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RASHPROMISES



Twilight was filling all the room with to soft, soothing presence, lending a zudder glow to the
low fire that burned in tege grate, to temper the chill of the early autumn ereniog. Sittiog near
the mindor, with an infant asleep on ber lap, sat the modov, with an infant asleep on ber lap, sat a moman, who, though of middle
eá the beauly of youoger pears. A setiled, sad expression of countenance had chased awas the jonous smile of banpier dass,
and her efes, lirge, grey, and lumnoue, looked
now heany now ' heary with th? weight of unthed fears,'-
Thee, for a time, bad been steadidy fixed puos
 the darkeneup pathof a lost and weary rareler. endurance, seemed ti blare glinted from tliose
silent messegeres down into her sad heart, for a smile mingled with the shatorv, as if some new
boran hone tad eotered thereio. Rasiong the sleepng baby genl'l to her bosom, she pressed
her lips spoon iss brow, ther casting ber epes orer large, oldd-ashioned cannoied bed, upon which
 former self, he heaved a loogg hears sigh. She nfant down, and assure herself of her lusband's
repose, when the door quielly onened, and a lit-
 two lovels hitle bnss, each so tike the other
 and whicb Norman.
catchng hold of ther her hand, , et speaking vert low, 'sister has the tea all reatf, and she has
made something so nice-snmetting she read almoct as the Dietlonarf,'
' Now, Edds?', here imerunted the more re ticesi Norman, 'that is a sectet, and you pro
mised not to tell, because sister wantect to surprise mamma $:$ a,
her all about it,'
' No, I hav'nt, Norm; have I now, mamma I only said it was somethung nice ; and 1 'm sure put in my sincling; and in sure never pues.
ed sugar plums, and oranges, and a gut, and a
swod, and ever somany fre. rrackers, efce. But iust as Eddie's enthusiasm was grow uader this happy remniscence of a year gone,
a door at rbe end of the ball popened, and a lovely young girl-a blue-esed, golden-baired blond -rras seen slanding by the sile of a brighlybut appetizing meal, the place of bonor being giren to a plate piled up wih smoking bot muffas. A. A.
loot of surrise, chased by one of lore, and Mrs. Lambert, turniog, kissed the bright face of her daughter.
Why, what a universal litile genus, Laura. you are going to be-eren learniag to cools with
a suceses that migit shame an older hand. But, a sucese ing, I fear your desire to pratify me has
my durligs
made goul orget how neeessary it is for all of us now-all but your dear father - to forego the delicate tastes of former years, and learn to lou, only for the barest necessaries in our culsisine,
Bat, seeing a shade deppen on the fair soung from the twins, she recovered berself, and at once turned their thought ito a more cbeerful
ven, and to the enjopment of their antucipated
treat. Tea being over, Norman was sent to see if crerythugg mas still quite io his fatber's room
the report being favorable, the bojs ment met their marbles into the kitc ben, and Mrs. Lam. bert :ook a seat by Luatring up the tea tioges.
c My poor darling, said ber mother, 'you
cannot know how t distresses me to see those delicate litlle hands already growing rough uonder ous, mod fill the post of nurse, madid, end bouse keeper, then, 100
ably
and more when of allmy life I mott crave and need the meailt that can purchase ease end pleasure for my dear ones, I find only a penury, that prichees barder every day. If it were not for my faith
and trust in the Oae mho rules and orders all
these changea, 1 thould lose heart entrely whea
 before me like a blark rolligig cloud.' of promise
'Perhaps, mother dear, that a land of
 knows but that ties same liutle thead and hande
 Then, look:og sofily and earnesily in her mo
ther'f face, and dawig her chair close to her
'Mamma, darling, I have a secret-the frst ver kept from you; and it has been, O ! suc -Trat is news indeed, Laura ; but I don't be. liere it is anything rery serious. Not a lover
I hape, ouless, indeed, that rish Knight. $d \in-$ scenciant of a long line of k kngs, has
anpared, and taken rour beart bp storm
Me abur, mother, why will you always he jnkkno that I late them, and nerer, never mean to mar ,Well. well, ing cbld,' said her molther, ing dass seem orer ; only serinu3 hought and bard work hie hefore us all now; so tell me yuur
steret, dear, and then i Ill be beller able to judze steret, dear, a,
of ts import.'
but if you, feel inclined to to blame me, you must try or remember the motive that impelled me to the
ct. You know mother dear seems to be of his erer heng well enoueh agana seems to be of his erer heng well enough agano
to attend to busness, Then, his crodtor gre
so merciless, presing so hard almost a dring so merciless, pressing so hard almost a dring
man, and seiziog and selling what with a little ume would be a fortupe, just, too, to gratify thei
on rapacity. Well. I saw a loag time ago wow great enlightenments, and sharpen the facul ties of the gnoug as well, as of the old Soeing
and weighugg all chis. I began to rub my little head, to see if something worth while could be
got out of It; then I bethought me of the gond the best thing
try bright idea, and submitted it in Father Speople, North and Sou!h, and they, to my great
delight, approved of my plan, and promsed to help me through. To day Col. Cbamberlain offering a situation to me as governess, with salary of fifty dollars a month. And now, I only
wait your and father's permission to accent it and now you have my long cherished secret.'
Mrs. Lambert's beart was to full for words All tiee noble sacrifice tovolved io this heroic
step of her beautiful daughter, was prefigured in t $t$ p of her beautiful daughter, was prefigured a
an intant to ber mind. She could only clasp

