The Lightkeeper's Daughter.

Twilight settled darkly down on the rush of white capped waters round the lighthouse base—twilight over the rocky land in its gray mantle,—and I sitting by the little alis of a window, my chin flame floated across the moving surface resting on my hand, looking out over of the deep, with reassuring shine. And the darkness and desolation of the as I gazed a bur came over my eyesight, waving world of waters. I was alone, a choking sensation in my throat, and I branch roads in Minnesota, in the inbut I minded it not a whit. I was us it to that, and it was such sweet

two nights; but I felt myself fully comperent to manage the lights. I had me it often and often, and there was struck twelve. a sense of human companionship in the idea of all the eyes that were turning in it?"

thing and another I was pretty completely occupied until noon. Then as I chanced to look towards the nearest I am a happy matron now, with little point of land, I saw a white flag flutter-

case of any help needed. lighthouse all alone?

But if my father was ill-in troubleneeded me? I knew how to manage I believe it—how can I help it? the little boat as well as any Grace Darling that ever figured in romance of real life. I could easily pull to shore in alf an hour, in the present state of the tides, and there was no need of lights for six hours to come. And without stopping to argue the matter further, I therefore, it happened that during his rushed down stairs, loosened the boat pastoral calls he made several ludicrous from its hooks, and was half a dozen vards away from the rocky tower before any misgiving ever entered my mind.

Too late to look back now. I kept

my eyes fixed on the flutter of the white flag and pulled long, resolute strokes as if I had been a man.

As I drew nearer shore I could discern figures grouped around the rocky points, nd my heart sickened within me with the apprehension of some overshadow-

But they were only girls, as I presently perceived—Adam Stokes' daughters from the old farm-house under the hill, who gathered about me, as I sprang ashore, dimpling laughter and eyes of merry mischief.

"I knew we would bring you, Lizzie," said Ellen Stokes. "I knew what the signal was." I gazed from one toanother with white lips and enquiring

It means that we wanted to see you, Lizzie child-about Kate's weding deen you know and here you are. So come up to the house as fast you

"It was wrong Miriam," I said grave-"I must go back at once." "When you have looked at the dress Lizzie, and not before," said she, clasping both my hands resolutely in

And half vexed with myself, and wholly with them, I yielded. It was ite true what she said. It would take me but a short time to go down to the farm house and look at Kate's things; and I had a woman's natural ed a good three hours yet to dusk. I agony, did he not?" had been prisoned more than a week in the octagonal walls of the lighthouse. So I yielded.

The girls took me back with them in triumph. I liked them well enoughthey were all merry, warm-hearted girls, with no harm in them; but I had always him, for you can replace him with anmanaged to evade their brother Laur- other quite as good," ence since that evening among the pines when I told him I never could be his as good a one as he."

"I must get back to the lighthouse," I said, starting up before I had fairly seen all the gauds and gewgaws pre-

He put on his hat and walked with we gut to the jagged stone over which of rope remained. The boat had got loose and floated away.

"Bring your boat around here. Laurence. For the love of heaven do. See those heavy clouds darkening around the sinset; it will be dusk before we

"Lizzie, you know what I have most at heart in this world. Promise me that, and I will do everything for you. If not-why, this night's work will lose your father his place as lightkeeper." "Laurence, you-you would not be

"I have told you the alternativeindifferently. " Never !"

intense malice in his eyes ; then turned hair apt to fly a little?" deliberately and walked away, leaving "He didn't have any hair. He was

Alone among the ragged rocks with the merciless, never-wearing tides fill- "No, sir, no more of a curiosity than ing my ears with horrible iteration. I you are."

The minister shifted uneasily and got to the called for him, but he never turned his head; and then, clasping my hands, I head; and then, clasping my nands, 1 attack.

sank flown among the stones, carcless "Did you use the whip much to sank down among the stones,
of the spray that almost sprinkled my him?"
"Never, sir."

