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couldn't do that." "I don't mean both at the same time, more perplexing than at present."

in which you look the sweetest."

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tio Le Rose du Ral Pt

that dreams are made of "

"This papa, is the nameless one."

ecstasy, and held it aloft for their admi-

"It's hard to tell, Nellie. Your aunt

'How happy could I be with either.

ing, stupid old thirg. But have you the | wear ?" least idea, you ignorant papa, of what a succession ?"

"A labor! Why, I thought it was "That's the very place she shouldn't dresses and fineries.

er's puzzled face as she led him nearer feel at ease in a decollete dress?" the dresses to point out their respective merits.

"I really can't give an opinion until I see you in them.'

He drew out the little gold watch reposing within the belt that encircled her rounded waist, and looked at the hour.

"It isn't three o'clock yet, and you will have plenty of time; so run away and try on your dresses, then come into the library and I'll-

"Give an opinion as is an opinion," Cassy to follow with the dresses, ran lightly out of the room to don them.

In a short time, a very short time to Papa, I want your advice, not on a question of law, however, and I want its froat-like lace and glowing flowers "But I suppose the subject is one of into a more graceful sweep, and smilingequal weight and importance, else my self-willed little girl could decide for certain approval.

A Bit of Sentiment

passed into his daughter's sitting-room.

boxes, from each of which there came a

of her pockets, and drawing out a sheet

of transparent, scented paper, "is Aunt

"Here, "Nellie said, diving into one

ISABEL DE CHURCELLES "

"N. B. - I forgot to mention that A -

faint, half-defined perfume.

you in here."

knot.

I can out it.'

Belle's letter :"

aunt.

herzelf," Judge Mason returned, laugh-"Well, really, Nellie, I believe there ingly, as he arose from his papers and is no necessity to try on the other gown, for you andyour dress seem to suit each "I want you to unravel the Gordian other merfectly, and I can see no reason for a divorce. However, try on the "A difficult thing to do, as you have 'airy' something and let us see." probably discovered, Ne'li; but perhaps

Nellie gathered the skirt of her rich dress in her little hands, and went aff, He smiled down on the pretty little as happy as a queen is popularly supfigure standing between two opened posed to be, to try the effect of the other : and in a few moments floated into the library, looking more like a denizen of fairyland lost amid the heavy books and dry-as-dust papers than a mere earthy damsel, who ate her daily bread and butter for existence.

"My DEAR NELLE :- I send you two "Now, Pris, decide! Which is the dresses-each of them equally beautiful and expensive. The 'airy nothing' in fairest?"

She stood before him like a personified the blue box has been deemed worthy sunbeam. Her golden hair was rolled by its great crestor of distinct characterization, and he has therefore given it a off the fair face in gleaming waves that name: he has christened it Le Reve du fell below her waist, enhancing, but in Bal. The one in the white box is 'like a no wise concealing, the beauty of her nevertheless. Trusting you will be the charming vision for an instant, then pleased with them, and gain scores where said, much to her surprise :

now you count tens of devoted swains, "I unhesitatingly decide" in favor of is the wish of the donor. Your loving the first dress." "Why,papa! I think this one is ever

so much prettier than the other." "So do I. But I prefer the other, lan Graham returns home in the same nevertheless." Nellie looked at her father with steamer with your dresses. He is un

parti pris, none of your detrimentals, so wondering eves. "I rather think your aust gave it the if I take occasion to hint gently my hope of his returning Parisward one of these sight name when she called it an "airy days with a voluminous amount of my rothing," for it certainly comes as near er thrown in. You will not take it amiss. | can.'

Seriously, my dear, he is worthy of any Nellie's face showed the disappointwoman's love and admiration, unspoiled she could not conceal, "I thought, papa, you would be sure by his money, and by that yet more

potent factor in the demoralization of a to admire the dress, young man of wealth, the adulation of "And so I do, my dear; the beauty hopes upon his falling in love with you, most unqualified admiration."

blushing, and showing her dimples more daught. like a cloud.

letter into the pocket of her Swisse there is too little of it."

let all the glory of a Parce dress burst upon you with all its bewildering splen-"Is that your objection? That's

dor at once, else I'm afraid you will be nothing." so dazzled you'll not be able to decide "So I have intimated.

