# NOT LOVED,

"Why this secrecy, my love? Why, you tell me I musn't even let your hame be known here. It all seems so very, very strange. Can't you trust

me?"
There was a moisture in the bright, dark eyes, and a sadness in the soft, treble voice. Maria was touched, and could no

resist the appeal.
"Trust you," she exclaimed, "why should I not? Dear Miss Pyefinch, L hesitated from no mistrust, only because my secret is scarcely my It concerns others; but I know I may

confide in you." "You may, my dear." So Maria, glad on her side, to un-burden herself, told her tale. When she concluded, Miss Pyefinch, rising,

clasped her hands in hers.
"My love!" she ejeculated, "whatever Lord Carisford may be, I know not, but of this I am certain-had he married you it would have been no mesalliance. A man is exalted, not lowered, by wedding a brave, high-souled roman, though she be poor. Heaven

bless you, my dear."
"Ah. Miss Pyefinch, your opinion would not be the world's," laughed.

"The world's." with an irate thrust upward of the cap. "Then the world is as far from common-sense as some people's Christianity is from the pure, charitable precepts of its founder. We all want to go to heaven, I suppose? We all regard it as sospel truth that there is 'no marriage or giving in marriage; that God is no respector of persons.' Yet in this atom in space, we set up an idol called Caste, and

all down and worship it."
Miss Pyefinch was quite in a frenzy of pecks, during which her cap underwent many changes of position. "My dear Miss Pyefinch, for shame, you are a Radical, a Communist," laughed Maria.

My dear child, I am no such thing. Liberty, equality, fraternity! It's all nonsense, because it's impossible, un-less you cast every man's intellect in the same mold, and a pretty lively world it would be then. No: divide the world between Tom and Harry today, and before the year's out Harry would have the lot, and Tom be working for him as usual. I say let the real barrier be between education and ance-the innate gentleman and the innate brute; for, my love, they are to be found in all classes. But as I can't alter the world, it must remain in its darkness. So tell me this," and tak-ing Maria's hands in hers, she regard-"There ed her kindly: thing that can make nobler the course you have taken. This Lord Carisford Child, do you love him?" A moment Maria was silent; her lips trembled; she bowed her head on the good-natured little woman's shoulder, and burst into tears.

"Oh! dear Miss Pyefinch, with my whole soul," she exclaimed, "Why should I hide it from one who I know will give me her friendliest sympathy. When I saw Lord Cecil I felt I beheld my fate. I can never love another; I can love but him."

"I guessed as much. I repeat, my brave girl," said Miss Pyefinch, clasping Maria affectionately "Heaven bless and reward you." Maria affectionately to her. after all, I know not whether it isn't, on the whole, happier in the long run to be worthy golden opinions than to

possess golden joys."

The ice once broken, Maria and her friend talked long over the affair; then half-past ten striking the Italian prepared to start to try her fortune in Chester Square.

other thoughts, that it never occurred to her until she had knocked at No. -Chester Square, that a character would be required, and she could not refer to Lady Westbrook. What was she to She must leave it to chance, for already the door had opened, and a stately footman was superciliously waiting her to state her business, while he reflected:

"If this's hanother lady's maid, I

pass my word she'll do." Maria having shown James' supposition was correct, that gentleman, bending from his stately dignity to an affable condescension, encouragingly remarked as he conducted her across hall and upstairs to the boudoir: "You are the sixth a'ready. don't think, miss, none of 'em sooted Humphi nervous or huppish?" he added, sotto voce, when his companion

only slightly inclined her head.
As they had traversed the hall, Mahearing a door open, had perceived emerging from it an exceedingly pleasant-looking young man, with a pleasant-looking young man, with a men throughout the political atmosgly on his arm.
"By Jove! who is that?" inquired the

young man of the young lady, who was hiding her face to conceal her laughter. "Who? Oh, Hector, if Honoria had

seen you bowing thus, as to a duchs!" and she cleverly mimiced him.
"Well, Cassie, why shouldn't I?" Some one, I suspect, who wants to

be engaged as mama's lady's maid."
"Never! By heaven! Cas, the world's turning upside down, then-centlemen hold the stirrup while the cad mounts." 'Oh, fie! you wicked boy. If mamma

heard you-'Better than Honoria's doing so," he laughed. "I'll tell you what, Cas, if this household intends to have such a

'And such a governess," cried the rl, shaking her finger. "Well, yes, and such a governess,"

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he added, "there'll be followers enough to please Honie."

"Followers. How low you are Hector," laughed Cas. "That's servant-girl language. I blush for you. If you talk so you will make Miss Langton is along."

you talk so you will make ton jealous."