The sun had long since set in a stormy sky, as if it was a sea of blood—the darkness was creeping in black shadows over the face of the deep- and a horrible vision swept across my cruel mind of great ships wrecked at sea, upon the reefs, and the watchful eye of the lighthouse closed and unbeckoning! Of lost souls whose ruin should weigh my soul for evermore; of the cry of drowned men, and the shine of lost treasure that the sea would not give up; of people watching for the inward ride of stately ships, whose haven would

never be reached. It was just about the hour that I namally lighted the lamp, and now,-Oh! I dreaded to lift my eyes to the ck outline of the lighthouse tower in the distance, but a hideous fascination seemed to draw them thither. I slowly horse died?" raised my head and turned it towards

band died a week ago." Great heavens! At that self-

glorious, as the star in the east must ever seen on a mortal man. have shone to the Magi. I sprang up "And to think," he groaned, as he myself to be the victim of an optical de- to that woman all the time, and she shore—twilight folding the far away lusion, but it was reality. The lamp in was talking husband."—United States

my forehead with water; while, at the

and there's no telling what might be-All this chanced ten long years ago.

children's voices sounding in the appleing from the tall pole among the rocks, orchard whose blooming branches brush the signal father and I had agreed on in my casements—Harry Morton's wife but I have never forgotten the horrors My heart stopped beating and then of that stormy twilight, when the eye was wrecked at sea, and Kate's lover door, and then laid them down again down again door, and the lighthouse beamed redly on my again down again despairingly. How could I leave the all. Dear, dear, how strangely things

A Big Mistake.

Recently our church had a new minister. He is a nice, sociable gentleman, but being from a distant State of course he was unacquainted with our people. pastoral calls he made several ludicrous blunders. One of them was as follows: The other evening he called upon Mrs. Haddon. She had just lost her

"Blind staggers was the disease, l

"Come, it won't take you balf with an axe to put him out of pain, I

" No, sir." "Well, I have been misinformed, then. How old was he?"

"Thirty-five." "Then he did not do much active work. Perhaps you are as well without him, for you can replace him with an-

"Never, sir-never again will I see

"Oh, yes, you will. He had the heaves bad, you know." " Nothing of the kind." "Why, I recollect I saw him one day

with you on his back, and I distinctly recollect that he had the heaves, and me to the point of rocks. But when he walked as if he had the spring-halt.' Mrs. Haddon stared at her reverend I had cast my mooring line, only a piece visitor as if she imagined he was crazy. "He could never have had the springhalt, for he had a cork leg," she re-

I turned with a frightened look to turned. "A cork leg? remarkable! But Sarsaparilla really, now, did he not have a danger ons trick of suddenly stopping, and

kicking a wagon all to pieces?" "Never; he was not a madman, sir." "Probably not. There was some good points in him."

"I should think so !" "The way in which he carried his ears, for example." "Nobody else ever noticed that par ticular merit," said she with asperity. "He was warm-hearted, generous and

frank. "Good qualities," said he, abstractyou have only to decide," he answered edly. "How long did it take him to go a mile?" "Fifteen minutes." He looked at me for a minute with | " Not much of a goer. Wasn't his

quite bald-headed."

Quick a curiosity.

"Went along without, eh?"

"He must have been a remarkably good sort of brute." Mrs. Haddon turned very white, but she made no reply.

The minister hardly knew what to say, but finally blurted out-"What I most admired about him was the beautiful waggle of his tail." The widow sat down and cried.

"The idea of your coming here and insulting me," she sobbed. "If my husband had lived you would not have done it. Your remarks in reference to that poor, dead man have been but a series of insults. I won't stand it."

He colored and looked dumbfounded "He, no."
"Ain't you Mrs. Blinkers," he stammered, "and has not your old grey

"I never owned a horse, but my hus-Ten minutes later the minister car

stant the light streamed out red and out of the house with the reddest face

with a scream, momentarily believing strode home, "that I was talking horse ST. JOHN

Home Testimony.

The recent completion of several remembered nothing more until I waked terest of the Chicago & North-Western within the familiar walls of the light- Railway Company, suggests a statehouse, with father's kind face hending ment of the total mileage of this giant over me, and Harry Morton sprinkling corporation, and we give elsewhere a complete official table of the different same moment the clock on the mantel lines which it operates, together with a map showing the entire system as now "Who," I gasped-" Who lighted completed. It will be seen that the the darkness to the red beacon star of the Whiteledge Lighthouse.