But how can I lose gou? How fill your place at home, and send you, so young and inex
prienced, among cold and todifferent stran ers?
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We

We mus'nt tbink of that, prother dear. and leare the rest to God. Oaly think of wha ifis dollazs will do for all of you at bome, an how far it will belp to spin out the intle fund
that as growirg so beautifully less every day. Then, you koow that I deariy love to trasel, and I have alwags wanted to see the beautiful South
-the land of the orange and myrthe. And you liok be so busp nursing fatber, and tie babt, and Alice and me, that you'll bave no time to miss
me. And, perbaps, who linows-for God is so good and prayer so potent-that dear falther may get well, and we'l hare our own dear ol bome again, aod be as lappy as we were before mothers dearr, and look at the silver hining of the cloud, and say that jou are willing for me to go continued, quite warmed up with her vivid
dreams, 'only suppose that I mty find my tnigbt dreams, ' only suppose that I mey find my knig
with the golden crest, in the shape of a big derful lbings for us all, to mich Giges with bis ring, and Aladian with his lamp, will be a mere
Mrs. Lambert
hese cloud cast!es

- What will your father say, Laura? T fea nd rebels already so much against his helplese ess; and the Idea of yous bis udolized, frail child, beng sent forth alone i into the wide, cold
world, will be too much, I fear, for bis weal


## 'Indeed, mother, I have dreaded that, too

 ut I depend on your influence to carry my point. You know you can do anythug withim ; your voice is the oracle that selltes all
doubts. But there is his bell. I sball pray for pour success, untul I come in with his toast and lea to bid bum good night:'
Mre. Lambert found b

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 pint toes into ber moutb. It was a good oppornews or Mrs. Lambert to break the starting gution was intense at firat, by degrees his wife' reasonirg, and a full and brave expose of then
oresent position, and the inevitable distress that looked out of the future at them, coovinced Mr Lambert that the refusal of bis consent would unly eotail, per
upon them all.
At this juocture Laura entered the rooin, car rying a noatly arraiged trap, with ber father's
meal. HE bad not sufficiently recopered from length he complinented her unon the facility she ' Your mother, daughier,' he continued, 'has been telling me of the great financial scheme
that litule head has been cogitating, and painfal her, that, alter all, it is better for you to fill some sphere wherem you can exercise the qualities of Ae fanily
Now, that is mp omo dear pana?, exclimed Laura, poptully. junping up arid kissing hum
warmly. But the was just the worst thing slie Peling zent down by mere force of will, an Gectionate word, a loving act sends the torient
weepiug down every barrier. So, Mr. Lam bert, already depressed and weakentd by his
ong lliness, and the many rereises that had fol owed, broke completely down; and throwing
is arms around bis danghter's neck, be wept like child. Mrs. Lambert also gave way to her long pent-up feehngs, and the baby, iotuilively
feeling that someihing was wrong, set up a
scream that compieted this modernized Niobe, but evenually proved the means of quieting th
tears of the rest of the group Quipt and con ears of the rest of the group Quiet and con-
posure benge once more re-tored, Laura force her own feelings to cheer and divert her father, Scurhero castles, such bright antirmpations of th
result of her absence, that ools the glow and that she has succeeded in ber object, and obsersung a weary expression creep over his tace, she
kissed him good night, and started off, as she ald, to 'look atter Romulus and Remus, who mu t by this time be ready for bed.'
chapter in.-seening fortune.
A sound sleep, and bright dreams, that took thou? hhe from chased away all the fatigue of her at once to tbe kitchen to get breakfast readp but found that ber mother bad been there before her, and aready had, with the asssistance of the
little boys, made the fire, and had the kettle
$\qquad$ nard and ntrange work for the day, and after various awkward bluoders, and a few slight burns
the two ended bp hadf laughig, balf crying ove the two ended hp balf laughing, half crying over
the difficulties of their new occupation. - Never mind, Laura,'- sid Mrs. Lambert, a se upset a pan of potatoes, 'this kind
any rate will be soon orer for you.'

