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The village of Offord was alive with curiosity that Sunday morning, to see the bride that Bob Trench had brought home. He had woosd and won her in New York, and none of his family had seen her until her arrival among them the night before. "The whole thing," said Dr Tanner, "done no doubt at a white heat, after the fashion of the Trench family." The Trenches were a large-bodied, hot-

The Trenches were a large-bodied, hot-blooded race, always making a talk in the county by sudden outbreaks into wise, or into big, heroic deeds of virtue. The quiet, slow-going, Scotch-Irish Presbyterians who made up the com-munity of the village of Offord found the virtuous Trenches quite as discom-posing and uncomfortable to live with as the wicked ones. "Radical religion," said Deacon Vale, "is like a balkin' horse. He may in-tend to drag you up hill, but he lands you in the ditch at last. Give me an eld, steady pacer on the road or in the church."

The Trenches had a front pew (for which they sometimes forgot to pay), and it was here that Bob led his wife in

the morning. She was a small woman with light eyes and hair, and looked oddly white and cool and insignificant among the big-boned, black-browed Trenches. She knew that the whole congregation were sitting in judgment on her eyes and nose and gown, but went through with her devotions in ab-solute calm. Oid Dr McLeod, in the pulpit casting a curious glance down at her, was appalled by catching her pale eye fixed rebukingly upon him, and flurried through the sermon in

headlong haste. When the plate was passed for the col-

section, honest Bob, in thestervor of his soul, pulled out a hundred dollar bill ; but the bride neatly intercepted it and dropped in five instead. On the way she gave the note back to him. "Why did you not let me give it

My heart was so full of thanks Anna? giving ! I have you! I wanted somebody to be the better for it."

be the better for it." "Five dollars is quite enough to spend arly on the conversion of Jews," she id, smiling. "We will make out a list charities, calculate what we can afford give to each, and divide." (Carpet. Why should she not give her time and labor to religion ?" Josey that night, pale and red-eyed, burned all her skatches. "Why did you not tell me they were worthless daubs?" she said to Kate, bit-"Wor altar carpets and deeyearly on the conversion of Jews," she said, smiling. "We will make out a list of charities, calculate what we can afford

or charities, calculate what we can allord to give to each, and divide." "Bother! I like to make a spurt when I feel charitable," grumbled Bob; but he squeezed her arm and looked down on her adoringly. "How just you are, Amas. 'Pon my word I believe you are pet. pet. "Bob's wife shall never interfere with perfect

"I try to do what is right,"said the little my life," Kate boasted, hotly. Yet it was Anna who called Bob's attention to the fact that young Whitcreature, walking beside him with trim, measured steps. There was not a touch of elation or Phariseeism in her tone, yet Bob somehow felt belittled beside her, and shuffled in his body and his minit like a big quilty school how ing had been hanging around the girl for months.

spirit like a big, guilty school boy. Luncheon'was the first meal at which the family had met since her arrival. health is not good," she urged. "Kathy has something of hermown, and if she loves Billy she may wish to nurse him back to health," said good-Now Grandma Trench, who was seventy, had long ago yielded the care of the natured Bob. "It is not right that her life should be Kate, the eldest daughter. house to There had been fierce suspicions in Kate's mind that the newcomer would

try to wrest the reins of sovereignty from her. "She'll take the head of the table

you'll see," she told her sister Josey right course ! I have told you what it rom the beginning that you and I con-tribute to the expenses, and that I man-