"Oh, I don't mean that ! You know She burrowed into the white box, and ing receptions and balls."

'If every one-which, with due throwing the rich dress over the high with it a subtle and delicious perfume, daughter."

"But, papa, this dress is far more She handed it to Cassy, her colored maid, who gazed at it in speechless think so?

"You dress is incomparably toyely ration as gingerly as if it were "the stuff and as becoming as it could possibly be but if I were you. I wouldn't wear it.' Nellie threw a regretful glance downsays they are equally handsome and ward on its loveliness.

costly, and so they are; and I know "Remember, dear, I den't want to reyou'll be equally distracting in either strict you in your choice ; you must de-"Oh, papa, that's no decision at all. I with him in such a dress as you have heart.

Nellie colored vividly, but answer were t'other dear charmer away !' Well, petulantly.

suppose you try them on, and let me see "Oh, papa-if you will parden my saving so-that's all old fogy nonsense." "Try them both on! Oh, papa, I "Perhaps so; but you will pardon me Nell; that would only make matters subject than a young lady of nineteen now that's not so, for I am perfectly "Of couse you don't, you dear, darl- think that is a dress for a woman to sure in wearing the high dress, Besides,

"Of course ; else I wouldn't wear it. labor it is to put on two ball-dresses in A girl is expected to wear a low dress to a ball.

"Then your thoughts were very far he sit at the one end of your reception "Surely not; that makes all the ed notions."

difference in the world." "What makes all the difference in the

world ?"

how to do anything else ! question."

It is not the fashion for a girl to re-"Isn't it proper ?" "Certainly not."

she now has on."

give my opinion of it. I would not broad church assle, to the sound of the want my son to marry a girl who weuld wedding march from A Midsummer wear it. "Don't you wish I was your son, in

lovely, lovely dress."

stead of a horrid, vain, weak-minded girl, papa?" and Nellie's eyes began to get misty with unshed tears. "No, my dear; I only wish my girl

the young men she meets in society." "Why, what harm can my poor dress help it." do them ?"

"Perhaps more than you will ever hadn't ?" know, Nellie," her father answered poet's dream — exceedingly beautiful, white shoulders. Her father glanced at gravely. "Now, think it over between but to give you a truthful answer, I of Venus rising from the sea. And I a principle, though to me it is but a bit not to wear it."

> Her father returned to his papers, and Nellie went slowly and sorrowfutly

would be remembered. She closed the style." book pettishly and tossed it impatiently aside.

"It isn't that, but—" Nellie hesitated throat.

and looked up in his face some \*hat wist"Th

"It's no use thinking over it : I won't fully. silly women; and I have quite set my of your dress calls for my warmest and that horrid Alice Tillman will be there, falling in love with you? If you feel, my ties from them—but no, I mustn't say ball, and you must look your loveliest, light and given it into the hands of advantage over me if I wear the high ciently into consideration the fact that charming contrast you were that night fairies to enrich with frost-work and dress. I know papa will not be pleased, you were your father's only child, and to Miss Tillman's superb but meretrici-

in the way of admirers on the one hand, holds for you. and envisus rivals on the other, she

could not decide upon wearing it. what I mean; that every one wears a high dress. I wish I was a man, and declaration with a kiss. drew from it a miracle of pale satin, lace, sleeveless and decollete corsage at even- then I wouldn't be bothered about the "I mean why did you fall in love with greater charm to me than your beauty, old thing; for no matter what fashions me when there were so many better and and was your first attraction for me." come in for them, they never have to prettier women than I am !" deference to your superior knowledge, I wear low-necked clothes, and my! what backed chair that he might the better am inclined to doubt-does wear a dress a comfort it must be to them, for they world, Nellie-I don't doubt there are- that evening?" Nellie asked wistfully. view its beauties; "and this," drawing that is neither womanly nor modest, don't care whether they are bony, or but you are good enough for me; and I "You don't think oh, Allan, you don't from the blue box a cloud of mist, and that is no reason you should, my anything. Well, I may as well fight it am more exigeant in regard to beauty of think there is anything unwomanly in beautiful than the other. Don't you thinking seriously for one bad quarter of wife.