## orry, for confess, mamma, that I sball not be

 sorip, for though I generally come off victorsill it is not whthout a good many bard rubs, as By poor hands and burot clothes can testity.But with all your other duties, you can never b gle to attend to this department when I a
time.' and have a gri in wy mind that I sball like $t$

## 'Not an Irish woman $l$ hope, mamma?

Yes, none olber.
'Ob! mamma, you will be tormented to
' Perbaps so ; but not more by one of tha race ban another. Your prejudices are unac-
countable, Lsura, toward that people, and, 1 al mest begin to think, irreconcilable. Why
that pou doubs them so much?
' Because they are dirty and unreliable.

lasses of every other people? hre there no
good and bad among our own? Why then
hould you make these the exception?

- Yes, bat I perer nam any good in the Irsb
ecepta few external manifestations. They go

ing, like demons.'
and yet is rue of a class,' replied ber mother
that they are not eatrely lost, but, throug
that they are not eatirely lost, but, througb
faith, feel the reed they have of grace to uphold
them against the force of therr own onherent
vices. They are mpulspe in everythang; quirk
to sin, quick to re, ment; and as for therr other allings to mbich you so strenuously object, you
$\qquad$
count from ourselves.
- Well, well, mamma, I cannot argue the question; I ouly and pever mean 0 ,
'And, no doubt,' replied the molber, laugb ing, ' will end your prejudices, by marrying one
of the most exaggerated 'spe.'
‘Never! Not Brian Borroutme himself could
'That I can beliere; for the historical pic
ture that has come down to us of that geniledan's royal costume, woula scarcely make him
suficiently altractive to so fastidious a poun


## Laura had been dressing during the conser

 ation, and was now realy to go out on a riso Col. Chamberlan, to tell him that she wa eady in accept the position he had secured fo
er, and to make all the final preparilions.These concluded, she returned home a lint heavg-hearted, as the realization of the separa
Hon from ber family pressed more heavily upon
Beckoning her mother froin lier fatber's room mamma, and Col Chamberlain has been so kinu o the Erin, as be is wroll acquanted wath the clever. gentlemanly men, and will thake good care 'Wheo does the boat leave?' asked Mrs
Lombert ofter a pause.' ' ready.'

## ' Now, mamma, remember your promise, an seep up jour own brare heart. Think bo

uch I may be able to do tomards getting fathe
well, and keeping Alice at school another sear.'
It is true, my child. A mother's mission one of self-sacrifice from begirong to end, an
muct not slirink, at this late dap, eren fron

## Time flies when bis wings are barbed will

 aorrons, and though every moment of the fou daps was filled with occupation, yet the finahour struck only too soon. The relatives and hour struck only too soon. The relatives and
few friends of the familf, who had remained their interest by contributing some article of us
or ornament to complete Laura's ouffit for ber
new home.
Col. Chamberlain had found a lady and gen leman who were going nearly the same distanc Laura ; so, between their care and that of the
captain and clerk, leer parents felt assured of the tection
The bardest task was the parting with he lalled to deaden the premonition, as she looked upon and kissed over and over agan his white
brow and palld, quirering lips, that she should brow and palld, quivering lips, that she should
never see his drar face in lite again. Words never see his drar face in lite apain. Word
died upon her lips, and only cons ulsive sobs were audible. As ste reached the hall door, she wa o her eres, gasped out between her tears
Mar the Lord Almghty May the Lord Almighty in Heaven keep you, ear young lady, and send your purtp face back
soon agan, to give light to the house, which will oon again, to give light to the house, which win
be dark enougb without yees.' Spite of her be dark enougb without yees.' S;ite of be
prejudice, Laura bad been railier prepossessed
by this woman, of whom they had receiged excellent character; so, only thaking of ber
mother's future comfort she bade her a kind mother's future comfort, sbe bade her a kiod
good-bye, adding, 'I bope, Catherioe, that I will zood bye, adding, ' I hope, Catherise, that I will
Gud you here when 1 return, and that you will do ail you can to belp mamma chrouga whb her
many cares.'
' lodeed you need never fear that same, Misa
aura. I like the snadam and the childer, God less them, and not a hair of their heads shall be Ooe while I am to the fore.
One long, last embrace, and mother and tinn almays brings. The novelty of the ebange the excitement of motion, the 's coleur-de rose ints that cromned all her anticipations, soon dsa pelled the deeper sadness of leave-taking and separation.
The boat was an elegant one, the passenger