"Should I," smiled Hector, yet coloring slightly. "Now, pussy, it's my turn. If mamma heard you! Does Miss Langdon make you her confidente, pray?"

"I do not intend to tell you."

"I do not intend to tell you."

"True, my love. P'r'aps, signora, the letters will be enough."

They were duly examined. As the They were duly examined.

Langton?

excited your curiosity or vanity-which?" cried Cas, roguishly, "Now, I'll tell you. I am sure she is in love; but I believe she doesn't care for you one bit. There." 'And I believe that, too," said Hector, mimicking his sister, who had darted upstairs. "That woman a lady's maid!" he added, leaving the

house. "What superb eyes! I wonder if mother will engage her." Meanwhile Maria had been ushered into the presence of Mrs. Mannering and Honoria, the former of whom was a little awed, the latter mightly impressed, by the Italian's appearance. Such a lady's maid must give style to her employers. Consequently Maria's statement of her capabilities was exceedingly well received, especially the names of the high families where she

had been employed.

Mrs. Mannering tried to look as if titles were "household words," but she began to feel a little frightened. Maria seemed so grand, and such a lady. But Honoria had already decided; and when that was so, the affair was finished. The titles had determined her, while the climax was reached on hearing Maria was an Italian.

After a hurried whispered conversa-Mrs. Mannering, smoothing her dressing-gown with her jeweled hands,

"Well, signora, I think we may get on very well together. I don't object to the wages; money ain't of any ac-count to me. But there's one thing that may be a drawback; my lady' maid was taken ill suddenly, and had to go home immediately, leaving me without a soul to do my 'air. Now, when could you come?'

"If, madam," answered Maria, eagerly catching the opportunity it offered to avoid mentioning Lady Westbrook, "you would be satisfied with these written characters which I have have brought, instead of waiting to apply, I would come today."

"Today!" "Today!"

They were duly examined. As the mother and daughter read their eyes wandered furtively to the stamped coronet and the crest. Fruth must lurk therein; the words of their owners could not possibly be doubted; so the matter, to Maria's secret relief, was settled without any reference to Lucille, and she departed promising to return in a few hours.

"They seem very good people," she said, in answer to a query from Miss Pyefinch. "I like the mother, and one thing much contents me; I do not think it probable I shall encounter in their circle any of Lady Westbrook's

That evening Maria won the gratitude of both mother and daughter. Never had they been dressed to look so well, and, perfectly satisfied, they sailed down to the carriage, and rattled off to Lady Bunby Portsoaken's

Left alone, Maria turned down the lamp, and, taking her old position on the rug before the fire, fell into revetie. Her thoughts fled back to Lucille. She could not help comparing her present engagement with her last, until her lashes were heavy with tears that did not fall, when she was startled by a pleasant voice addressing her:

"Pardon my intruding upon your solitude, signora," it said; "but I imagined you might feel lonely here the first night." Maria looked up, beheld a tall, gentle, graceful woman smilingly gazing down at her. It was the governess, Miss

"What a sweet, lovely face, yet how sad!" she exclaimed, mentally, before she found words to acknowledge the kind consideration.

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Woman Suffrage in South Africa

The fact that women are entitled to vote is now viewed with general satisfaction in South Australia, and no one would advocate a return to the old system. Former opponents, you will often find, eventually become your warmest supporters. Once overcome this vis inertiae of existing conditions, and those who were once hostile will come forward to congratulate you, and will even, in some cases, declare that they have all along been quietly on your side.

What as to the result of the emancipation of women? The influence of women has, we have found, quietly pervaded the realm of politics. All the great forces of nature are gentle in their operation. The change that has taken place is a very great one; it is nothing less than doubling the power of the franchise; yet this peaceful revolution has been effected withommon sense and good judgmen of the women have influenced the opinion of their husbands as often as the other way. But, as a rule, thusbands and wives vote together. But, as a rule, the

One result of the women's vote has been greater attention to social, sanitary, domestic and industrial legislation. We have observed that the cause of temperance has received an accession of strength, for women are naturally anxious that as few snares as possible should be set for the feet those who are near and dear to them. Anything that affects the general health of the community now receives great attention. The influence women in politics has thus been in the direction of moral and physical soundness for the whole people. A greater stress has also been laid on questions of inheritance; for our laws in this respect are not yet quite fair

to women. Industrial questions, such as factory legislation, have received increased attention. Nothing sudden phere.-Woman's Journal.

