sulf dividing them leste ad of what it was. If asked concerning her, howould have admitted her diligence and accuracy and perhaps added that she was a well-conducted young woman. But this last would have been quite an after-thought, and of that part of howhich had pitted and consoled even the londy little fountain he hadn't the remotest conception. But came, she did her work, she went and that was all Now, it is proverbial that even kingly digitly is not exempt from the respectful observation of a cat, and as she had a heart singularly at leisure from itself and only the fountain and nor employer to study in the intervals of business it was only natural that the human interest should oasily win.

It would have been an atter surprise to Francis Dalwood to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well this apparent automation undersonal life. It did not take her long to learn how well that the official receive has her large the long to learn how well that the official receiver had made another heavy will upon the long to learn how well that the official receiver had made another heavy will upon the long to learn how well that the official receiver had made another heavy will upon the long to learn how well that the official receiver had made another heavy will upon the long to learn how well that the official receiver had made another heavy will upon the large of t moi gth.

have been known to be the the thoulds a man's character linustrength.

If Hester had been a woman of vainer and smaller mind, his total isnoring of her might easily have checked the sympathy that was growing warmer every week and beginning to take plactical shape in her thoughts, but being by nature both kindly and generous, she accepted the position with a quain resignation that saw the humorous side of it. Besides, how pleasant it was to have the power of giving and still remain anonymous both in and out of Dulverton! She find proved this again and again since her accession to fortune, yet no one dreamed of taxing her with the quiet help that seemed to come when most needed. Even the collecting observed was succeeded. Even the collecting observed when most needed. Even the sightful source.

So it lappened that, rightly or wrongly, month after

appeared every Sunday in the bag to its rightful source. So it Lappened that, rightly or wrongly, month after month, she identified herself more and more with the perplexities of her employer. Such a footing proce-upation showed a want or worldly wisdom, and the mere fact that every tone of his voice betraged adocurately to her the fluctuations of deep-nding courage and energy indicated that her quick perceptions might have been better employed attending to her own interests instead of his.

the time came when instead of pacing restlessly up and down he would six despondingly with bowed head. She focual just see the blurred outlines through the frosted glass of the pigeon-hole, and then in her anxiety for him, the tapping of the typ-writer would cease.

"It's pulling him under; of that I am certain, and this business will go bankrupt unless—"
She thought about it until she could think of nothing else—until she could not rest while the thing remained unders. So entirely had she placed the weight of his harassements on fier own shoulders that to alleviate them seemed as natural as the half-sovereign in the collecting bug. She saw nothing strange or unusual in it. He wanted the monely: she did not, and that settled it. As the outcome of her determination and through the agency of those whom she had well nish sworn to secreey, he found one morning on his table a letter containing , wenty halves of crisp bank notes, and the notes were for £100 aplece. It was a munificent gift, costing her as yet very little, as she had already decided against using the money for herself, and if only she had bestowed it on the clerk with the five hungry olithers it might have meant compound interest to all concerned.

Francis Dalwood, hardly daving to believe his own eyes, read the businessitic note that accompanied this apparently heaven sent denouement of all his difficulties. It contained nothing but an official assurance that the other halves would follow promptly on the announced recipit of the first; that they were a free gift from some graterial olient, and that he desired to make known his gratitude but not his name. This was all, and oxidgel his brains as he might, Mr. Dalwood could nothing the appropriate that the other halves would follow promptly on think of any client who owed and paid graditude on such a magnificent scale was a long, long time over his correspondence that morning, and hester who knew perfectly the contents of one of his letters, felt nervously self-conscious. With noleeless touches she pair

"A full stop in the middle of a sor tence. Mass Low." what are you thinking about?"

Between them they put the matter circht, and then the shutter was drawn to again. Only in that one action alone with the pipers to recognize that he was dealing with a woman and not a machine, for he always shut her out gettly, using no haste and making the stop of the state of that shutter would have jarred her again and again.

For a little while things went much as usual except that Mr. Dalwood's biciness seemed to draw him rather frequently to town. Then, to the general surprise, he took a house—quike a fast lonable house—which had been iteently built, on the outskirts of the quite little town, and the rumor spring up that, of course, he was going to set married. The clerk and Hester Lowe were bushly piled with questions, but the one knew nothing definitely, and the other, full of vague disquictude, never encouraged gosep concerning her employer. Just six weeks after that unsecountable windfall, which had so smoothed the path before him, he gave her notice to leave. The dismissal was not unkindly done, "which will oblige me to keep two regular circks, who will reside in this house when I have left it."

