, "You should not let her be. Not now, you know; this is a cheap age. And if you want her eyes, her lips, and her chin, why, 'reduction made if a quantity taken,' you know, and you like quantity, evidently."
"I fail to understond you," says the Poet,

shaking his head. 'Well, I'il explain. I like quality," says Larry, nodding at him with a beaming smile. He adds to his iniquity by going off imme liately to where Terry is standing behind the tea-table.

The day is waning. Evening is coming on. Trefusis is still helping Terry with the tea, Mr. Gabbett, and his sister having happened to drop in rather late. Terry after a minute or two has moved away. Mr. Kitts is helping the boys to eat the hot cakes. It is quite astonishing how he does it, seeing that he never stops talking all

Trefusis has stooped to whisper some little pleasantry into Terry's ear-some little trifling thing apropos of something going on over there where Miss Bridget is sitting—and Terry has lifted her flowerlike face to his in answer. Almost for the first time her eyes look calmly, steadily, friendly-wise into his. She smiles at him. Trefusis's heart gives a bound. Never has she seemed so near to him as now, in this

hour, in this her own home. Larry, unfortunately (his eyes are never very far from Terry) sees that glance of his, and Terry's answering smile. He turns abruptly away, and grows almost boisterous in his attentions to Geraldine Anson. He is evidently telling her a story, vivisecting one of the near neighbors with a view of bringing a laugh to her lips-in reality to let Terry see that his heart is void of even

one touch of pain. "What is it, Larry?" asks Mrs. Adare who knows all her brother's moods and is now very sorry for him. Perhaps she too has seen that little growing towards Trefusis in Terry's air, and has understood.

the night she was playing backgammon at the Mackenzies', you know."

He laughs lightly, but falsely, as his sister knows. "If you don't, Terry will," says he, looking straight at Terry. It seems to him now as if he must bring her attention back to himself and away from Trefusis, if

only for a moment.
"Yes, I remember," says Terry, smiling sweetly at him over her teapot. "I don't believe it," says Miss Anson.
"What! That she doesn't remember?"
"Oh, no, no, no—Miss O'More, isn't he

silly? Of course she remembers; women always remember-afterwards!" She says this with a strange, swift glance at Trefusis, that seems to warn him of trouble in the future connected with Larry. "I mean than I don't believe that story of yours— Your brother," turning to Mrs. Adare, "says that the duchess was once playing background with Sig Dayby Mackeying backgammon with Sis Darby Mackenzie, and that she swallowed the dice !"

"One of them. One of them," says Laurence. "She was eating filberts-she is always eating nuts of one sort or anotherand, the rigor of the game growing too much for her, and finding that Sir Darby was winning, she concluded that one of the dice was a filbert, and swallowed it."

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[He was not so justified of his own motion. According to the custom in deliberative bodies, except where bylaws provide differently, the chairman should only state the condition of the vote at the request of a substantial majority of those present and entitled to vote. - EDITOR AD-VERTISER.]

New Ontario. To the Editor of the ADVERTISER:

I have noticed in the columns of your paper once in a while within the last year or two letters concerning Algoma written by settlers and crown lands agents in that country giving a good deal of information as to its resources and the opportunities and inducements it offers as a field of immigration. And as doubtless a good many of your readers are interested in the subject. I send you by concurrent book post for your personal perusal a copy of the 'Hand Book of Information Concerning Algoma. which has recently been published in Lon don, England, for circulation among the tenant farmers in the old land. I understand an edition of 50,000 is being printed, and that they are now being carefully distributed in the old land by Sir Charles

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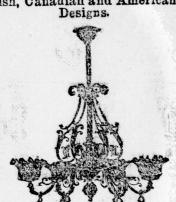
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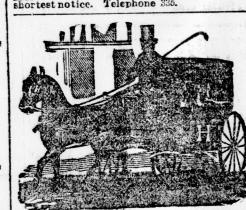
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