The battle that raged in her heart was asked with fond coquetry. a bitter one ; and at its termination she "Your beauty is evident to all eyes, burst into a sudden storm of tears over and requires no praise from me." her disastrous victory, for though filial "But my goodness is not so evident, respect and maidenly delicacy had ap- Well, Allan, I know you are right about parently won the day, Nellie felt it was that, but I'm going to improve. I often in rags like Cinderella or King Cophein reality a victory of the vanquished, feel like a hypocrite when you and para tua's beggar maid. Whether a woman you decide on, what are the odds in cide as your taste dictates; but if I had and that disappointed vanity and love praise me for things I don't deserve to be should veil or display her arms or shoula son I wouldn't want any girl to dance of display still held the citadel of her praised for."

"I only wear it to please papa," she you suit us." thought, tearfully and rebeiliously, "and not because I want to wear it or think that I ought to. I've heard that virtue as you admire good women so much?" brings its own reward, and the reflection my dear: I think an old man of sixty that you have done right is more pleamight be a better authority on such a surable than to have your own way; but Now tell me honestly, Nellie do you wretched, and won't have a bit of pleamy eyes will be awollen and my nose will be red, and I'll look fearfully ugly, -I think papa ought to know better. On dear, I do wish as long as it's right for us to honor our parents and do as the delight of a girl's life to put on new wear it, in my opinion. If a gentleman they want us to do, that they could be should call on you in the afternoon, and born when we are, so they could see things the same way, and have a little you remember?" adrift." and Nellie laughed at her fath- room and you at the other, would you sense about things, instead of making us wretched by their cranky, old fashon-

But when, her toilet completed, she "Oh, papa, you lawyers are so in the an! undeniable admiration in his loving habit of asking people foolish and dist eyes as he bent his tall form to kiss her, egreeable questions down in your hate- and say, "Thank you, my daughter." pretty as I am, and I don't know but tell me all this before we were married. ful old court-rooms, that you don't know sie felt that virtue did reward her adher- she's quite as good; and I don't see You have fallen in love with a fraud. I ents a little; and later on, as she threw why you didn't fall in love with her." "But that isn't unswering my foolish aside her rich wrap of soft white silk "Well, custom makes the difference. in Mrs. Hilgard's dressing room, and an not a Mormon. My heart holds but only to please papa, and cried for an Nellie interrupted gayly, and calling to ceive morning callers in a low-cut dress." that confronted her, she was fain to ad- completely there is no admittance for go against papa's wishes; but yet I ous action it brought her no reward, the as you."

4. Then it certainly is not proper for reflection in the mirror did. Her fears have achieved so brilliant a transforms her to place herself in a young man's with regard to swollen eyes and red nose putting her husband's hand to her lips and I am not the woman you think I am with a smile and a blush.

Solution where is," Nellie said, from principle, but only to please papa putting her husband's hand to her lips and I am not the woman you think I am with a smile and a blush. Her father dropped his law papers and such a dra es. I don't object to round lost by having her lovely arms and gazed at his pretty daughter with de-lighted appreciation as she stood before I was young as well as any one, thanks him in all the glory of the gay apparel. te a good mother and my own self-reof her rich and tasteful dress. At least,
She threw the creamy satin train with spect, regarded h as both an honor and so thought one admirer, destined to play a pleasure for a young lady to dance one the role of leading gentleman in the with me, but in view of the comments I drams of her life, for the instant his have heard from the lips of some of the glance fell upon her he sought his hestyoung men of this progressive age, I will ess, and begged to be presented; and endeavor to show my daughter how unbecoming it would be to dance them stant that they culminated, ten mouths with the casual young men one meets in later, in an offer of a diamond engagea ball-room, garbed in such a dress as ment-ring, himself, and all the devotion, honor, respect, and reverence that a good "But, papa, you can't think how hard man gives to a woman he loves, for her it would be for a girt to give up this acceptance of ring and lover naturally ended in a lovely procession of white-"I don't ask you to give it up. I only robed, flower decked maidens up a

