The young clergyman smiled. I was not in human nature not to be flattered at the wistful earnestness of this pretty young creature with the dented by a dimple. Miss Lee's miniature drawing-room was the prettiest and most restful place in the world, its stand of love-birds, wax-bills, and you good-afternoon. with its portieres of dark blue plush, Java sparrows, its open boudoir piano, and the vase of cape-jasmines, which with bursing checks and flashing eyes. of this fairy domain, daintily picturesque in her blue silk dress, and the

blue flowers in her hair. 'You are doing a great work for me, can't afford to lose it.' Miss Lee,' he said, 'when you visit the

dozens of slippers, and pen-wipers enough for a whole pen factory, and ash trays, and smoking jackets, and all that sort of thing; but"—her eyes When Mrs. Hyde returned, in about brightening with a sudden inspiration fifteen minutes, the hall was empty--- "do you wear a smoking-cap? I'm the pretty wreath of mimosas was gone.

laughing. He knew she was making a eyes cast down. 'It is all my own fool of him, but the process was very pleasant, and he did not at all object "It is beautiful." said the

'Oh, you must have one,' said Imoembroider it myself. 'Tell me, now, and golden tassels. which is your favorite flower?'

'How can a man decide such a bewilderment of beauty? he asked, dreamily.—'But I think I have always liked the gold-blossomed mimosa best. "A sensitive plant in a garden grew, And the sweet winds fed it with silver dew"

'Somewhere-I am not certain where off trying, for the present. -I have seen a wreath of mimosas

added, thoughtfully.
'And you like it?' asked Imogen, nodding her head archly. "Well, Miss Imogen Lee good-bye, and went your taste shall be consulted. And off, with a little rose perfumed paper now here comes the tea,—the real box in his hand. erange-scented Pekoe—just as you like.'

never heard of the flower, some of trouble I had, too.' them. They had never seen it em- Mrs. Hyde was sitting in her little br. id-gred. An ugly, tufty little blossom, which would produce no effect at entered it—Mrs. Hyde, pale, slight, and som, which would produce no effect at entered it-Mrs. Hyde, pale, slight, and all. For their parts, they would re- looking unusually interesting in her commend daisies, or pomegranates or deep mourning dress. Lee find the design she wanted.

the squalid streets where vice, poverty of which I hope to support myself, and starvation rally their innumerable for the future.' army, to visit the poor of St. Winni. Mr. Clare looked kindly down upon freda's parish, her heart was not by any means in her work.

'These poor people are all so tiresome,' said she, to herself. 'Their stories are just alike, and their rooms smell so close and sickening, and there eaten apples on the chairs. I hate the get that velvet cap? poor, and I don't see why I should be compelled to seek after them. There's no reat way of helping them. Do what cap out of the rose-scented box and hand it as out of the rose-scented box and hand the end of the chapter. And when I'm once Mrs. Fernando Clare, 'I'll declare Lee.' war against the whole thankless tribe

and generation of 'em.' Miss Lee was short' and brusque in her visits that day. She told Mrs. Pugrill that it was all her own fault that Pugrill had got drunk and peen carted off to the station-house. 'You keep your rooms so dirty that he can't this time; and she told Mr. Clare the true story of the wreath of mimosas.

HATS, BONNETS, FLOWERS, FEATHERS. the widow Melleck's detail of her woes with, 'Well, well, I've heard all of this before. If you talked less and worked 'But who would have believed that more, you'd be able to support yourself.' She declined to supply tea and sunff to poor Mrs. Doe. 'You are getting to be a regular beggar,' said she. 'He went to the young lady, and talked gravely to her, that afternoon. Imogen had never been so impressed in her life—and yet she knew that her chance for the young clergyman's affections was over. He could have formore, you'd be able to support your- Imogen Lee would be guilty of a crime

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not expected to be taken to task for | 'But when I once got fairly acquaintidleness and lack of thrift by a sharp- ed with her, he said, 'I could not help

tongued young woman. Lee. 'You must get up and go to parish visiting for St. Winifreda's now. work. Poor people can't afford to indulge in any fine lady whims. St. Winifreda's won't support you forever.'