At aunries I extinguished the lights and busied myself, singing at my work, with cleaning the glasses, trimming the wicks, and replemishing the great remust occur again. It's a windy night, and there's no telling what might be seen that the completed. It will be seen that the total length of lines of the Chicago & North-Western Railway is 2,168½. This is the greatest mileage operated by any company in this country. It is made up of six divisions of the Chicago & North-Western proper, and eight proprietary lines, and the whole system must occur again. It's a windy night, and there's no telling what might be a vast and complex system of railways evidently requires talent of the highest order, and the splendid condition, financial as well as physical, which the

property now exhibits is sufficient testi-mony to the ability of the management.

The nucleus of this great system, the old Galena & Chicago Union railway, was opened from Chicago to Elgin, 42 miles, in 1850, only twenty-eight years ago. The Chicago & North-Western Pailway Company, cape into being as all. Dear, dear, how strangely things do happen in this world! Harry says it is all nonsense talking about luck—but the few short years that have followed the young corporation has gone for ward with astonishingly rapid strides to its present proud position. What its future enlar ement may be is left to imagination. A study of the map, imagination. A study of the map, which shows the system already reaches into five states and a territory, may

prove suggestive of possibilities yet shead.—R. R. Age, Dec. 12, 1878. HERE IS MORE OF IT. The New York Herald has been look ing over the business that is annually transacted by the Chicago & North-Western Railway Company, and the more the writer considers it the more Mrs. Haddon. She had just lost her husband, and naturally thought that his visit was relative to the sad occurrence. So, after a few common places had been exchanged, she was not at all surprised to hear him remark:

"It was a sad bereavement, was it not, Mrs. Haddon?"

"Yes," faltered the widow.

"Totally unexpected."

"Oh, yes; I never dreamed of it."

"He died in the barn, I suppose."

"Oh, no; in the house."

"Ah, well, I suppose you must have thought a great deal of him."

"Of course, sir,"—this with vim.

The minister looked rather surprised, crossed his legs and renewed the conversation.

Western Ralway Company, and the more the writer considers it the more he worders at the immense magnitude of its transactions, the great length of its lines, the incomparable wealth, fertility, and expansiveness of the sections that it penetrates, and the brilliant future which this gigantic corporation has before it. In collecting the data for its article, the Herald finds that the North-Western operates, 2,100 miles of road, and reaches every important point almost in Northern Michigan, in Iowa, in Minnesota, and runs many miles in Dakota. If its lines were laid eastward from New York they would extend more than two-thirds of the way across the Atlantic, or they would reach from the pine clad hills of Maine to the sunny shores of the Gulf of Mexico. The Herald continues:

Take down your man and trace its

"Blind staggers was the disease, I believe," he said.

"No, sir," answered the widow snappishly; "it was apoplexy."

"Indeed; possibly you may have fed him a little too much."

"He was always capable of feeding himself, sir."

"Very intelligent he must have been. Died hard, didn't he?"

"He did."

"You had to hit him on the head with an axe to put him on of pain, I heard."

Mrs. Haddon's eyes snapped fire.

"Wheever told you so didn't speak the truth," said she, haughtily."

"James died naturally."

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"Take down your map and trace its routes. Erx your eye on Chicago as a starting point. Westward, in nearly an air line, you will trace its California line at Tours. Extracts. Accorbarons. Chatham, Depart, 212 in 10.25 " 10.25 " 10.25 " Arrive, 2.55 " 10.25 " Arrive, 2.55 " 10.25 " No. 4.

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"Jes," replied the minister in a slightly perplexed tone, "he kicked the side of the barn down in his dying Escanaba, Negaunee, Ishpeming Marquette—here is another 440 of road. Then we have a line from Chicago to Elgin, Rockford and Free-port; another from Clinton, Ia., to Anamosa, in the same State; another from Kenosha, on Lake Michigan, to Rockford, in Northern Illinois; and,

> found out all of the Chicago & North-Western Railway.
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