### Table Decorations.

Table centers are no longer the newest things, certainly, but they are still much used, and are made of all kinds of materials. The soft cream silk, fluffed into billows, edged and crossed with trails of smilax, with sprays of roses, either all of one color-though varying in shade—or harmonizing in tint, laid on it, would 'ook exquisite with the silver lamps, especially if you had a rather high basket filled with roses loosely arranged as if falling out of it, a trail being wreathed around the handle, and kept in place with a deftly tied bow of satin ribbon for the center piece. Decorations appear to vary now between extreme height and extreme lowness, so that guests may eithersee each other uninterruptedly over or under the decorations. The epergne, if a really handsome one, might very well be used if artistically decorated either with fruit or trails of roses and smilax. The fact is, there is not any very definite fashion in table decorations just now, but everyone uses what seems best and most artistic in their own eyes and most convenient for

How Best to Cook Sweet

Potatoes. With sweet potatoes now approaching their season of perfection, at least in our northern markets, a word as to their cooking is timely. Only southern cooks apparently can bring out the real flavor of these eubers, as those who have eaten them in the south can testify. A baked sweet potato, after it has left the supervision of an old plantation cook, is a thing to remember. Its heart, tender and mealy, er ased in a crisp brown shell, from i lich oozes the "candy," as the sch sweet cry-stallized juice is called, makes as toothsome a morsel as is often partaken of. Another way, and this is the southern style of the cook books, serves them in a sort of stew. The Boston cooking school gives the following as the procedure in such preparation: Into a large flat-bottomed saucepan or cooking pot, put two tablespoonfuls of butter and one of sugar. When hot lay in enough raw sweet potatoes (pared, cut in two lengthwise, and seasoned with salt and pepper), to closely cover the bottom, and another layer, not close, on the top. Pour on enough water to half cover the lower layer, cover the vessel tightly, and place where the heat gentle, that the cooking may be

slow. When the lower tayers are brown change them to the top, letting the others brown. By the time both are done, the water will have evaporated, leaving a very little butter sauce to pour over the potatoes in serving.

### Ringlets Can Be Had by Giving Proper Attention.

Hairdressing has become such an art that women use it to emphasize their 'good points." A clever woman knows that a pompadour arrangement of the hair will emphasize her Roman nose, so unless he is in a severe mood, she does not dress her hair a la pompadour, but actually parts it softly from her face, and gathers it loosely and gracefully at the crown of her head. The woman with a little "pug" nose and round chin parts her front hair in the middle, bringing it down over the ears, with the slightest wave, and coils it in the nap of her neck in a out the slightest disturbance. As a most bewitching manner. No matter rule, families vote together. Not that the women vote under the dictation be naturally straight she does not pin of the men of the family. I think that it in two little curls that are so much

in vogue now. The young woman with a saucy nose is observant, and has studied these little curls pinned in the coiffures of straight-haired women, sitting in front of her in the trolley cars. If her hair happens to be the least bit wavy she can pin in the two little curls, or, better still, curls the ends of her own

front hair and be happy. There is really nothing that so pre-disposes a woman to contentment as the knowledge that her hair is dressed becomingly. When she knows that her forehead is well developed, or well formed, she will always comb her hair softly back from her face, and either arrange it in soft coils on the top of her head or just below the crown. This arrangement is the sweetest and most natural way.

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The Aylmer Canning Company are now busy on pumpkins and peaches. "Daisy" Moore was married on Monday to Miss Maggie Terry, at Simcoe.

The temperance workers of Windsor have given up the idea of holding a mass meeting. The harvest home services of St. Mary's Church, Walkerville, will be held next Sunday.

Rev. Mr. Shaw, of the Brownsville Baptist Church has tendered his resignation of his charge. Bert Charland, of Windsor, was married on Tuesday, night to Miss Susie Dagg, of Detroit.

The Ontario, Provincial Fat Stock and Dairy Show will be held in Brantford on Nov. 30 and Dec. 1 and 2. Fruit farmers from Troy are making large shipments of peaches and grapes to Ottawa and Montreal from

Ridgetown. The busiest spot in Ridgetown is Graham's evaporating works, Erie street. Hundreds of bushels of apples are being cut up daily. The Baptist Church, Aylmer, will ex-tend a call to Rev. Mr. Bates, of Col-

lege Street Baptist Church, Toronto, to become their pastor. Albert Foster, arrested at Windsor on a charge of stealing hides to the value of \$10 from C. L. Petter, was sentenced to a year in the Central

A Simcoe correspondent writes: The temperance question seems to be dead here in town as a public matter, although many private opinions are expressed upon it.