Like a snow shower his words seemed to ever all her thoughts with a curious blankins so, so that only here and there could peap forth a tiny blade of humous.

"An I not, then, a regular clerk?" "You are, certainly, but not precise.

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"Am I not, then, a regular clerk T"
"You are, certainly, but not precisely in the way I mean. I shall be most
happy to give you all possible help in
the way et references."

I deubt if she even thanked him,
somehow she had thought confidently
of sitting and working in that glass
care, with every day and hour brightened by sceing her money turned to
good and useful account, by hearing no
more restless pacings to and fre, by
seeing his fate grow brighter with
every prosserous year. These were
stupid, idle fancies for any business
woman to have, and their result proved
them folly.

He certainly missed her the morning
after her final departure, when, in pursuance of old custom, he threw open
the pigeon-hole and found notifing but
orderly blankness: still, it was only as
a man might miss the darns in his
socks by finding holes there instead. In
gasing at the dide typewriter it struck
hin, that Miss Lowe had gone without
those generously worded testimonisle
which he was so willing to give, and,
knowing quite by chance that she, was
still in Dulverton, he determined to
call and put this little matter right, because, she had certainly done her duty
in that state of life to which poverty
had called her.

Hester Lowe had two rooms in a
stadd little house standing just where
town merged itself into country, and
us he was ushered in by the landlady
and his former clerk rose to receive
him he at first thought it was some
stranger. She had been paying out the
hear of her small debta-among others
the substicul fowl, which had been
tough and fiscuriness. The face, too, was different, both pale and wisful; for she
was standing, not undissmayed, at this
crosseroad of her life, quite uncertain
which way to go. Not for a moment
ould he reconcile this woman with the
one he had come to see. She was so
different, and her surroundings alded
and abetted the illusion, having abeolut-ly nothing in common with the Utdifferent, and her surroundings alded and abetted the illusion, having absolutely nothing in common with the little glass den.

"I called to remind you about the testimonial. You ought to have it herore leaving Delverton."

"Oh, a reference? Thanks. But I doubt if it is needed."

He rat down and drew pen and ink, which were close at hand, toward him. "You will find it is very much needed. Have you surhing in view?" He was writing as he spoke.

"No-mothing in view."

"He frowned a little, and went scratching on."

"Hiss H. Love-what does H. stand for? It is better with the full name."

"Hester."

Bo he didn't even know rs much as that about her, and the scraping pen set her teeth on edge.

"There," he sald, handing it to her: will that do? If net, I will add anything you please."

She red the few formal words bear

thing you please."
She read the few formal words bearing witness to her worth and diagence, while he glanced around the room,

with 260 a year.
"It will do oxe-liently' she said.
Thank you"
"I doubt if it is quite enough, now I
come to think of it. Clive it back. I
still add a little more."
But her grass tights ned on the sheet
of paper.

come to think of fit. ellive it back. I will add a little more."

If the regress tughtened on the sheet of paper.

"You have said quitt enough. I like that word 'falthful'. It really expresses everything."

He gianced up into the soft, sortous face above him, and fully realised that this was the first time he had really seen her and the thought struck him that a man hart and in pain would find comfort in such a face lending over and soothirg him.

At parting they shook hands. "Do you know," he said, "I feel not that I have been terribly dull work for you."

"Not at all. You in wer builled to I should have hated that-and you laid me pun tunts. What more was increasary?"

She didn't incan to be bitter, yet be went gones she laughed quielly, and them wised her eyes.

"It's really very comical when one looks at it," she said. "And if eye i person turned hirself out of a situation by her own act and deed, I am that person. It's really very comical?' And she when her eyes again.

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It was two years before Hester Lowe.

And she wip—I her eyes again.

It was two y-ars before Heater Loweame back to Dulivetton Just to please herself with a sight of the place will liked so well. Why it draw her so should be herself with a sight of the place will like so well. Why it draw her so should be herself to the place will like a so well will be pleasant to ind out how much of thristing prosperity her money had brought to the man who had needed it more than she. Through the two y-ars she had followed his career. In imagination, endowing him at first with that rumoured wife, and then, in process of time, with an heir to the property. It was cardie-building on a most unselfish scale, without the least fear of structural weakness, for in all her thoughts of him he was invariably happy and successful.