Mrs. Hyde bit her lips. 'I have only had twelve shillings from the parish,' said she, 'and-' But at this moment Miss Lee, whose

keen black eyes had been wandering around the apartment, uttered a little cry of pleased surprise. 'Oh, what a beautiful violet velvet

cap, said she. 'That one, I mean, hanging against the wall, with the yellow stars of flowers on it, and the feathery green leates.' 'They are mimosas, sail Mrs. Hyde.

'Mimosas!" Miss Lee drew a long breath. It was to her excited mind exactly as if heaven had opened, and some good angel had flung down into her arms the possession she most coveted in all the world.

'It is all that I have left of my poor husband,' said Mrs. Hyde. 'It was a piece of Persian embroidery, given to

him in Cabul. He only wore it a few times, and-' I'll give you five shillings for it,' said Miss Lee, feeling mechanically for her

pocket-book. Mrs. Hyde bit her lips. 'It is not for sale,' said she. Nothing would induce me to sell it.'

'Then you must be very ungrateful,'

said Imogen, 'after all we have done'for

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you. I don't believe in people who put Tea!

Mrs. Hyde was silent. 'I don't mind if I say ten shillings, said Imogen. 'Come, if you are really so very poor, ten shillings ought to be

an object to you.' 'Poor as I am,' said Mrs. Hyde, with black eyebrows and soft dark eyes, the a dignity which quelled even the parish yet poor enough to endure unprovoked insult. I have stated my determination, and I shall adhere to it. I wish

and the vase of cape, and sweetness; and She hardly got down to the floor of the Imogen herself was the fitting empress house, however, before she missed one

> 'Six-button,' she said to herself, and the newest shade of myrtle green. I

poor and sick in my district, and con-back. Mrs. Hyde was not there. She So, unwillingly enough, she went stitute yourself my representative at had dragged herself from the calicothe many places which I have not time covered lounge, into a neighbor's room, in some swaiting at the summons of a terrified young 'Oh, but I mean something for you mother, whose child was in a fit; but yourself,' persisted Imogen. 'To wear, the myrtle green glove lay close to the to use, or to decorate that little octagon chair which Imogen had so recently study of yours, that I have such a occupied. She caught it up, rather curiosity to see. Of course you have

'I hope you like it,' said Imogen 'I never had one,' said Mr. Clare, with her pretty head dropping, her

'It is beautiful,' said the young clergyman, as he looked at the violet 'Oh, you must have one,' said Imogen, clasping her hands. 'And I'll ern embroider it myself (Tall me por

> He stopped abruptly. Where had he seen one so exactly like it before? Every one knows how impossible i is to locate these provoking will-o'-the wisps of the brain. And Mr. Clare left

'It was very kind of you to think of embroidered in gold and emerald, he me, said Mr. Clare—'Bless me—two o'clock already; and I have an engage-

'Really,' said Imogen, with a pout, 'I reange-scented Pekoe—just as you like.'
Mimosas? They had no such patterns at the fancy emportume; they had more enthusiasm. And after all the more enthusiasm. And after all the trouble I had, too.'

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> the sweet, white face. 'But you are sure you are well enough?' said he. 'I cannot endure always to be de-

pendent,' said Mrs. Hyde; blushing. 'And-but oh, Mr. Clare, pardon my were is always bread and molasses or half-For, in his absent pre-occupation,

you will for them to-day, they're just as badly off to-morrow, and will be to 'It was a present from one of my parishioners,' said he-'Miss Imogen

> Mrs. Hyde bit her lip 'Do you know where she got it?' the unconscious Mr. Clare.

'Pardon me,' said Mrs. Hyde,

At last she came to Mrs. Hyde's, the fections was over. He could have for-

'Not setting up yet?' she said, tartly. | now, thought Miss Lee, bitterly. 'Wi-Now that is a little too lazy and shift- dows seem to carry a peculiar spell

sofa, like a fine lady.'

'I do not feel able to walk around much, as yet, Miss Lee;' said Mrs. Hyde, coloring.

When she confided her trouble to the wild never had his attention called particularly to the young sea-captain's widow.

Mrs. Hyde, unany. But Imogen Lee had herself to thank for it. Before the episode of the velvet cap, Mr. Clare had never had his attention called particularly to the young sea-captain's widow.

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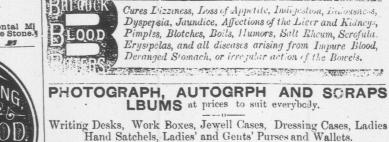
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