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The inquiry quivered on Mrs. Dale's lips from the moment she espied the direction whence Annis came, and was propounded almost before her errand was disclosed. The latter hesitated ere replying. She hated gossip and gossipers, especially those of Mrs. Dale's caliber. Yet, recognizing a possibility of the laundress' usefulness in the present contingency, she briefly explained the reason of Giulia's abrupt departure, and inquired if Mrs. Dale happened to know of a suitable person to replace her, temporarily or other-

"Well, no-not this instant minute;" Mrs. Dale replied, poising her iron reflectively above the garment under-going manipulation. "I did hear as Kitson's Polly was home—her as lived so long with that old Miss Bateson on the hill, you know, Miss Annis. She'd ha' been just the body for Mrs. Carlyon-30 or more, praps, an' staid an' But 'taint likely she'd go beggin' for a situation, an' prob'ly she's engaged right off."

Athwart Martha Dalle's black eyes shot a lurid flash. A peculiar determined twist contracted her red lips. Hastily sweeping her cloth around the plate she held, she half flung both upon the dresser and confronted Annis.

"I might inquire. Mary Kitson, you say?" The latter was repeated as Martha, stepping impulsively forward, barred her egress.

"Kitson's Polly took a new service a week agone, as you know quite well, mother. Such a clash for nothing! But look here, Miss Annis. Why wouldn't I do as well as Polly? I'd do all I can to please, an' I'm handy, too. I've served my time, besides, an' learnt a thing or two beyond dressmakin' while at Mrs. Byng's to yonder."

'You, Martha?" Annis asked the question in surprise; while the mother, with an ejeculated, "Well, I never! What next, I plumped her iron upon its stand and turned to her, daughter agape with marvel.

and with reason. Hitherto Martha Dale's opinion of herself had been reputed far too exalted for domestic servitude, for which indeed her insuberdination to authority scantily commended her.

Yes - me,"she retorted hardily. There's naught I can't I've a mind an' Mrs. Rogers'd soon set me goin', were I stuck, if so be I might come up to t' rectory for an hour or so nights, Miss Annis.

Again Annis hesitated. Both statements were true, as she was aware. Inaptitude was certainly not Martha's failing, and Rogers - Annis' oldest nurse, now personal attendant on Mrs. Ainslea and herself-was always willing to help on the village girls with such suggestive training as came within her province.

If you are in earnest, Martha, come up this evening and consult my mo-ther," she said, a trifle coldly, and bidding Mrs. Dale good morning, she

Martha looked after her with a curiously contemptuous curling of the lip.

"I'll up to th' abby an' see Mrs Carlyon for myself," she announced sturdily. "What for shouldn't I stand on my own legs? They're stout enow I warrant." warrant.

"I can't think what's taken you," whined her mother, querulous from balked perception. "You as allers set your back up at t' bare mention o' a place, and now all agog to go!"

"Happen there's no call for your understandin'," returned Martha coolly. "Seems to me"—originating a simile from long associated surroundings— "it's time I starched my own duds at past 26. Anyway, I mean to try, and to hang on, too."

And heedless of remonstrances or reshe flung on her hat and cloak and was half way to the abbey ere Annis had reached the rectory gate. Within an hour she returned trium-

"I'm to go up first thing to-morrow, Pritchard spoke for me, an' Mrs. Bent. Lor! won't Miss Annis stare! I'll be half settled in ere she an' her ma have done their talk."

And flinging herself into her favor-ite chair before the fire she laughed until the tins upon the walls tinkled in responsive mirth.

Curiously, the very attributes Annis found repellent had attracted Nita. After the staid solemnity of the elderly retainers at the abbey, Martha's vivacious temerity proved refreshing. Even the keen black eyes exercised a charm. Nita engaged her unhesitat-

Twas with surprised dissatisfaction that Rolf on his return discovered Martha Dale established as his wife's attendant, but seeing her services fairly efficacious, he refrained from inter-ference. Denny's term of imprisonment was, however, nearing comple-tion, and the occasion prompted & warning as to that.

"Tis to be hoped shame and prudence will keep him out of Fordham, but should he return, mind, Martha, I distinctly forbid his presence on the premises. I trust, however, that you have had the good sense to discard so

undesirable a suitor."

The flash of Martha's eyes condensed to a sullen glow. Her red lips tightened mutely, she stepped respections in the stepped respection of the stepped respection. fully aside, and Rolf, accepting her silence as assent, passed on with a pleasant smile.

