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Janet sang as she spun, because her heart was in the spinning. It was so shady out under the big oak she had flung off her sunbonnet. The winds played tricksily with her soft hair and wisped shiny tendrils of it around neck enough to show enchanting glimpses of a white neck. Not a wild rose of ail was a finer clear pink than showed in her cheeks. It is small wonder young Rushton looked at her twice and bared his head before balling.

home any minute. Will you 'light and wait for him?" Janet flung back to him, pausing, with her left hand beld high above her head, thus keeping taut the

Rushton had never seen anything so lightly deft as her metien in running the thread even on the broach. In spite of the classics he had thought vaguely Hope you won't think I mean to be of spinning as clumsy drudgery. Now greedy." It was suddenly borne in upon him that nymphs and goddesses had joyotsly

He had been in hot haste. Judge, then, of his astonishment to find himself dismounted and sitting upon the piazza watching Janet spin. He had come in the field way, cutting straight across his own plantation, full of contentious

fields. That, of course, meant line fences and, potentially, trouble over breachy stock. It was his factor's complaint of trespassing by Weakley cat-tle that had brought Rushton precipitately on the scene. He had arrived at ing" Glasgow, had some time to wait dusk the night before; he meant to for his train at St. Enoch station and leave before sundown next day - at

truant, she took the band from her dle, flung it in a basket half full of porter and said: other broaches and went sedately within by the end-door. A minute later she came out to Rushton bearing fresh "St well water, cool and sparkling, also a name abune the hotel there?" glass dish overrunning with luscions

red cherries. a little regretfully, setting the dish up-on the flat plazza rail between them. "I wanted to make a cherry cobbler for dinner - that's why I climbed up in the very tiptop after these ripe onesbut Mammy Liza locked up every dust of sugar and flour before she went to Aunt Viny's funeral."

"Why did you let her go?" Rushton Janet looked at him in amaze and said, a cherry between her lins: 'Let her! You don't know Aunt Liza: We

daddy and I." "If you did not mind her, what would happen?" Rushton asked, laughing in of this station, porter?"

spite of himself.

Janet looked thoughtful. "I don't really know," she said, puckering her forehead. "Aunt Liza is the best cook

thing Aunt Liza said was that you'd leed in the future.
be here this morning to say you'd shoot Moreover, if clear Whatever one negro knows all the others within miles roundabout will hear before morning."

Continue not only raises the main above the mass, but it turns the masses into money you have in the house. I didn't men. That the multitude may imagine themselves men before they hold a "Of course you didn't," she pleasant-themselves men before they hold a "of course you didn't," she pleasant-themselves men before they hold a "of course you didn't," she pleasant-themselves men before they hold a "of course you have in the house. I didn't

dare say the matter has been greatly Starr Jordan in Atlantic. exaggerated"-

"It cannot very well have been," Major Weakley said penitently. "To tell you the truth, young man, my cows are hardly worth the corn they have destroyed for you. They're only a lot of scrubs, but Janet and I would not swap them for registered Jerseys.
We're foolishly fond of old things."

"If they did not jump so they'd be angels—that is, supposing angels ever had four legs and borns and a tall." Janet said pensively. "The fences are not really bad, but Sook, the bell cow. never rests until she has laid down a fence panel and called in all the rest. She is the only one really wicked. Why, sometimes she will pass our corn and go straight for yours."

"Suppose you sell her to me!" Rushton said, his eyes dancing. "If Mme. stays.
Bell Cow belonged on my side of the Fins

stay on yours." again
"You can have her for the taking." A Major Weakley said, laughing heartily, then soberly; "Mr. Rushton. I shall try henceforth to keep my stock within bounds. Meantime, send in your bill of

"Yery well, and you are not to worry any more until I send it." Rushton answered. Janet from the doorway gave him a grateful glance. The next minute she said half plaintively: "Come in to dinner, gentlemen. It's all coldust what Aunt Liza thought we ought"

The Walking Act.

A little girl was asked to write an essay about man. The following was her composition: "Man is a funny and the cheapest kind of molasses, and he may such that a feel with and is split up the middle and walks on the split ends."—Glasgow most any wife would squabble with lim about these things?".

from going hungry."

