at least three or four hours!

wouldn't mind dancing till daybreak.

Minnie Howland, allow me the ex-

Minnie Howland had been engaged

She was accustomed to his wild

Belle Mellen and Frank Whitney

followed, May and Ned Cameron

For the first time in many years

the old house echoed to the joyfu

voices of youth, and merry laughter

rang through the rooms, waking the

"I wonder how long it has b en

the fun in silence tor a tew mom n s

here more boisterous than ours.'

bench and returned to the kitchen

and keeping room, when the dancing

The reckless young pleasure seek-

ers enjoyed the dancing until nearly

midnight, when some of the young

brilliantly lighted.

at once commenced.

ladies proposed returning.

ghost!' cried one reckless youth

At the same moment a whizzing

noise in the wide stone chimney ar-

The air was filled with a sulphur-

ous smell, as the fearful object dis-

"I shouldn't have thought you

yould have dared to say that!" ex-

The girls all clung trembling

heir lovers, and another remarked:

no wit remains for you to get rid o

"You have summoned the ghost

As if in answer to her words, the

norible object again made its appear-

ance and nearly al the young people

rushed from the room. The horses

ten minutes after the appearance of

the terrible object, the entire party

were hastening away from the old

One or two attempts were made by

They were all silent, and the party

that had set out so full of joy and

sitting by the comfortable wood fire.

ple, when cld Tom dashed into the

vard quite ahead of his usual speed.

The door was thrown suddenly

house in the woods.

cheer arose to the rafters.

in the light behind them.

appeared up the chimney

ened, yet indignant withal.

stood?

echoes in the empty ones above.

manners, and accepted the offered

supper table.

ing in order

to Christopher Mellen nearly a year,

CHAPTER II.

A Frightful Apparition.

FARMER Mellen owned, in addition to the homestead, an old place that quisite felicity of escorting you in to had once been a large farm. The old take something to eat.' house had fallen into disrepute, being called "hannied" by the credulous, ome having affirmed to having seen and was only waiting for him to lights flashing through windows at mid- choose a profession, and become night, although the house had no been settled in it, to become his wife. inhabited for years. Others had heard strange sounds proceeding from its gloomy old walls sounds like human arm, and they led the way to the voices in mortal agony-and sometimes blows and the sound of supplication. It had even been said that a woman's voice had been borne upon the night wind, sometimes shrieking, and again in low moans,

Therefore, no person cared to live there, and Mr. Mellen had purchased the place for half its real value.

Weeds grew with rank grass in the onee fire gardens, and the hedges had been trampled down by the cattle that now fed upon the grass up to the very doors, where young voices had long ago made glad music.

This old house was occovered inside with dust and cobwebs, but the young people, with Belle Mellen at their head, had formed the wild plan of holding a frolic in the empty rooms.

A few of them had been there and swept the lower floors and walls, and decorated the old beams and corner posts with wreathed evergreen, while, from the huge beam extending across the middle of every room, wreaths and bouquets of early flowers had been suspended.

The board, old-fashioned kitchen, with its smoked walls and huge, open fireplace, had been chosen for the dancing hall, and the long table, formed of pine boards resting upon the barrels brought down from the attic, was to be loaded with pastry and fruit for the enjoyment of the young folks.

It was to this fiolic that Goldie was so anxious to go, and would have gone had not Belle and Mary suggested the idea of her staying at home to assist Mrs. Mellen in getting tea ready for the expected brother and his two aristocratic young friends from college.

Now she was determined not to go; and at two o'clock in the afternoon the long hay wagon was drawn from the wagon house adjoining the barn, and old Tom, the steady, slow-going horse, harnessed to it.

A jolly young farmer, one of the neighbor's sons, was ready to drive, and at a quarter past two they set off -twelve as frolicsome young folks as could well we found in as many miles.

Other wagons deposited their loads for a rushing roaring noise fell upon at the old house, until a large company had assembled. They had not thought of remaining after dark, but rested their attention, and a horrible Christopher Mellen and his classmates object came slowly in sight. It was did not arrive until near the time set something like a man's head in shape, for breaking up the frolic and return- with eyes and mouth of fiery appear ance, while from its nostrils a bluish flame streamed forth. Two rows

Christopher declared that he would even sawlike teeth gleamed ghastl not allow nothing of the kind.

