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#### see anything at all, and he went to the before, and they could not think of any great Dr. Blanchard, aud when he got place where he would be likely to go to home he could see just as well as anybody, stay all day. "Unless," said Mrs. May. and he's an old man. I'm only a little "he was taken down to spend the day at girl, so of course my eyes can get well." Aunt Marv's."

" Aren't you afraid your friends will be are lost."

" I wrote a letter to mother," said Harry, " and told her all about it. I put it in an urn in the parlor. She'll find it byand-by,

when you get to New York ?" "We're going to ask some one the way

to Dr. Blanchard's; then we're going

there." "Going to stay there while you are in town ?"

"Yes. sir

"H'm. h'm! how do you know he will want you ?"

The children had not thought of that. Nannie's cheeks, which had been flushed with excitement, becam pale, while Harry's face flushed. " Oh-dear !" said Nan. "Never mind, Nan, if he won't let us stay at his house, we'll find another place." said Harry.

"But we don't know anyone, Harry." "Well well," said the gentleman. "don't worry about it. I know Dr. Blanchard, and I guess he'll let you stay at his house if I ask him."

" Oh. will you ?" said Nan.

"Thank you," said Harry gratefully. It was a great relief to him.

Then their friend asked Nan a good many questions about her eyes, and she told him every thing she could remember hearing Aunt Helen say about her becoming blind, for of course she could not remember it herself.

I don't know what Harry and Nan would have done without their travelling acquaintance. I think they would have been very hungry by the time they reached New York. for they had no money and had not thought to take a lunch from home, and I'm very sure they would not have mean ?" asked for anything to eat; but this new friend bought them a lunch, and he talked so pleasantly with them that the day seemed short, and they were almost sorry when they reached New York. They, in

their turn, had told their friend everything they could think of about themselves, and Harry's father and mother, and Aunt Helen and Uncle George and the cousins.

Six o'clock came in due time, and the travellers arrived in New York. The gen-"Dear Mother: Don't be worried 'cause I and Nannie are gone on the cars to New York to Dr. Blanchard. Nannie knows Hymn Books, and all Sunday Requisites. tleman left the children in a safe place, obtaining a promise from them to remain there till he returned to them, and went he'll make her eyes well. Won't it be toward the telegraph office. He soon resplendid? I could'nt let her go alone, turned to the children rnd took them with she could'nt find the way. him. A lady met them at the door of the Your dutiful son, house where they stopped, who seemed HARRY. very glad to see the gentleman. When "Well! who would have thought of he introduced them to her, calling her Mrs. those children thinking of such a wild Blanchard. Harry looked puzzled for a plan ?" said Mrs. May. moment, then he exclaimed. " You're Dr.

"If they have gone out there, we shall anxious about you? They'll think you hear from them soon," said Mrs. May

"Uncle Jonas will bring them home before dark ; but I hardly think they would walk so far as that."

Both Mr. May and Mrs. Herrick enquired of the childrer's friends about them, "H'm! Well, what are you going to do but neither could learn anything, until Mrs Leavitt, hearing of the search, sent word that she had met Harry and Nan down town, a few minutes after ten in the morning, and that Nan was all dressed

up. This only added to the mystery, instead of helping to clear up. " Perhaps they've gone away in the cars,

to seek their fortune," said Joe, and in a lower tone added. "Should think they might have told me !"

"It's not probable that they have gone to the depot," said Mrs. Herrick, " but it won't do any harm to inquire if they have been seen there."

Both gentlemen were about to start for the depot, and Dick and Joe had determined to follow them quietly, to avoid being sent back before they got there, when a telegram was brought to Mr. May. Opening it he read :

"Harrie and Nannie are safe with me. Look in um. Dr. R. S. Blanchard.' It is dated New York. Who in the world is Dr. R. S. Blanchard ?"

The four grown up people looked at each other in amazement. Nan would have been shocked if she could have known of their ignorance of "the great Dr. Blanchard." The two boys were afraid they were going to lose the chance of going to the depot, and the excitement of a hunt, which they had hoped would have to be carried on all night. Presently Mrs. May recovered her presence of mind enough to read the telegram a second time. "' Look in urn !' what can that

"You've a pair of urns in your parlor." said Mrs. Herrick. " Let us look in them." Mrs. May took down one urn, looked into it, and shook it. "It won't do any good that I can see to look in that one," she said.

"We'll look in the other then." said Mr. May taking it down; and there in the bottom of the urn they saw something white. After considerable trouble they got Harry's letter out :



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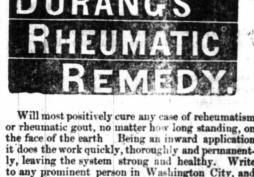
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Blanchard !" "I am, certainly," he returned, laughing at the doubt, perplexity and delight expressed in Nan's face.