Love hot and sudden ought to have taken Rushton's appetite. Instead it seemed to give new and delicious relish to the cold ham, fried chicken and cold lamb set before him, re-enforced by beaten biscuit, nine sorts of pickle and relishes and crisp lettuce, with pound cake and raspberries smothered in cream by way of dessert. Between them all he made a noble meal, and after it sat smoking and talking until

Rushton first saw Janet in early July. Mid-September found him still linger-ing upon-his plantation. More properly he slept there and stabled his horses in the stalls. The most part of daylight and big patches of the nights he spent at Oaklands or ranging about with the master of it. Business had not been named between them since the fateful first day. Oddly enough the breachy cows had made no fresh incursions. Janet smiled. It was her belief that bell cow Sook hed really reformed. Still she did not look into the matter closely. She was too happy for much study of anything.

It was a distinct shock to the major

when Rushton said to him offbandedly: "Oh, by the way, I'm going home day after tomorrow. Before I leave I should like to settle that old affair. I've made a sort of rough estimate.

"Let me see it," said the major, holding out his hand for the folded paper. Scanning it, he grew red, then white, then burst out: "Why, you Shylock! D'ye think any court on earth will becornfield \$1,000,000 worth?

"Honestly, major, I don't," Rushton said, his eyes twinkling; "but, you see, Verath.

Oaklands lay broadside on to his en Janet, and she has agreed to give me herself in payment."

#### It Worked.

A London commercial, who had a very ruddy complexion, after "workbethought himself of a little joke. Presently, finding her father still a my good man?" he asked of a porter.

"St. Enoch station sir." A few minutes later he met the same "What did you call this station, por-

"St. Enoch's. Dae ye no see the Just then the train was shunted in and our English friend got comfortably "We had as well eat these," she said scated in a third class smoker along with a few more passengers of the

> "These rallway officers are about the worst I ever came across. They can't be civil," remarked the Londoner.

"That's a confounded lee!" said a Scotch farmer. "Well," said the Londoner. "I'll bet you 10 bob I don't get a civil answer from the first porter I ask a question

"Done!" replied the old farmer. her! You don't know Aunt Liza: We have to ask her about doing things. Looking out of the carriage window he spied his green friend, and, calling him over, asked in his most polite tone: "Would you kindly tell me the name

forehead. "Aunt Liza is the best cook in the county. Loads of people want her—would pay her double what we can afford. But all she will ever say to them is: "Shoo tukkey! I knows when I'ze well off, an' ef Marse Taum Weakley dou't den I'ze des bound ter stay yere tell I larns him."

"Such things are all riddles to me," Rushton said. "I have spent so little time here. My parents were northern. That reminds me, I am taking it for few are alike in the wrong. The pres- a robber for a husband I should always That reminds me, I am taking it for prise, the safety of person and proper- peared dissatisfied with the situation. granted that you know me.—

"Oh, I do—and why you came," Janet thought and action, which are the jou couldn't be with them much of the interrupted flushing faintly. "The last mainspring of right thought and right time, and if you got arrested they

Moreover, if clear thinking with clean to ask too many questions, but as we wing is good for the elect few, it is our cows next time they were caught ravaging in your cornfields. She had heard it from the hands on your place. Culture not only raises the man above

before morning."

"Yes, sir! We had warning!" Major
Weakley said, coming out behind Janet,
then offering his hand, "Mr. Rushton,
you're quite justifiable. If you do shoot
my beasts I shan't say a word."

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"T "Why, I—I shall not think of such a are better than good intentions, and thing." Rushton gasped, all taken that they demand a far higher order aback. "I was a bit proveked, but I of skill and courage.—President David

Go Home, Young Man.

When a young man goes calling, if he can get his attention off his own attractiveness long enough to observe it, be will find that near 10 o'clock the girl begins to look worried, absent minded, and her laughs at his jokes are suppressed and forced.

