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## TRIAL FOR LIFE

CHAPTER XX.

The next morning, while Lady Etheridge was engaged in giving directions to her maid in regard to the safe keeping of her costly jewelry, preparatory to her the country, a letter was laid before her, which, opening, she found to be the appointment of herself as maid of honor to the Queen, with a command to her to repair immediately to Windson

there the court was then residing.
With the letter in her hand, Rose went to the dressing-room of the duchess, and, being admitted, put it into her hands. "My dear, this is fortunate. You need not now leave town; the court of Queen Charlotte will be a refuge," said

the duchess, with a smile. the duchess, with a smile.

Rose answered that smile with a brighter one. Young, beautiful, wealthy and noble—queen of beauty and of fashion in her first London season—she was well pleased to be delivered from the necessity of leaving town at the very necessity of leaving town at the very acme of her social triumph.
"You need not countermand your

packing, my dear, as you must take your wardrobe to Windsor with you, of course, 'said the duchess.
"When should I leave?" inquired Rose.

"To-morrow afternoon, at farthest. I shall go down in a few days after you. run away and superintend your

And the interview closed. The evening of the same day a tail thin dark figure of a man, with his coat collar turned up and his hat pulled low over his brow, might have been seen treading some of the narrowest courts and alleys in one of the most crowded parts of central London. He reused he represents the figure of danger has also the largest and the largest and the largest and the largest has also the largest and the largest and the largest has also the largest and the largest and the largest has also the largest and the largest has also the largest and the largest and the largest has also the largest and the largest has also the largest and the largest and the largest has also the largest and the larg parts of central London. He paused he-fore a gerat, dilapidated house, that had in the olden times, been the town mansion of a proud prelate; but, long fallen from its high estate, was a tenement from its high estate, was a tenement crowded with beggars, tramps and with thieves, who after pursuing, ail day long, their nefarious trades through the strets, retired here at night, some to eat, drink and sleep, some to concoct new plans of robbery, and others to hide new plans of robbery, and others to hide she is not to be won on any other from the pursuit of the law, for as yet terms. To-morrow afternoon this girl the character of this house was known to the police, and its moldering walls, yet afforded sure refuge for fugi-

Disgusting place! What ever can Roberts be hiding for now? For nothing that has brought him much profit, or he would not be perdu here; he would get out of the country," said the man, as he entered the wide, open hall door, and picked his way, loathingly, along a lofty passage and up a broad staircase, com-mon to all the tenants of the building and as filthy as the foulest outside alley, or the most neglected stable yard. The only modification was that on every successive landing the dirt was a little less thick and moist, as though the adgradually fallen off from ascending foot-From the open doors of every om in this house squalid children tumbled in and out, and the querulous voices of angry, drunken, or suffering men and

Through all this the visitor passed up to the third floor, and turned to a door on the right, and gave a peculiar rap.
"Come in," said a very pleasant, man-

was your voice, but where are you?" in-quired he, looking, about him, in the semiobscurity of the apartment.

answered the same clear, soft roice, as the owner emerged from some porner and opened the window shut-etting in a sufficiency of light to the room and its meagre furni-a large, four-posted bed, with dark ters, letting in a sufficiency of light to reveal the room and its and tattered green curtains, a worm-eat-en oak table, rickety chairs, and so forth.

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diseases known.

Influenza.

known to medical science.

some, fair-haired man, with a sweet and

happy and candid expression of coun-"Welcome, most noble Mac., to the old palace of the lora bishops of Ely. It is many centuries since the followers of a court honored its halls wit the ir presence," said the inmate of this room, advancing to meet his visitor.

"Eh, good Heavens, William, what has brought you, the greatest epicurean in town, to this beastly place?" exclaimed the visitor, in dismay.
"Necessity, good Mac; necessity which

knows no law. But I may ask in my turn, what brings the most assiduous courtier of the day into this same 'beastly' place?"

"Remotely, the same necessity; proximately your note of this morning."
"Ay, my note. I wrote to you by a trusty messenger to send me ten pounds;
I thought you would have sent it."
"I chose to bring it. I have been for days in search of you, and considered myself very lucky this morning in receiving your note."
"Even though it cost you ten pounds."

"Even though it cost you ten pounds," laughed the fair-haired man.
"Even so," said the other, going to the door and securing it. Then, returning to the side of William Roberts, he said:

"I wish to engage you in an enterprise of some danger, but much profit."
"You know, Mac," said the soft-spoken man, "that danger is a decidedly objec-tionable element in any enterprise in

spice of danger, has also the largest "Explain."