We have not had a taste of the fun!' he said, swinging Belle upon the floor to the music of the oldfashioned fiddle. We propose to adjourn to the west room, where the claimed Belle Mellen, pale and frighttable awaits us, and enjoy the bountiful collation spread there, and after ward trip it on the light fantastic, for

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THERAPION

awaiting the return of the young peoopen, and Belle dashed into the kitchen where her father stood, exclaim

O'If I ever was glad to see the in side of this house, it is now!" Therapion may now also be "What is the matter?" asked the ontained in Pragee (Tasteless)

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May followed Belle into the kitch "Matter enough," she said; "we've ad a fearful time.

"Where is Tim?" asked Christoph e, entering the kitchen, followed by since a gay party githered here last ! his classmates, Frank Whitney and Ned Cameron cried May Mellen, aft r listening to

Tim was the chore boy and always attended to the horses when the 'Oaly think of it! Sometime there came in late. "Haven't you seen Tim? He went must have been young people as gay

er to the old house with the caras ourselves, who held their litt'e iage horse and the light wagon. revels here. People who are now Goldie changed her mind about ar grown old or dead once laughed and hour ago, and she coaxed father sang, loved and hated, within these let Tim have the horse and wagon t carry her over. Haven't you seen very walls. Perhaps the people of a them?" asked Mrs. Mellen, speaking century ago held a merry making rapidly

'No-no! What if poor little Goldi 'If they could have done it in ary should see it?" gasped May. better style than this, we ought to Bell threw herself upon a chair and essayed to speak, but in vain.

give them three cheers!' replied Christy, determined not to allow any "What's the trouble over there! asked the farmer, putting on his coat. one to moralize while the frolic last-"Oh! a terrible affair," answered Belle, who had recovered her voice The young man who had been sent Some one called the ghost, and fearful object, all fire and brimstone to the Hame Farm for candles had with big eyes and mouth of flame now returned, and the rooms were ame down the chimney, and something roared and rattled overhead. The company arose from the rustic ever believed until now that the old

ouse was haunted!' "Pshaw!" exclaimed the old farm-

Mrs. Mellen was listening to the sound of wheels driving into the yard. "There they be!" cried Mr. Mellen, going toward the door with the lan

He was met at the door by Goldie 'We should have been treated to a who fell upon his breast, and, cling glimpse of the ghost, girls! cried ng to his arm, hid her face upon it Christopher, as a signal for the young "She has seen it!" gasped May to scream and cling to their partners. Did you see it. Goldie" 'Let us give three cheers for the

Goldiel was speechless. "You are my own dear sister, Goldsaid Christopher, coming over Others responded, and a deafening where she stood, and stooping to kiss her. Suddenly remembering his Was it the echo of gay voices that classmates, he led Goldie forward and caused the heavy rumbling sound in said: "This is my little sister, Goldie the room over those in which they she is a naughty litle rogue; but you must remember that she is only child. Goldie, this gentleman is Mi The most daring were silent now, Frank Whitney and this is Mr. Ne

> Goldie gave her white, little hand to each in turn, and thought:

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"Christy-girls! Did you know that it was the Sabbath day?" "I was afraid it had gone past Sataurday night, but I knew you would find it out when Sunday began as soon as any of us, mamma, dear," replied Goldie, while her mother was busily engaged lighting the candles before retiring.

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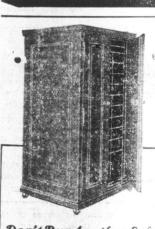
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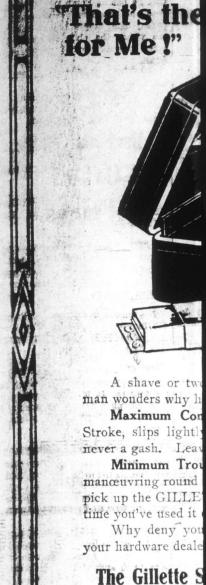
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gathering, at which one girl had kept us all amused and interested by the quaint and funny things she had said. and the original schemes she had

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We were speaking of the after noon's fun. "Do you know." she startled me by breaking out. "Do yo know, lots of those funny things that Jane said, I've thought of myself, but I never exactly dared to say them And one thing she suggested, Ive been on the point of suggesting my self a dozen times, but it seemed so kind of queer that I never did, and everybody was delighted with i when she did."

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