Dr. Blanchard explained the situation to his wife, who soon made the children feel quite at home.

Nan wanted Dr. Blanchard to make her eves well right away, and was sorely disappointed to find that nothing could be done till morning, and that it would be a

children were.

home at supper-time, I've no doubt."

"And carrying it out successfully," said her husband. "I wonder they did nt get lost in New York."

"I suppose I musl go to New York tomorrow, and yet I dont see how I can leave my business," said Mr. Herrick.

"And I cannot possibly leave said Mr. May. Let us wait a day since Dr Blanc. hard seems to have taken charge of them.' It was decided so, notwithstanding that Dick offered eagerly to go and bring the children home

"Poor Nan!" said Mrs Herrick, " I'm fraid they'll be dreadfully disappointed." But she wasn't. In a fortnight after he left Coverley, she returned able to e "as well as anybody," though the andage must cover her eves for two weeks Dr. Blanchard wrote to Mr. Herrick

e day after the children started off so At Noon that day there was much wonunceremoniously saying he thought there dering what had become of Nan. She was a chance for Nan to recover her sight; was not missed till dinner time, and Carbut it would be necessary for her to stay ry, who was sent to find her, returned with him for a fortnight at least; and without her. When Aunt Helen heard asking him permission for Harry to stay that Harry was not at home either, she also. It was granted, and at the same supposed that Nan was safe with him time Nan wrote a letter which made Mrs. somewhere, and would be at home before Herrick sorry, she had ran away instead long; and therefore did not worry till the confiding in her aunt Helen.

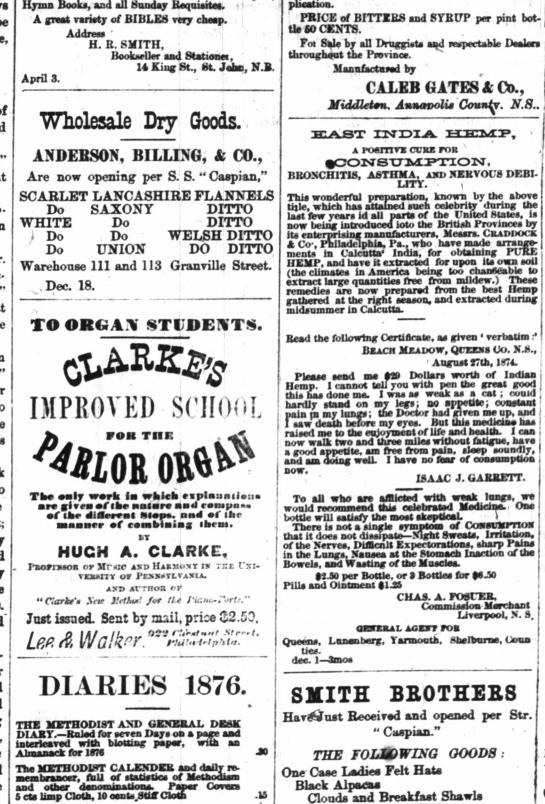
afternoon was half gone. Then she went Dr. and Mrs. Blanchard were really sorover to see if Mrs. May knew where the ry to have Nan and Harry go home for they had no children of their own, and

these two children were so bright and "Nan has not been over here to-day," agreeable that they could not help being said Mrs. May, " and Harry has not been home since school-time this morning. I interested in them. And Harry and Nan, haven't worried about him, for I thought especially Harry, who had had such nice he had probably gone home to dinner with times, were sorry to leave their kind one of the boys, and was off in the woods friends, though glad that they were to be this afternoon, as it's a half holiday. Nan at home again.

must be with Harry, and they'll be at "What are you going to give me Nannie, for making your eyes well ?" asked Mrs. Herrick said no more, though she Dr. Blanchard, the morning Nan was to start for home. "I always ask people a was a little anxious, for Nan had never gone away so, before. At supper-time, good deal for making them well.' finding that Harry had not got home, and Dr. Blanchard looked very sober. Nan learning from Dick and Joe, that he had thought over all her small possessions, but there was nothing among them worth

not been to school that day, and that they had not seen him during the afternoongiving, she thought. she became very anxious; and Mr. Her-"I haven't got anything to give you." rick went immediately over to see Mr. and she faltered, " but-but kisses, and lots of

Mrs. May about it. They were both aslove. tonished to hear that Harry had played "Well. I guess that will make it about truant; he had never done such a thing even." he said.





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