BY JOHNNIE DILL. The blood-red ribbons of the stormthreatening sunset were fluttering in the west; the huge oak trees and pines of the Iowa forest were murmuring ominously-

know anything about you."

"Please try me," faltered Dora. "I am so tired, and I know not one in this country, are indeed, indeed I will do my best to serve you."

Mrs. Meyers turned to her husband who sat by the fire, trotting a shubby 2-year-aid on his foot.

"What skall I do, James?"
"She's a total stranger," said conserva-

old on his foot.

"What skall I do, James?"

"She's a total stranger," said conservative Mr. Myers.

"But she looks so weary and worn out."

"Well, let her come in and stay all night—a bowl of bread and milk and one night's lodging won't break us, I guess."

So Dora Klein was admitted into the farmer's little family; and so neat and handy was she about the place, so light and agile in her movements, so quick to learn and steadfast to remember, that good-natured little Mrs. Meyers had engaged her as a regular "help" before she list house a week week. gaged her as a regular "help" had been in the house a week.

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"You women are so impulsive," said the honest farmer, shaking his head. "Suppose she should turn out bad?"

"How can she, James," said Mrs. Meyers, indignantly.

"She has a face as innocent as baby's!"

"My dear, I don't believe in physiognomy!"

nomy!"
"Nor I, altogether, but I do believe in

Dora Klein! And as the days and weeks went by,
Mr. Myers was obliged to confess to himself that so far, at least, his wife's judgment, or rather instinct, had been correct.
The last November leaves were fluttering

down around the cabin door-step one clear, cold afternoon, when Mrs. Myers stood at the door, ready to join her husband and baby in the buffalo-draped wagon to attend a merry-making at the nearest village, some miles beyond, while Dora Klein was

"And if the house should catch fire, or anything," added this prudent little modern edition of Martha, "troubled with many cares;" "remember, Dora, that the money is in an old stocking under the old board, by the south window, and the silver in a japanned box, close to it."

Emerson's Americanism.

From the Manhattan.

Emerson's Americanism therefore, was a mericanism in its last and purest an alysis, which is giving to him high praise

ispanned box, close to it."

"Yes'm," said Dora, kissing her hand to the laughing baby; "I'll remember."

"Some people would, say, my dear, that that wasn't a very smart proceeding of yours!' said Mr. Myers, as they drove away."

"All yes, which is giving to him high praise and to America great hope. But I do not mean to pay him, who was so full of modesty and humility, the ungrateful compliment of holding him up as the permanent

away.
"What do you mean?" asked his wife.
"To tell that girl just where our valuqualities that are valuable, and only in a qualities that are valuable, and only in a ables are kept!"

"James! What an idea! Why I can trust Dora just as implicitly as I would trust myself!"

Mr. Myers whistled and drove on, and Mr. Myers whistled and drove on, and the problem of the universe; he

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Mr. Myers whistled and drove on, and his wife was vexed with him for even thinking such a doubt of Dora Klein.

But as they were jogging slowly homeward in the November starlight, a neighbor hailed them, joyously, from the top of a load of barrels:

"I guess it's time you were home!" said Nehemiah Hardbroke; "your gal's got company!"

"What do you mean?" demanded Myers.

"Why, the doors and windows was all open as I come by the cross-road, jist where ye can see 'cross the medder to your back door, and there was two or three men round in the kitchen. I thought it was some o' your folks, till I see your wagon just now!"

James Myers looked at his wife—Mrs. Myers' white, anxious face returned the gaze.

"All human results must be strictly imited, and according to the epoch and outlook. Emerson does not solve for all time the problem of the universe; he solves nothing; but he does not anticipate the solves nothing; but he does not anticipate the shows us how to deal with circumstances in such a manner as to secure the sood, instead of the evil influences. New to conditions, fresh discoveries, unexpected horrors opening before us, will, no doubt, so far carry us beyond the scope of Emeron's surmises, but we shall not so easily improve upon his aim and attitude. In the space beyond the stars there may be marvels such as it has not entered into the mind of man to conceive; but there, as here, the right of way to look will still be upward, and the right asperation be still toward humbleness and charity.

A Princely Fortune.

"Dora is there!" gasped the wife; "she would see that nothing happened!"
"Dora is there," assented Mr. Myers,
"and that's the very reason I'm worried.
Hold the baby firm, and I'll see what speed is left in old Dobbin!"

is left in old Dobbin!"

How they rattled over the frosty road,
Dobbin galloping as if he was trying the
turf on the Avenue St. Nicholas; and the
old wood, rushing past them like the
scenic splendors of a panorama, while, to
the anxious hearts of wife and husband,
every moment seemed an age.