CHAPTER II. With Rolf's home coming Nita's

*********** ************* cheerfulness revived, and a sunny September added a further fillip to her re-storation. She was ever a wayward creature, yet this very fitfulness, with its sharp distinctions, served apparent-ly but to increase her charms in Rolf's adoring eyes. He loved his girl wife passionately, albeit her whims and cap-rices engendered a restless dissatisfaction essentially uncongenial to one of

his genial, easy-going temperament. But with waning autumn Nita's spirits again flagged perceptibly. More into her expression stole a startled perplexity, while timidity and hesitation replaced the innocent candor previously evinced towards those she loved.

Rolf grew anxious and distressed; Mrs. Ainslea seriously uneasy. Annis was puzzled, working her active brain unceasingly for the solution of a mys-fied elucidation.

Meanwhile Nita resumed her restricted proclivities and haunted perpetually the abbey ruins. There, walking up the avenue one afternoon, Mrs. Ainslea and Annis discovered her and paused upon the pathway to watch the slender figure, in its close brown suit, flitting in restless persistency from arch to column, peering in niche and crevice, examining here a stone, there prodding, with a stoutish cane she carried, the matted ivey with the ferved energy of one resolutely bent upon unearthing some evading secret.

"Whatever can she be doing, or imagine lies behind that big stone she is struggling with? She will do herself a serious injury, the silly child!" ejeculated Mrs. Ainslea in perturbed concern.

"Hunting for hidden treasure, one would say from her intent determina-tion," Annis laughingly replied. "Common humanity dictates preventing her burying herself alive, so go on to the house, mother, and I will bring her in." Mrs. Ainslea assenting, passed on; while Annis, her light tread falling noiselessly on the elastic turf, traversed the intervening space to where Nita now stood contemplating a massive buttress with knitted, ponderous brows. Her back was toward the avenue, and she was therefore unaware of Annis' approach until a laughing touch and query revealed her presence. Starting violently she fell back against the masonry, uttering a smothered cry. Her face was ghastly; her large eyes distended and dark with unmistakable terror. Through rigid lips her breath came gaspingly. Annis, terribly dis-

mayed, stood gazing at her in distressed silence. (To be Continued.)

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Sermon by Rev. M. P. Talling-Collection for the Protestant Home.

The annual church service of the Independent Order of Foresters of this city was held in St. James' Presbyterian Church yesterday afternoon. The brethren assembled at the Foresters' Hall, East London, and, headed by the full band of the Seventh Battalion, proceeded to the edifice by way of Dundas and Wellington streets, Dufferin avenue and Richmond street. Upwards of 100 members were in line, representing Courts Hope, No. 1; Dufferin, No. 4; Victoria, No. 10; Wel-come, No. 12; Enterprise, No. 54; Altert, No. 100; Mystic, No. 259, and Byron, No. 683.

The sermon to the brethren was delivered by Rev. M. P. Talling, pastor of the church, and was thoroughly suitable to the occasion. In introducing his text, Mr. Talling said he was one of those who regretted that there should be any cross-firing between organizations such as the Independent Foresters and the church, Some time ago he had written the public press in an endeavor to show that the work of benefit lodges was work which the church might do had it not so much already. However, he earnestly hoped that the work of the Foresters would continue.

The text chosen was Matthew vi., 33: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

The text had two parts—the first was the divine voice giving divine advice; the second, the divine voice giving a promise. After a few passing remarks in reference to seeking, Mr. Talling stated that God took an interest in seeking, pertaining to man's estate. It was to be regretted that there were men who labored from early Monday until late on Saturday who felt that the people of the church did not take an interest in them. They should be impressed differently. In order that he might show his interest in the everyday life of man, God organized the Independent Foresters' Benefit Society, and he was wise in so doing. In order that he might make provision for his people, God organized a benefit society which he does not call the Independent Foresters, but the Kingdom of Heaven. In concluding, Mr. Talling followed out a comparison between the qualifications for membership in the two societies, and closed by wishing his hearers godspeed in their work.

A collection was taken up in aid of the Protestant Orphans' Home. The musical portion of the service was furnished by St. James' choir, assisted by Miss Gilmour, of St. Andrew's Church. The procession reformed, and at the hall in East London the usual votes of thanks were passed.

THE DURRANT CASE.

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San Francisco, Sept. 15 .- A few weeks ago Captain of Detectives Lee said that if a witness could be found who would supply the necessary proof that any or all of Blanche Lamont's rings were in the possession of Theodore Durrant before they were returned to Mrs. Noble in so mysterious a manner, the last and strongest link in the chain of evidence against the young medical student would have been forged. This witness has been found.

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