vehemently. "She must understand from the beginning that you and I con-tribute to the expenses, and that I man-age. I will never take a second place-never! What can that child, brought up in a city boarding-school, know about housekeeping?" But the child in her babyish white time to marry a girl who resembled. But the child in her babyish white time to marry a girl who resembled gown seemed to understand the situation Catharine Trench. by second sight. She came into the Kate is still un Kate is still unmarried room where luncheon was served, her arm about grandma's waist, softly smil-ing as the old lady chattered. Kate, Grandma Trench died in the second year of Anna's reign. "She was unac countably weak," the physician said ing as the old lady chattered. Kate, tall and grim, stood behind the chair of grim, stood behind the chair of "and unable to resist acute disease." In an instand Anna had seated He told his wife that he "suspected Mrs honor. the old lady in it. "My dear !" she cried amazed. "This kind; and the old lady belonged to a "My dear !" she cried amazed. not my place ! Kate, or—or you—" "No, no, dear ! Sit still. Of course "No, no, dear ! Sit still. Of course "The poor old woman crept into her "The poor old woman crept into her "The poor old woman crept into her the place of precedence is yours," said Anna, gently. "That is right. I will sit by you and do the work," sliding her mind and heart as well as body. She quietly into a chair. Kate, in a dumb rage, found herself had been a Methodist in her youth and Kate, in a dumb rage, found herself deposed. But what could she do? Auna was right. She was right, too, when Bob sent up for a third cup of green tea, in leaving it unfilled. green tea, in leaving it unfilled. "You think you want more," she said, told her this, gently shook her head. "I do not think such excesses are reverent," she said. "Dr Patey, will which kept me in bed six weeks under her light, smiling eyes holding his firm-ly. "But you are mistaken, Robert; ly. "But you are mistaken, Robert; you do not. You only think so." It is a fact, memorable among the Trenches, that Bob never asked for a These Trenches were undisciplined in their eating, as in everything else. When grandma asked for deviled lobster, Anna, with an innocent face grave here. "As if there could be more than one church!" thought Anna. She let the Anna, with an innocent face, gave her Id chicken. "The child did not hear me," the old hear the truth in decorcus fashion it of horses, weight of fleece and fast-growcold chicken. "You make a mistake," she said to nna, after they left the table, trying to Soon after this, Nelly, Bob's widowed Soon after this, Nelly, Bob's widowed built underground stables, carded, cur-Anna, after they left the table, trying to smile courteously. "We never interfire with mother's diet, however unwhole-children and make a little home for children and make a little home for cent an hour's subath a day ! Diseases with mother's diet, however unwhole-some it may be." "Ah? But that is not right!" re-plied the little bride with a sweet laugh. "I shall leve her too dearly to allow her "to commit suicide by mches." "It is right." That and her sweet laugh were her only weapons The Trenches might fume, or race, or laugh Trenches might fume, or rage, or laugh with savage insolence at her proposed reforms; but there she stood, calm, in-and Anna have had no words?" movable, an inflexible purpose animat-ing every atom of her soft little body, and giving meaning to her pale blue eyes better for us to go, Bob." Dyspedia is dreadful. Disordered better for us to go, Bob." and gentle laugh. She said to Josey afterward : "God

the young people, in all of which the vi-vacious old woman delighted. Anna, with her pleasart laugh, had decided dances and games to be as irreligious as cards. The neglibors son found that their runnings in and out were regarded by Mrs Robert as a sad waste of time, and ceased to come. Anna, §who liked to hear her own voice, inaugurated a series of evening readings on science and history, to which the family listened with covert yawns and rebellious spirits. Kate, though the twelve months has vigorous protest.

measurably cowed her, ventured of a vigorous protest. "Mother," she told Anna, "always made our home pleasant when we were young in order to keep us in it. This was a gay, hospitable house; every Trench loved it. She tried to do the same for Nellie's children when she brought them back to us fatherless. But it is no longer gay or hospitable, and the children are learning to hate their home." and the children when are learning to hate

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"But we do not so regard them. Surely "But we do not so regard them. Surely Nelly herself must judge for her child-going to the devil,"the cold shoulder and

Nelly herself must judge for her child-ren." "There can be but one right and cone wrong," said the smiling little woman. "I am right." It was Anna who criticised poor Josey's oil paintings. Josey was a cripple, and her one amusement was to paint impos-sible valleys, hills and beaches. But Anna showed her how false was your colering, and out of all rules her draw-ing. "Artists would only laugh at her pictures, dear Josephine," she said. "Why waste your immortal time in a pursuit for which you have absolutely no taleut?" ill luck. family.

"How could you be so cruel ?" Kate Appa's face fell into its customary "How could you be so cruel?" Kate cried, with angry tears, when Josey went out of the room. "She suffers constantly. She never can look forward to the life of other women. If her poor little sketches give her happiness, why should you rob her of it !" "It is not right to even tacitly aid in "It is not right to even tacitly aid in to shoe. John planged into every the proceeding of the state of the state of the state of the should you rob her of it !"

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for years; but even her will was not strong enough to conquer. "It is the only fun I ever had,"

poor James, the day before he died. He was a mild, lovable fellow, and would have been glad to pleace her. But he felt dully that his life had been unhealthy and dwarfed. There was no strength But in in it to resist temptation. Anna lived but a year after him. She

was calm and self-possessed to the last. Poor old Bob insisted on helping to nurse her, and strove vehemently i drag her back to life again. He watche her face grow thinner each day with ferce wrenches at his heart of love and remorse. When at last he knew that "His salary is a mere nothing and his he must go he brought hireself to speak, kneeling by her bed. "We've made a mistake, Anna-some

how. God knows why ! We've got far Can't we come together again apart.