At 10:30 she seems to be in a panic, and if he should depart then and shake hands goodby be would find her hand

man is grumbling and a woman pleading. Will the young man go before the father makes a scene? Both the daughter downstairs and the mother upstairs are hoping that he

will, but the young man stays and Finally he gets up to go, and the girl road perhaps she would be as wild to is so relieved she asks him to come

getting up a petition to have the street cars stop running at 9:30.—Atchison

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## HER ONE & **OPPORTUNITY**

By JAMES BASCOMB

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Aunt Mary Graham, widow, who lived on the outskirts of the village of Bakersville, was all alone on that Thursday evening. The hired man had gone in one direction and the hired girl about it," carelessly observed the wid-in another, and neither was expected ow, "but I wish you had a little more o'clock and had just put away her sewng to make ready for bed when she heard the kitchen door open and shut. and opened the sitting room door and entered, and she looked up to find a stranger present. He was a man of stranger present. He was a man of middle age, fairly well dressed. His face was not at all wicked, though it had a dissipated look.

"I beg your pardon for this intru-sion," he said as she regarded him with And out he walked and left the wida puzzled look, "but my excuse is that I have called on business and am in something of a hurry. I want what oney you have in the house, and the crabbed and cranky. sooner you hand it over the sooner I'll

You don't mean that you are a robber?" queried the woman

"That's what I am. I know you are alone in the house, and I hope you will hand over the money like a sensible woman and not provoke me to anger." "Won't you sit down? I shall not scream or anything. I have heard about robbers ever since I was a child, but you are the first one I ever saw. You must excuse me if I have a nat-ural curiosity about the matter. Is this

your first experience? ot by a long chalk. It's nearer my fftieth."

"I am somewhat glad of that." said Aunt Mary. "A man who had just turned robber broke into my sister's use in Taylorville a few weeks ago, and I can't tell you of the mistakes he made. She had 80 cents in her purse, and he took that and left \$75 in one of the drawers of the sewing machine. She has real solid silver spoons, and yet he laid them aside and took the plated. The sheriff said he was nothing but a bungler."

"I'll try to clean up things in good shape," replied the robber, who had taken a seat on the edge of a chair

and was twirling his hat.
"Our supper was over three hours
ago, but I can bring you a glass of
milk and a piece of pie. I will leave
the door open so that you can see all the time. You'll feel better for some thing to eat. The robber I spoke of drank a whole pitcher of sour milk. when there were two pans of sweet on must have been a very awkward fel-

The robber nodded his head, and the milk and maternally observed:

woman fetched him a generous piece of pumpkin pie and a large glass of "Just make yourself right at home while you eat and drink. Did I under-

stand you to say you were a married

No'm. I was married once, but my "Was that before you became a rob-

"I am rather glad of that. If I had

be worried about him. Have you any children?" "No'm," he sulkily admitted. He ap-

happened to become a robber."
"Look here, woman, I want what

ly replied. "I know enough about rob-bers to know that they are always in a hurry, but I though you might take time to answer a few questions just the same. You must remember that I the same. You must reniember that I never had a chance to talk to a robber before."

"Well, then, I couldn't make money et anything else, and so I turned rob-

ber."
"Oh, I see, Well, I'm paying my hired man \$16 a month and board, but he complains that it is not enough. He may turn robber any day. If he does I don't believe he will make any great success at it, as he is too slow. The only time he ever hustles is when he is washing up for dinner. I have been wondering if you wouldn't advise me about a certain matter."

"Madam, do you understand why I

am here?"

"Yes, to rob me."
"Then hand me over what you can lay hands on. I can't sit here gabbing

"But there's lots of time," she protested. "You'll be clear to Spoonersrested. "You'll be clear to Spooners-ville befere any one knows I've been robbed. What I wanted to ask you about is this: I've been a widow for six years. I've had three offers to marry again. The last one is from Deacon Warner, and I've been considering it. He's a pretty good man, I gness, but he's got ways about him and three children to boot. He wants everybedy in the house to go to bed at 8 o'clock and get up at 5. He wants fried pork

"I guess they would." replied the rob

it warm for me. The oldest is a girl of sixteen, and I've heard she's ready to throw tin pans at my head as soon as I step into the house. You can never be a stepmother, but you can imagine what the situation might be. What would you do about getting married again if you were me? Some advi me one way and some another, and I don't know exactly what to do."

"I think you'd be a fool to do it, and now I want to get through here and get away. You don't seem to remember that I'm here to rob the house."