"I will, darkly. For instance, a certain nobleman has become desperately enamored of a certain beautiful girl, without parents or guardian to proher. He cannot marry the girl upon account of our national prejudice in favor of a man having but one wife, and terms. To morrow atternoon takes a journey to Windsor in a postand footman. She must be waylaid and

The fair-haired, soft-spoken man shook his head, murmuring: "Ugly business! Ugly business! 1s

nobleman privy to this proceed-"Nay, now, William, you do not show

what I say is, that I shall place this beauty in his power, and give him the opportunity and the choice of playing the desperate lover or the magnanimous was not known or suspected beyon families of Beresleigh and Lester.

Lady Lester, as I have said, patro dissection of the playing the desperate lover or the magnanimous of the playing and set of the playing the playi

"Perilous! But what aid do you re-"Such aid only as shall make you personally perfectly safe. You must engage six or eight of your most resolute companions. They must start for Windson to morrow morning, and go on voice.

The visitor entered a large front Windsor to-morrow morning, and go on until they reach Hounslow Heath. There, room, dark, dingy and scantily furnish at some convenient place, they must dised, yet free from the dirt that defiled guise and mask themselves, and lie in

i. yet free from the dirt that defiled ne lower rooms and passages.

"Ek! what the deuce, Roberts; that as your voice, but where are you?" indired he, looking, about him, in the semi-indired he, looking, about him, and the semi with as little violence as possible."
"Difficult, my dear Mac! Very diffi-cult! But my own part seems to be very

The occupant was a well-dressed, hand- wood half a mile from the 'Magpie,' and

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rescue this young lady from the ruf-lians." his self-conceit, thanked him for the hon-

"Rescue her? I don't understand. Why in the world should she be carried off if we are to rescue her?"
"Simply for that very purpose—that we may rescue her. This enamored no-bleman of whom I speak is a man of the highest honor. He would never countenance violence. If your ruffians, for instance after carrying off the hearty. ance violence. If your ruffians, for instance, after carrying off the beauty, were to carry her to him, she would be sent back in honor to her friends, and they would be transported for their pains. But if you and myself should be so fortunate as to rescue this beauty from the hands of the robbers, at a spot mear the country house owned by this mobleman, and carry her to that house one of the mest day, so that it was between four and five o'clock that Lady Etherfour the hands of the robbers, at a spot mear the country house owned by this one of the mest heaviful suburbs of the mear the country house owned by this nobleman, and carry her to that house as a safe refuge for the night, there is no law of honor to prevent my lord from receiving her with the most exigent hospitality, and rewarding her gallant deliverers with princely munificence."

"With 'princely munificence." I understand it all now, my dear Mac."

"Pray understand no more than is necessary to carry out our plans, which you see have only the least flavor of the spice of danger for your friends, and mone at all for yourself. You have only to help me to rescue a young lady from passed the heath for the last week that hasn't been at stopped by footpads. And a passil o' very suspicious looking char-

to help me to rescue a young lady from the power of thieves, who will be inthe power of thieves, who will be in-structed only to make a show of resist-ance. You will have all the glory and profit, and none of the danger."
"Humph! And this profit, dear

"Five hundred pounds, when the lady is safe at Howlet Close, the country

"I am your man, dear Mac! and now as it is dark enough without for me to emerge from my inner obscurity, I will go out and beat up the necessary re-cruits. You can find me in this room again to morrow morning, dear Mac, for, like ghosts that 'visit the glimpses of the moon, I have to get back into my grave, this house, as soon as it is light without. Ah, Mac, times have changed Forty-fifth. I have gone —down, down, down; you—up, up, up. I hide in the darkness of an old recry; you bask in the sunshine of a court."

"It is you own fault, William. You labor, pain and danger. What you would do must be done in profound secrecy, and is done with so much caution and hesitation as to defeat its purpose. If you had an enemy, William, that you were obliged to get rid of, you would not challenge him and run him through the body, as I should, because you would not like to see his blood flow, and would very much dislike to and would very much dislike to have your own spilled. No, you would get rid of your enemy by administering to fired one shot from his double barreled in the content of the should be read was about to fire another him some slow, sweet poison, that should pistol and was about to fire bring on a gentle decline, and easy, pain-when he was mastered and dissection. less death. Nay, I could even imagines you sitting by the bed, smoothing the pillows, and soothing the last hours of that enemy whom you had so gently con-ducted to death—you are so benevolen as well as so effeminate." The fair-haired man smiled softly and

rightly, murmuring:
"You were always a flatterer, Mac; even before you dreamed of be

They shook hands and parted. "A desperate crisis when a man feels imself driven to an act for which he oes not know whether he shall be rewarded or reviled," murmured the pernage called Mac, as he descended the stairs.