Can't you forgive me, my darling ?" "Certainly. I forgive you, Robert. sacrificed to an invalid." "Really, Anna, I cannot interfere. Kate is old enough to judge for herself Her voice was weak but composed. "I am sorry you think I was to blame in as to the right course." "Dear Robert, there can be but one

going apart from you. Of course, we are all signers. But I tried to do right, and-there is only one right way." She died that night, and was laid in

I suffered with neuralgia and obtained no relief until advised to try Hagyard's lears they came back together then I have fou tled down on the old farm. John is a thorough Trench, big, sincere, impul-sive. His father had pulled him out of F. Cameron, 137 Richmond St W.,

Current Superstitions The funeral procession must not cross The last name a dying person calls is

the next to follow. A dish cloth hung on a door knob is a ligh of death in a family.

The corpse must not pass twice over any part of the same road. To dance on the ground indicates dis-ster or death within the year.

Whoever works on a sick person's dress, he or she will die within a year.

Whoever counts the carriages at a pass-ing funeral will die within a year. If a hos be carried through a house ome one will die before the year is out. If thirteen sit at table, the one who

rises first will not live through the year. To break a looking glass is a sign of death in the family before the year

If three persons look at the same time into a mirror one will die within the The person on whom the eyes

dying person last rest will be the first to The clock should be stopped at the time of death, as its running will bring

If one dies, and no rigor mortis ensue it indicates a speedy second death in the

It is unlucky in a funeral for those present to repass the house where death

as occurred. If a hearse be drawn by two white norses death in the neighborhood will

cour within a month. If rain falls on a new made grave there will be another death in the family within the year.

At a fuperal entering a church before the mourners means death to some of the ntering party.

If the grave is left open over Sunday nother death will occur before the Sun day following.

If rain falls into an open grave anothburial in the same cemetery will occur within three days.

To keep the corpse in the house over Sunday will bring death in the family

before the year is out. If any one comes to a funeral afte the procession starts another death will occur in the same house.

It is unlucky to pass through a funeral, either between the carriages or the files of mourners on foot.

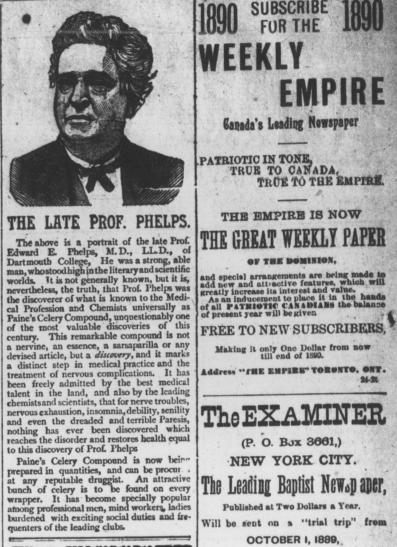
In Switzerland, if a grave is left open over Sunday, it is said that within four weeks one of the village will die. To put on the bonnet or hat of one in mourning is the sign that you will wear

one before the year is out. When a woman who has been sewing puts her thimble on the table as she site down to eat, it is a sign that she will be left a widow if she marries.

If, during sickness, a pair of shears be dropped in such a manner that the point sticks into the floor, it indicates the death of the sick person. A common saying in England is "happy

is the corpse the rain falls on." The be-lief exists also in the United States. Thus it is said that if rain falls at the time of the funeral it is a sign "that the dead has gone to heaven.

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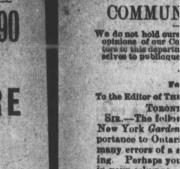
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"It was not right that so much of their feet into that."

moderate income should go to their stomach." "It was right that when Bob was the chief bread-winner of the "It may also be a stored by the store t Anna smiliugly bade her sisters fare-"I never thought to see the girls leave household Bob's wife should buy the bread." She never put this last maxim the old homestead," said Bob, hoarsely into words, but into gentle, inexorable, "Father meant their home should be bread." She never put this inexorable, "Fath into words, but into gentle, inexorable, here"

incessant practice. Grandma in secret cried bitter tears of longing for her hot curries, for her novel, for the gossiping visits of the neighbors, for the impromptu games and dances of, the cause of her triumph. She thought
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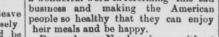
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