"Yes; I remember you said something back before midnight. The widow time to spare. Is it necessary that you worked away at a crazy quiit until 9 be at some certain place at a certain minute? I wanted to talk with you a minute about my bired girl. Her name is Sarah Jackson. She's a good girl, but

"Hang it, woman! I'm here to rob!" where are you going?"

"But you haven't robbed the house ow wondering if that was the way of all robbers or if he hadn't met with some great misfortune to make him

The Battle Ground of the Azores. In 1580 the Azores came under the power of Spain, and in the history of the next twenty years their name is frequent as the favorite battle ground of the English and Spanish fleets. The partiality was indeed mainly on the side of the former and for a good rea-These islands lay right in the track of all vessels sailing to and from that enchanted region known to ail men as the Spanish main.
On the highest peak of Terceira

whence in clear weather the sea could be scanned for leagues around, were raised two columns, and by them a man watched night and day. saw any sails approaching from the west he set a flag upon the western column-one for each sail. If they came from the east a similar sign was

set on the eastern column. Hither in those days came up out of the mysterious western seas the great argosies laden with gold and silver and jewels, with silks and spices and woods, wrung at the cost of thousands of harmless lives and cruelties unspeakable from the fair lands which lie-between the waters of the Caribbean sea and the giant wall of the And hither, when England, too, began to turn her eyes to El Dorado, came the great war galleon of Spain and Portugal to meet these precious cargoes and convey them safe into Lisbon or Cadiz before the

ble English sea wolves could get scent

of the prize.-Macmillan's Magazine Maizie's Artistic Bent. Mazie's father was a poet, her mother painter, and everybody said that Maizie was sure to be a genius. It was her fate by inheritance. No one predicted the direction in which she would eventually turn, but when she was eight her Aunt Mirabel was sure

she would be a great singer. What her uncles thought is of no importance. They had little or no imagination About the time that her aunt had settled Maizie's career Grandpapa Wilkie

said he had hopes of the child. "She'll turn out just like anybody," he chuekled. "See 'f she don't." It seemed that first summer night or the farm as if grandpapa had struck the right note. There had been a won derful sunset, Maizie's mother, with half shut eyes, had compared it to Claude Lorraine's paintings. Maizie's father bad looked lyrics, and the lay members of the family also expressed their delight in the scene. Maizie

looked depressed.

"See her!" whispered Aunt Mirabel. "What exquisite feeling in her face!" Maizie's parents looked, but it was WARREN T. FEGAN

the grandfather who spoke.
"What's wrong with you?" he asked. "Nothing," pouted Maizle, "only everybody's so taken up with the sunset, and I wanted to see the pigs fed."

Can Dogs Largh?

The celebrated French physiognomist Gratiolet admitted that dogs have what he called "the smile of the eyes." "The smile of the mouth," however, he regarded as peculiar to man. Scotch collies certainly seem at times to smile at sights which are comical, and on

mer in a dog, and refers to its sportive play when a stick is thrown, which it picks up and almost allows you to recover before it darts away with it.

The day of this week Mr. Wright picks up and almost allows you to recover before it darts away with it.

ery time you write." "Well, I will try not to," said Mrs.

Lamson, wiping her eyes, "but you row know, Henry, that means I shall have to write even oftener than usual."

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master when he saw a traveling bear, and his lips were drawn back at the corners and his eyes twinkled with quite a conscious smile.

Darwin recognized this sense of human in the provisions of the strike comparison's award has had the question of discrimination under consideration and being unable to agree it was referred to Hon. Curvoll Ds Wright a

mer in a dog, and refers to its sportive play when a stick is thrown, which it picks up and almost allows you to recover before it darts away with it.

Mr. Lloyd Morgan tells of a retriever, a "jolly dog," which showed its sense of fun upon the sands, where it would bury a number of small crabs and bark with delight when, after waiting and watching, it saw a leg or claw emerge.

A Brisk Correspondence.

Mrs. Lamson was saying an affect thomate and tearful farewell to be husband as she was about to start for a month's visit to her old home.

"Now, my dear," said Mr. Lamson in a pleasant but, firm tone, "I wish you would try not to ask me for money every time you write."

"Weil! I will try not to "seld Mrs."

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