Now, Duiverton being on a branch line, she had to change at the junction, which was just then crowded with people returning from some local races. The majority were somewhat noisy and rough, so Abester stood quietly on one side, an interested and amused looker on When the branch train drew up there was something of a scuffle for places, and in the confusion she found herreif hustled into a first-class carriage, without any legal right to be there, for she was travelling third. The compartmen was soon full of noisy men, who we solviously of the book-making fraternity, and whose comments on the day's doing were sufficiently loud and hilarious to make her with she had chosen a quieter day for her journey. The train was just on the move when some one got in, but Hester never even turned away from her window until the salutation addiressed to this late comer stungs her into attention. Without being actually tipsy, her fore the man looked not much above these of his associates, save that he had once been a gentlema. Without being actually tipsy, her fore the was farmed himself proudly in past days—would reprove such impertinent freedom, and she aimost waited to hear his laugh had once he had the hear had been three some time. His clear eyes had become

"Your luck's been bad to-day, Dalwood, hasn't it?" inquired one of them,
who was evidently uproarlous with
good foruse.
"My luck always is bad, not having
the experience of you fellows. Fortunate gambling requires, I find, a liberal
education and broad views of neighbourly duty."
That he despised them no less than
himself was evident, but they chose to
ignore his contempt, perhaps on account of their liberal education.
'You'll finish the evening with us,
at any rate; it's not worth parting
company now after such a joily day."
He may have had his own ideas concerning the joily day, but he assented
carelessly enough, as though his time
was an idle and useless commodity. In
her distress at this fatat self-currender
she fared him again, quite unconscious
of the shock and despair in her look.
This time, in spite of the rather dim
light, he recognised her, and even the
sush of the recognised her, and even the
sush of the recognised her, and even the
she fared him e faded and grew loss, for
her face in her distress was a some
clear mirror, showing him what he had
become. The half-made attempt to
rates his hat was deliberately arrested,
and she saw that a gentiemanily instinct made him retuse to identify her
ever so remotely with the company he
was in. For the rest of the short journey her remained absolutely silent, nor
even granced at her again. At Dulyerton station they all got out, some of
the gentiemen being unsteady on their

sign. mod it was more positivalerly those who suggested an immediate visit to the station book for rod-ordinary of the station book for rod-ordinary of the station book for rod-ordinary of the station book for rod-ordinary. It is stationary to the station book of the station book of the station book of the station book of greater security and to reads of greater security and the state of the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the property of the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the property of the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the property of the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the property of the sunderstant group, and sulfressed him which are the notion of his way and here state and such a male that great greater the property of the sunderstant group and the property of the sunderstant group and the property of the sunderstant greater than the sunderstant group and the property of the sunderstant greater than the sun

ever attaining my uessic when a successfundinary thing, happened-but I am tiring you, surely, you look so white."

"Oh? why do you stop? I want to hear all-all!"

And he obeyed without understanding her wakening fear ofth or own handiwork. "The occurrence I speak of was nothing less than the anonymous gift of two thousand pounds, and to this day I am utterly in the dark as to the donor. I wrote, accepting it gladly, as a loan free of interest, but telling the agents that in the future I would hold myself in readiness to pay the back if called upon. A vain promise this—as emptly as my life is now, but no one has claimed it, and at the time, with the midden cessing of anxiety. I thought my fortune was made. Like a find I launched out into great tunkine expenditure and made changes, all for the worse. Not only were they unwise, but uscless, too, for a nearer inspection of the beauties of Duiverton Miss Secton decided, for on a nearer inspection of the beauties of Duiverton Miss Secton decided, for good and all, that no affection of mine could compensate her for having to live in such a place. This disappointment—for I can honestly say it was a most bitter one and totally unexpected—completely paralysed what little energy I had, and the upfill work, which had always dragged, soemed no longer worth the trouble of doing. I let myself go—and the business, too—and these lapses mean—what you have seen this evening. I am lower even them those men, having known better things. No one can despise m more heartily than I deepise myself. I think it is the only but or housest feeling left in me."

"It was strange about that money,"

agonised appeal. "I will begin again, Hester—I swear it—and do better, so help me God!"

III.