> during one of these honeymoon days. "That's a leading question," he an-

sould better understand the effect such swered laughingly. "But I believe, them !" a dress has on the minds and tongues of darling, I fell in love with you because

from the room to discard the lovely gravity in voice and manner, as he seat- ly fastidious, Nellie, but I'd want to waist with his arm. "Why did you ask such comments on a sister or wife of father's old fogy notions in the charms lie, I mean, dear, and in these touring such unflattering compliments and critiof the "Eve of St. Agnes.' But she days we live a good deal in public; but cisms." could not forget them. Her father's when we go to housekeeping we'll have "Perhaps she doesn't know anything

lavishly than usual, as she dropped the "I have but one fault to find with it | back on her cushions to enjoy a litt'e only one, of whom I ever entertained a stead of her." anticipatory day-dreaming of the coming thought in connection with love and "A contrast!" Nellie cried in amaze-

"I know you love me, Allan-that is

"I don't want to go against papa's "And always!" her husband inter-

"There may be better women in the out and be done with it." And Nellie soul than to personal charms in women wearing one?" gave herself up to the unwonted labor of | -especially in the woman who is my

Well, you may not be perfection, but

Why didn't you fall in love with her, Nellie asked, thoughtfully and reflectively.

"Beause I fell in love with you." "And Marian French-she is both good and beautiful : why didn't you fall in love with her !" Nellie proceeded. checking off the most formidable of her ante nuptial rivals on her fingers.

"Because I fell in love with you." "Or Allce Tillmann : she's not so angelic, but then she's a perfect beauty, and oh, she did look so lovely that night at Mrs Hilgard's where I first met you—to herring, and the woman you are than to

"I do, indeed, remember," he said, a remembrance.

swept into her father's presence, and ful, I might say, and I don't wonder you out a protesting word from me." saw the expression of pleased surprise remember her," Nellie resumed, quite mistaking the drift of her husband's ten- and the tears flashed to her eyes in a der meaning, "She is forty times as glitter of rain-drops, "why didn't you

"But you know Alice is," Nellie said, from principle, but only to please pape

"It is not polite to contradict a lady, "You are quite near enough to the

means represents perfection to me." "My !" how I used to hate her," Nel-"May I ask why?"

"Because she had such lovely armsust like a siren's."

"That's a singular reason for bating a

sphinx." "You wouldn't think it a singular reason if you were-well-well, if you

beauty. I think I liked you, Allan, I low dress." don't mean, of course, that I was in "My dear, whatever you think and love with you, like people in a whatever you do is charming. Long Night's Dream, and brings us to the ridiculous nevel, but liked you the first years ago I erected a throne in my heart honeymoon.

"Allan, what made you fall in love by that night. I remember her dress, a fill it—you reign by a right divine; if you have any faults love is blind. I cannot arms and shoulders were like poliched see them. As to the great moral and marble-and, my! didn't she show ethetic question of the day, the decol-

"She did, indeed," Allan returned love is still lord of all, and I couldn't with a laugh. "I haven't a very good merits. I still aver that to me it is but memory for details, and had forgetten "Don't you sometimes wish you the blue satin and pink roses; but I have a vivid remembrance of the who sacrifice their vanity and love of "That's a yet more startling question; decollete beauty that reminded a fellow fashion to that which to them represents now and tonight, and make up your mind must promptly and decidedly assert that have a still more vivid recollection of a up to date I have had no reason to wish bachelor supper in Fred Collyr's rooms auything of the sort. Now, it's my turn the next night, and the comments that to ask questions," he said, with,a certain passed around the table. I'm not overdress which had found so little favor in ed himself beside her and encircled her wring the neck of any man who'd make She could not quite decide whether or me that, Nellie? You know it's not good mine. I can't conceive how a self-renot to wear it, and tried to forget her form to make love to one's wife-in pub specting woman can expose hersels to

commonplace words obtruded themselves all the luxuries of the season, including about the unflattering compliments and lovely niece's clothes, and the darling own- to being nothing as a dress possibly between the poet's exquisite lines, and love-making in the most pronounced only hears the flattering ones," Nellie said, reddening suddenty from brow to

"Then, by Jupiter, she ought to know them!" Allan returned with decision. go in the high-necked dress. I can't that, but—I think it is, Nellie think why Aunt Belie sent it. I know else why did you ask me if I regretted I idolize women and expect impessibiliand there's no denying, if I do hate her, wife, that I have failed in loverlike devo- that, when I have found a wife who and you returning the compliment. He As well it might; for if the spiders that she has the most beautiful arms in the world, and it will give her an awful it it because you have not taken suffi- girl, if you could only knew what a "All of which nonsense is not pertimered to the present subject, therefore more beautiful than the dress of lace but he certainly is odd."

