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right!"
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ur watch-little watcher, good morning! You're telling me now, "Tis a precious You're teiling me now, " I's a precious day!"

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### THE FORTUNE TELLER.

"Oh, papa, pfui! how can you?"
The old high bailiff of Krohn pust, on away the pretty little hand that his eldest daughter sought to place over

his mouth.
"No," he said, "I will not keep quiet "No," he said, "I will not keep quiet. I repeat that the whole custom of sending New Year's cards is a bad one, and it is time to put an end to it. What are the results of such nonsense?

"First, I get my mail bag an hour later than usual, and, secondly, it is crammed so full of the stupid stuff that I can hardly get it open!"

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At length the old gentleman's efforts were rewarded, the bag sprang open, and he emptied its contents with impatience on the breakfast table. "Just look what a lot there are for me," cried Katharine, piling the let-

ters upon the table in front of her and her face lighting up with pleasure. 'Are they all for you?" "Yes, all. Now you can see what it is to be known as a beauty."
"And an heiress," added the father.

"Yes, and an heiress," she repeated. thoughtfully.
"But is there nothing there for my little Lili?" asked the father.

Katharine shrugged her shapely choulders impatiently.
"Why, of course not. If a girl expects to be shown much attention she must be a little more pushing and import-

"And an heiress, too?" was the father's laconic addition to the sen-"I really should be very grateful, father, if you would not allude so much to my money," was the rather

"I can't help it, Katharine, when see my little Lili here, as beautiful as the flower that gave her the name, and-well, she is not an heiress, do

you understand. That's the whole Katharine made no answer. She was busy studying the handwriting on the envelopes.

A young girl who had hitherto sat opposite to her in silence left her seat, went up to the high bailiff, and, put-

ting her fair young arms around his neck, gave him a kiss. A world of love shone in his eyes as he looked at her with pleasure and stroked her soft cheeks.

"Never mind, Lili," he said, slowly, "I am glad that you don't get such a pile of letters. I'm grateful, too, that you're not an heiress. Perhaps then no one will take you away from me." The high bailiff of Krohn, the father of these two girls, had married twice. His first wife a lovely, proud, vain woman, died soon after the birth of a little daughter and left her the whole of a large fortune. His second wife, the daughter of a country clergy-man, brought him no wealth, but a sweet and beautiful disposition. When she, too, died after two years of married life, he felt overwhelmed and had

never since wholly recovered from the Katharine, the elder of the children, had just finished her twentieth year, and, as she was as proud, pretty and just as vain as her mother, had already laughed at many proposals for her hand—and money. No one had so far been able to take her fancy.

Lili was in almost every respect the opposite of her sister. Small in figure, quiet and retiring, it happened that she was often entirely overlooked. It certainly was not right of a father to love one daughter more than another. Still he did so and it was plain to everybody that it was the soft, sweet, patient Lili who was his favorite.

It made Katharine feel annoyed to

see her father so gentle and affectionate toward her sister, for she said, with a sharp look at them both:
"What! Kissing again! I cannot

understand how you find pleasure in always lying round each other's

"You are out of sorts, Katharine," said her father. "One of the cards you expected has not come, perhaps. I would almost wager that among all letters there is none from Baron Horn! Katharine grew a shade paler at

these words. "I certainly expected a card from Baron Horn," she replied, trying to corceal her annoyance. "He surely has sent me one! Are you sure you emptied the mail bag thoroughly?"
"Yes, I think so. But you had better look for yourself; it would not be the first time that a letter has remain ed stuck in one of the corners." "Ah! I thought so," exclaimed Ka-

tharine, pulling a crumpled letter out of a deep corner of the bag. She glanced quickly and sharply at the address, and then with an excla-mation of vexation let the letter hur riedly drop.
"Not from Baron Horn, after all!"

asked her father, picking it up, "and yet that is his writing. Heavens! why it's for you, Lili; it's addressed to "Oh! impossible!" said Lili, quietly, while a faint blush rose to her gretty cheeks. "It must be a mistake."

cheeks. "It must be a mistake."
"By no means," returned her father, smiling. "Here, open it! Let us all see it. Oh, what a lovely card! Why, Katharine, where are you going?"
But the father received no answer. Katharine burriedly gathered up her letters and left the room in a whirlwind.