So it was in this wise that Heater Lowe came back to the old work in the old place. On the first morning she thought the little fountain, playing by itself, sparkled with a gleam of welcome, but she gave it no plaything for many long months, for the time was a time of probation. With her return to the glass den came also the old official formality—in its outward form at least—and in office hours her reanner was precisely the same as it had always been, businessilke and respectful. But undermeath, in both employer and employed, lay a deep confidence and sympathy that made all the difference in the world, and the siased pigeon-hole was never closed between them unless a client came in. It was wonderful how the struggle to regain a lost fooling, which seemed often a weary, hopeless task, was lightened to him by the mere sight of her, quietly and busily occupied, for,

Dr. A. W. CHASE

COMPS TO THE AID OF

Catarrh **≡Sufferers**

UCCESS in life is almost impossible for a man with bad breath. Nobody wants is do butiness with him. Nobody wants to as uclate with him. He is handicapped ewerywhere. Oftensive breath comes from Catarrh; soketimes from Catarrh of the Stomach, sometimes from Catarrh of the head, noted that the contract of the head, noted and strong the forement of the head, noted that the contract from the contract of the head, noted and throat man from the contract of the head, noted and throat man from the contract of the head of of the he

Catarrh is another name for uncleanness.

Many men understand it is, and make every
affort to cure it, but it is beyond the reach as
edinary practicing, man and ignore Catarrh.
If he has in any form he makes constant effort
to be rid oit.

There is something about the manner of life
and the chmate of Canada that seems to breed
diseases of the mucous membrane. Medical
scenee ordinarily doesn't ry to cure Catarrh,
it "releves" it; but Dr. Chase has been curing
Catarrh for over thirty years, and has name is
blessed or thousands who have shaken off the
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blower free.

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with womanly guile she would make work when there was little or none-just to keep him in heart. But strive as they might, he to work and she to comfort and sustain, it took years, many and long, before the tide of condidence turned hock in its strength. The path uphill was slippery and steep, yet, once planted, his foot never failtered, and any advance was steadily held and maintained. He lost his youth, and his face grew lined and worn before its time, but gradually strength moulded itself out of weakness, and after patient toil and many disappointments came success at last. Once more he was held in honor and esteem by his friends and neighbours, and knew himself, moreover, to be worthy of this trust, yet in all humility. At last the day came when he could go to Hester, and absolve himself of a portion of his debt.

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"There is a thousand pounds in the bank, Hester, that is yours. The business is fully worth another thousand, and that is yours, too. Tell me if at last I stand upright before you."

"Always," she answered, clearly, although her eyes were bright with thankful tears. "Always from the very first And now I can leave Duiverton in peace and content, knowing all is well with you."

They were-waking toward the golden sunsetting and he answered her smillingly, although, like hers, his eyes were wet. "And where will you go, Hester? I must know that in order to fetch you back again, unless I can detain you before you start."

"It might not be well," she answered, striving as always to think only of his welfare. "You ought to —"

"Hester! I will be content with your true wanswer to one question. Do not you think if ever two people belonged to each other in this world, it is you and I? By how many links are we not joined? I cannot even name them all, though I have them by heart. I love you dearly, and owe you every good in life. I should be utterly lost without you now."

"Not more than I without you," she answered, honestly, as he drew bar

without you now."

"Not more than I without you," she answered, honestly, as he draw her closer; "and if I had gone away as I spoke so glibly about doing, I should have been miserable—miserable!"

The next day the little fountain was playing with the gayest, brightest ball that love could find and money buy.

At the last regular meeting of Div. 41, D.O.E. Auxiliary, to the A.O.H., resolution of sympthy was passed in connection with the death of the butter of our sister Loretta. Buckley.

PAINS IN THE BACK.

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Mr. Albert Minite, of Woodstock, Ont., now angaged in the insurance business, is well known in that city and surrounding country. Some three years ago Mr. Minite was living as South River, Parry Sound District, and while there was attacked with severe palms in the book. At first he paid but little attention to them, thinking that the trouble would pass away, but as it fidd not he consulted a local physician, and was took that he kidneys were affected. Medicine was prescribed but beyond a trifling alleviation of the pair in the back. In addition to the pair in the condition, which was the condition of the pair in the back Mr. Alleviation of the pair in the back Mr. In addition to the pair in the back Mr. In the condition, we have a surrounded with the condition, weak and despondent, he decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He was forced to a half dozen boxes and was not disappointed with the result. Before the ywer all used Mr. Minite was feeling almost as well as ever he had done. The pals in his book had almost disappeared, the headschen were gone, and be fell greatly improved in strength. Two more boxes completed the curse, and he relured to work Lais and hearty as ever. Mr. Minite asserts that his return to bealths due entirely to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and he still coonsionally use a hox if he feels in any way "out of sorts."

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