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"All of which nonsense is not pertimered to so much petting and caressing ous beauty, and all the nice things those but he certainly is odd." Nellie said, laughing, and rose buds that floated about his Nellie, having made up her mind thrs but, my darling, you are the first woman, you and your dress, you would cease to wisely and well, leaned her pretty head and, it is needless to add, the last and wonder that I fell in love with you in-

apron before proceeding to unearth her He pointed to the scrap of lace, with glories and triumphs of the night. B t marriage; and as to regretting I fell in ment. "That was the very reason I was a single rose entangled in its masses, in spite of memories of her lovely dies love with you -it would not be possible jealous of her-why, her decollete dress "Now papa, shade your eyes! don't that rested low on each white shoulder and anticipations of glorious possibilities for my lips to utter all the love my heart gave her a fearful advantage over me." "What singular adjectives women make use of when they wish to express a thing strongly," Allan returned with a smile; "but just reverse things, and wishes, but then, too, I hate to go in the rupted promptly, and emphasized his perhaps you'll hit it. Seriously, my darling, your modest dress was even a

> "But would you have fallen in love with me if I had worn a decollete dress

"By no means," he answered lightly. "On the contrary, so far as expense goes, "Do you think I am pretty?" Nellie I have found it a very womanly fashion, for you were the first wirl I ever saw wear a high dress at a recention or ball. As for falling in love with you? -well, love is sent, you know, and I would have fallen in love with you had you been dressed ders is to be decided by her own individual taste, and by no other standard. -I'm no Quixote to run full tilt against "There's Elinor Scott; she is good, the fashions of the day .- but your dress was the embodiment of a sentiment with

me. I have always entercained a fancy, comentic and sentimental, I'm ready to admit-that I'd like to be the first, last and only man to kiss my wife's lips or see the beauty of her arms and shoulders completely unveiled."

"But how would you know," Nellie cried, laughingly, "if there were any beauty? I might have been as acrawny and scraegly as-as-anything.

"I was willing to take chances,"he an swered gaily. "At all events," he add ed. "I'd rather you were as bony as a have the beauty invite for you such comment as I have thought, and other men, warmer light filling his dark eyes at the less scrupulcus, have uttered. My dear little wife, if all men were gentlemen, "Yes, she was lovely, radiantly beauti- all women could dress as they like, with

"Oh. Allan," she cried out suddenly, didn't wear that dress because I was "Because I felt in love wilh you. Per- modest and refined, and all those nice and glittering fringes before the mirror mit me to remind you, my dear, that I things you thought I was. I were it contemplated the vision of loveliness one woman, and that woman fills it so hour because I thought it was wrong to mit that, though she had done a virtu- 'another,' were she forty times as pretty wanted to wear a low dress all the time. So you see I didn't wear the high dress

but I must emphatically deny that asser woman I think you are to satisfy me, tion; however, beauty is a matter of her husband answered, laughingly, taste—and Miss Tillman's beauty by no "Anyhow, I haven't grounds for a divorce. We never quite realize our ideals. You once told me that your huslie said with a laugh that was half a sigh. band was to have blue eyes, and you have to put up with black ones. Seriously, my dear, I think I have no reason to complain because my wife's love and reverence for her father got the best of person!" Allan cried, laughingly. "I'm her vanity on one memorable occasion, beginning to think I've married the that gave me the b'essing of my life, the most charming little wife in the whole world."

"And you don't think it was wicked were maybe, a little bit jealous of her and frivolous in me to want to wear the

night I met you; and Alice was so leve for my queen, and God has sent you to lete corsage, I leave it to greater minds than mine to prenounce judgment on its a matter of taste and sentiment, but my soul does reverence to all good women of sentiment."-Sadie Carrol, in Demorest's Magazina.

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