The above mentioned Baron Hora was a young nobleman who had just returned from Africa. It was well known that he took great pleasure in visiting the Van Krohn family, and under all manner of pretexts took every opportunity to be with them.

A course everyone thought that the attraction was the rich and beautiful Katharine, and she herself took par-ticular pains to spread this view of

number of enthusiastic admirers, she had never for a moment imagined that the Baron could interest himself in her quiet little sister until she was reminded to-day in a rather unpleas-ant manner of the possibility of such

She read her letters through and became better humored. "How stupid of me to get so cross," she said, as she smiled at her lovely face in the glass. "It is not possible that he favors Lili when he knows

There came a gentle knock at the door, and the servant girl came in and

unced that the carriage was at Katharine at once remembered that Baron Horn had promised to go for a drive with her, and with the thought her face grew bright once again.

A charitable bazaar was to be open

ed in a neighboring town, and, as the father was not able to go, Baron Horn had offered his escort to the two young The Baron was as punctual as most lovers—that is to say, he came half an hour before the time and found

Katharine quite ready, to his great astonishment, for, as a rule, she kept everybody waiting half an hour at Her purpose of frustrating a tete-atete between Lili and the Baron was

completely successful, for she did not move from his side until all three were ready to get into the carriage. The father stood with beaming face on the doorstep and waved a fond carewell after them.
"This Horn is a very sensible fel-

low" he thought to himself, "and I admire his choice. It will be very hard to lose Lili, but I would let him have her rather than anyone else."

'Although the bazaar was crowded the arrival of Baron Horn and his two lovely companions caused considerable excitement, and they were speedily surrounded by acquaintances. Among these was a Capt. Linke, a

tall, blonde fellow, and one of Katha-rine's most sincere and faithful ad-"How glad I am to see you here," he said.

"Really! Why?"
"May I show you why? Please com with me. At the other end of the hall there is a fortune teller, and I want you to see what she will tell you."

"May we join you?" asked the Baron "Certainly, Come, we will go torether." The mysterious room that held the

fortune teller was reached. The fortune teller proved to be a little figure in the middle of a disc. Round the disc were figures and numbers and slips of paper arranged. Any one who wanted to see into the future paid a mark, set the figure re-

volving, and took the slip of paper op posite which it stopped.
"Now, my genaediges fraulein," said the captain, taking out his purse, "won't you try your luck?" But Katharine refused positively to

be a party to such nonsense, and, inasmuch as Lili could not be persuaded either, the Baron asked permission to inquire of the oracle himself, He set the figure in motion and took the slip of paper opposite which it

stopped. "Seek her hand and buy the ring. Thy life will then be full of joy," ran

"Fotz Blitz!" cried the captain turning to Katharine, "that is famous; you really must be persuaded to try It now. Or shall I do it for you?" "You may do it for me," she replied, in such sharp tones that every one

looked at her. The captain turned to the figure and read the words? "Hast thou not often heard it said"—— He hesitated; then tore the paper up and threw it on the floor. The conclusion of the sentence seemed to suit the many proposals that Katharine had received too well

for him to read it. "What was the rest, captain?" asked the Baron in all innocence. But the captain looked so displeased that the question was not pressed.
"I wonder what it was?" Lili whis-

pered to the Baron. "We shall learn later, perhaps," he replied. "But did you get my New Year's card this morning?" "Yes," she answered, softly, with

"And you remember what fortune-teller told me just now? If I buy a ring will you wear it?" She lowered her eyes and said: don't know. You must first speak to papa."—From the German in Chicago Times.

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"About face!"

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"Why don't you turn with the rest?" "I did!" replied the trembling recruit.
"You did, eh? Well, I watched your feet, and they never moved."

"It's the boots they gave me, sir," said the poor fellow. "They're so large

that when I turn my feet turns inside of them."-London Answers.

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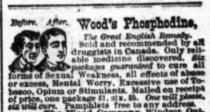
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