was one par
some face a
as a foreign stranger. Laura's attention ha
nrst been called to him by observing his gez
fixed very untently uron her at the breakfas $t_{i}$ ble, the first morn of her journey. After that she noticed that ie was Renerally, duriog th day, the sole occupant of the main cabin, alway atent upon some book, the reading of which be aried by walking raptdly up and down the nd never at the card table, sape occasionally looker-00 of the mysterious and exciting gatine of poker, brag or Boiton. These games, and nd day to them, aforded hum great amusement the dectineu every invitation to try bis han the great or little misery', 'r open brs pocket
ook to 'go it $\$ 100$ belter.' Consfquently be Wh, and by the ladies as a model of morality ould stand lura took her seat at the praao, be ver joined in the audible admuration that al On wed her performance
On the evening of the second day out, Mr pologizing in Laura for not socoper ae lidies ledging the hoonor her charge conferred upon
lum, he said, I rarelv can leave the olice until ve are fully under ray, as there is always a duty, pouknow Miss Lambert, must talse pre
' Very much,' rephed Laura, ' and the life an scenation that such a life seems always to the
'Have gol observed the decorations of the cabin? Don't fou think the green and gol panelling harmonize with the name? and the
harp-the barp, you know, of Erin, is it not
'Oh, yes,' rephied Laura, coloring slighly

- But what, Miss Lambert? Don't be afraid

Well then, beforel commit myself past for
(iveness, tell me, $\mathrm{M}_{\mathrm{i}}$. Banks, if you are an Irsh-
Neitter I ror Capt. Nelson bare that honor but both are full blonded Americans. But, and, I must say, as noble and generons a man as ment ol love and remembrance to bis dear na-
Well, then, I may now answer pour ques. ons. I was goung to ray when you asked me Ihe oame and associations that characterivg Il her adornments. I wonder what travelers or rong ratriolic proclipties carried out by some e foregg speculators in their midst,? 'I think, Miss Lambert, that though thay least admure the sentiment ; for love of home least admure the sentiment; for love of home
and country, slrikes a chord that vibrates in very heart.'
Laura fett the polite reproof, and was sorry be had started the suhject. 1t was almars
ateful to her, and yet some strange fascination ateful to her, and yet some strange fascination had now joined the circle, and entered into the
'Why,' resumed Mr. Banks, 'do you dulike
reland and ber people so muci ?
0 ! please don't press me too close, or 1
all tave to give only a woman's resson-be
ause.
'Of course ; but because what?
'Well, they are ignorant, dirly, and untruth

- All those counts may be true in individuak ree; but, on the are of every nation and degiven greater prool of courape under danger, endurance under suffering, fidelity under change
and trial, than even the most ignorant of the

Welt,
Well, 1 grant you that,' replied Laura ;
re only animal instucts; commendable, it is
rue, but not cxceptionally praseworthy. Bey in great men or herorc deeds.'
ion

## I am afraid, Miss Laurs,' aard Mr. Jewel, an

genteman under whose care she was, thant
We will have to class gou with the blind that
تon't see. I am not an lrishmat, but I alwaya
like justice ; and with all therr natural fanlit, we
sparseness of her of therr virtues. As to the
sparseness of ker great mex, her recordas show
many a page blazoned with deeds, ealightened
and beroic. Such saleman as Burke, Shorndan,
many a page blazoned with deeds, ealightened
and beroic. Such ata
ad O'Conoell; such jarists as Grattan, Curran
sufficient to reide