The house on the edge of the forest was
dark and silent when they reached it. Mr.

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Myers flung the reins over the dash-board

dark and silent when they reached it. Mr. Myers flung the reins over the dash-board and sprang out.

"Dora, Dora Klein!" he called, but there was no answer, save the faint echo of his own voice. And when the lamp was lighted, it shone on a scene of dismay and confusion; but the first corner at which the farmer glanced revealed to him that the loose board beneath the south window had been torn away, and the treasure nook, which had held the silver spoons, and the stocking full of bank notes—their little all—was empty.

"So much for your new girl and her friends, Janie!" said Mr. Myers, in the bitterness of his first anger; and Mrs.

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Myers burst into tears, not so much, after all, at the loss of the money, although that was a serious enough matter, as to think that little Dora Klein, of whom she had so consciously grown so fond, was unworthy of a kind thought.

That was one side of the little, everyday life story at the cottage; and now let be take a negn at the other.

day life story at the cottage; and now let us take a peep at the other.

Her master and mistress had scarcely been gone an hour, and Dora was chopping briskly away at the beel's heart, singing some german roundelay as she worked, when there was a creaking on the floor back of her, and turning her head, she started to behold two tall, gruff-looking men in the room.

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"Who are you?" demanded Dora, with feigned valor, "and what do you want?" i'Don't worry yourself, my lass," said the taller of the twain, gruffly, "and don't make any noise, if you don't want your neck twisted round like a chicken's!"

"Begend Upon It.

"While into the eyes crept a look of pain.

"I tan't!" the little maid said at last, Her mind all free from the sudden doubt, As over the lids her fingers passed.

"Dod put 'em in tight and I tan't det 'em out!"

—Emma C. Dowd in St. Nicholas.

turned suddenly round with a volley of oaths.

"Nothing but tin and pewter!" he snarled. "Where is the silver, girl?"

"We have no silver," said Dora, falteringly. "What should poor people like us do with silver?" do with silver?"

"The money, then. I know there is money, for I saw him come out of the Ken.

"The money is a solution proper like us \$\frac{\pmathcal{2}}{2}\$, and the publisher held the manuscript unprinted until the author had become famous as a poet.

"It's—it's up-stairs sewed into the bot-tom feather-bed, in the spare room!" hesi-tated Dora. "But you won't hurt me?"
"What should we hurt you for?" scorn-fully demanded the ruffian. "Go up stairs,

Iwas forest were murmuring ominously—and the one chimney of the little farm-house on the edge of the woods sent up its blue column of smoke, like a cheery hand beckoning to the way-worn traveler over the hill. And how bright and cozy the interior of the kitchen looked as Dora Klein stood on the threshold, cold and hungry and inexpressiblo weary!

A little German girl, blue-eyed and blonde-haired, scarcely yet 16, with shy aspect and a shrinking mien; she had walked all the way from the city, seeking vainly for work at the various habitations that she passed, and now at nightfall she was nearly discouraged!

"A girl!" said Mrs. Myers, dubiously, as Dora Klein preferred her meek request. "I did talk about hiring a girl, but I don't know anything about you."

"Please try me," faitered Dora. "I am so tired, and I know not one in this country, are indeed, indeed I will do my best to serve you."

Mrs. Meyers turned to her husband who

the deepest recesses where no one that was not as nimble as a deer and slender as her-self could follow. And then, crouching down among the undergrowth, she watched and waited.

neither of them with any heart to set about the preparation of the evening meal, when the door creaked on its hinges and some-thing glided in, pale and silent! The next moment the japanned silver-box and the stocking stuffed full of bills lay in Mrs. Myers lap, and Dora Klein was sobbing on her shoulder! "My Dora!" oried the farmer, "what does this mean!"

does this mean!"

And Dora told her story, incoherently and full of sobbing pauses; and when it was concluded, Mrs. Myers threw her arms round the German girl's neck, and kissed

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"James, James!" she cried almost hy-

Klein again!

And James Myers, wiping a stray dewdrop or so from his eyes, confessed that little Dora Klein had been as true a heroine as Joan of Arc herself!

some miles beyond, while Dora Klein was to remain at home to "keep house."

"Mind you feed the chickens at 5 o'clock, Dora—and don't forget the little red calf in the pen—and if you have any extra time you can just chop the beef's heart, and the apples for the Saturday's mince pies, and—"

"Come, wife, come!" called out her husband from the wagon.

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