Mr. M. T. Burn, Tilsonburg, is having a triumphal progress with his fancy poultry at the fall fairs in the United States. Last week he exhibit ed in Middleton, N. Y., and won \$411 in prizes.

Mr. C. E. Henry went to Leamington on Tuesday to attend the packing and shipping of a large consignment of apples for the British market. A lot of 1,000 barrels was purchased for him by his brother there.

Major J. E. Johnson, of Leamington, went to the Klondike last spring in charge of a party, but never got there. In a letter to his wife he says he is coming back and that he is "nothing but skin and bone and whiskers."

The anniversary service of the Plain's Baptist Church, Union, will be held next Sunday, Sept. 25, Preaching at 3 p.m., by the Rev. Mr. Hartley, of Thomas. On the following Monday evening a teameeting and concert will be given

The building trade has been so dull in Windsor for some time past that Charles Thompson, of Thompson Bros., contractors, has gone to Manitoba and British Columbia to look for an outlet for the energies of the firm. He is accompanied by Andrew Smith, brick-Rev. M. McGregor moderated at a

well-attended meeting of the congregation of Culloden and Verschoyle Tuesday, convened for the purpose of calling a minister. Two names were put in nomination, but as it was found impossible to reach a unanimous finding the matter was deferred. The committee on teachers of Windsor's school board will recommend the

pointment of James Neilson, of Collingwood, as commercial master of the collegiate institute, at a salary of \$800, and Mrs. Colborne and Miss D. Hincks to the supernumerary staff. Frank Finnert, aged 17, who lives on

the Goddard road, Ecorse, went coon hunting Monday with his brother George. He shot a coon, but the animal was still alive when he reached it, and to finish the job he struck it with the butt of the gun. The stock struck the ground and broke off, at the same time discharging the barrel. The charge struck young Finnert in the abdomen, passing through his body. George took his wounded brother on his back, and carried him about a mile his home, where he died an hour later.

The first case before Judge Rose of the Waterloo assizes Wednesday was that of Gross vs. Brodrecht. The plaintiff is a maiden lady, Miss Gross, of New Hamburg, who claims \$1,000 damages for an alleged assault in 1896 by Henry Brodrecht of the same town. This case has been on the go for three years. At the last trial a verdict was brought in favor of the plaintiff, which was appealed against and a new trial ordered. The result today is the reverse, the jury bringing in a verdict favorable to the defense, setting aside the action with costs. Wenger vs. Umbaih, an action for trespass. Judgment for plaintiff.

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Northern, Ailsa Craig, Sept. 22-23. Essex, Great Southwestern, Sept. 22-24. West Williams, Parkhill, Sept. 27-28. South Grey, Durham, Sept. 27-28. Blenheim, Drumbo; Sept. 27-28. Palmerston, Palmerston, Sept. 27-28. Wingham, Sept. 27-28. Mitchell, Sept. 27-28. Center Bruce, Paisley, Sept. 27-28.

Peninsular, Chatham, Sept. 27-29, Northwestern, Goderich, Sept. 27-29 Sombra Township Agricultural Fair Sept. 28. Petrolia and Enniskillen, Sept. 28-29. Zone and Bothwell, Bothwell, Sept.

Pelee Island, Pelee, Sept. 29-30. Mornington, Milverton, Sept. 29-30. Oxford, Kemptville, Sept. 29-30. West Elgin, Wallacetown, Sept. 29-30 South Waterloo, Galt, Sept. 29-30. Ingersoll, Ingersoll, Sept. 29-30. Wallaceburg, Sept. 29-30. East Nissouri, Thamesford, Sept. 30. Bosanquet, Thedford, Sept. 30. Plympton and Wyoming, Sept. 30. East Nissouri, Thamesford, Sept. 30.

Springfield, Sept. 30-Oct. 1. Tilbury West and North Comber, Oct. Raleigh, Oct. 3-4. North Riding of Oxford, Woodstock, Oct. 3-5 North Oxford, Woodstock, Oct. 3-5. Thamesville, Thamesville, Oct. 3-4

Merlin, Oct. 3-4.
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Oxford and Norwich, Otterville, Oct. Delaware, Oct. 12. Dresden, Oct. 12-13. 7-8.

Rodney, Oct. 10-11. "World's Fair," Rockton, Oct. 11-12. West Nissouri, Thorndale, Oct. 12. Great Northern, Belle River, Oct. 11-12. Sutton, Sutton, Oct. 13-14. Erin, Erin, Oct. 13-14. Highgate, Oct. 14-15. Moravian, Moraviantown, Oct. 17-20.

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