That same evening the Duchess of Beresleigh and family were due at Lester House, where Lady Lester received her "dear five hundred friends." They went early, intending to return early. And, again, the two young women—the antipodes of the social world—met, to be "Nay, now, William, you do not show your usual perspicacity. My lord will do nothing, and permit nothing to be done, unworthy of a—nobleman."
"But yet he would avail himself of any circumstance that placed this girl in his power?"
"Nay, I do not even say that; but what I say is, that I shall place this was not known or suspected beyond the light of the social world—met, to be rival stars of the assembly—Rosamond, Lady Etheridge of Swinburne, a snow-white golden-haired, blue-eyed and rosy-lipped beauty; and Laura Elmer, the governess, a tall, dark, brilliant brunette and genius—the poetess of the day.

The humble position of Miss Elmer was not known or suspected beyond the

is not known or suspected beyond Lady Lester, as I have said, patronized Miss Elmer as the influential friend of the Baroness of Etheridge, and society accepted Miss Elmer at the hands of

Lady Lester.

That evening, as usual, the Duke of Beresleigh avoided Lady Etheridge, leaving her to be attended and followed by a troop of adorers, while he himself di vided his attentions impartially among the ladies of his acquaintance present.

Rose was principally surrounded by aspiring bachelors and widowers and aspiring bachelors and widowers and their anxious mothers and sisters; and stead of ringing a bell, it simply drops Laura by old litterateurs, who were, with a weight, which attracts the attention an odd mixture of curiosity, jealousy and of the inmates by the vibration it admiration, welcoming a newcomer into causes. Then Shaw has a sort of alarm their Olympian sphere, and by others clock that controls wires which move the their Olympian sphere, and by others who, without having any literary jeal-ousy or matrimonial designs, simply de-

observing these things, went and whis-pered to him her advice that he should plead indisposition and retire. And Sir Vincent, glad to escape, immediately folowed her counsel.

Lady Lester, in watching the moodi-ness of Sir Vincent for the last few days, was in serious anxiety for his health and reason; and could find but one solu-

"He is in love with Miss Elmer. Tese dark-haired people are very uncertain, impulsive and unreasonable, and difficult to be restrained by church or state; I the girl would encourage him a little than that he should be looking and act-ing so strangely as to draw upon himself he animadversions of all our friends,'

Lady Lester was thus seeking While Lady Lester was thus seeking and not finding out the true explanation of the baronet's uneasiness, her son Ruthven Lester, by patience and perseverance, in watching and availing himself of the first opportunity, had succeeded in detaching Lady Etheridge from all others, and leading her into the recess of a bay window, where, with the confidence of a young man, on admirable terms with himself, he declared his possion and made a formal offer of his passion and made a formal offer of his

Lady Etheridge, inwardly amused at

or he intended her, but begged leave to decline it. And when the young gentleman would have pressed his suit, she terminated the interview by rising and joining the company

joining the company.

And soon after the Duchess of Beresleigh ordered her carriage and they returned home.

forewarning; so, instead of communicating it to Lady Etheridge, he replied:
"Oh, I think we will try to get on, at least as far as the Magpie, where we can sleep if necessary.' And gathering can sleep if necessary.' 'up his reins, he drove on.

They were soon out upon the open heath, where nothing could be more weird, dreary and desolate than the aspect of heaven and earth. The sky was overclouded, dark and lowering single sta was visible. The heath was bare, lone and shadowy, from the murky centre to the obscured horizon. The only sound was that of the solitary carriage as it rolled along the night road. Yet no sense of fear troubled the heart of Lady Etheridge; she had heard none have twice the genius I have, but you are too effeminate, too much afraid of labor, pain and danger. What you would do must be done in profound secreey, and is done with so much cau-

when he was mastered and disarmed.

"Yield quietly and no harm shall befall you!" said one of the assilants, as

the struggling man.

The door of the carriage was then opened, and the inmates summoned to Lady Etherbridge, controlling her excessive terror, drew off her diamond ring, took off her watch and chain, drew out her purse and offering them all to the men, besought them to set her coach-man at liberty, and let her proceed up-

threw down and gagged and bound

on her journey.

But the loud screams of the maid drowned at oce her proffer and thir re-

ply.
"Stop the mouth of that screeching what the lady "Stop the mouth of that screeching vixen, and let us hear what the lady says," commanded a leader among the assailants, and in another instant the poor screaming maid was seized, gagged, bound, and laid by the side of the helpless coachman, with the taunting words:
"Misery loves company, my lass."
Lady Etheridge was again summoned to come forth; her controlling her agi-

to come forth; but, controlling her agi-tation, she said: "Listen to me! Here is all the money and jewelry that I have about me; take it all, free my servants, and let us pur-

sue our journey "Yes, my lady; certainly, your lady-hip," said the leader, pocketing the ofship," fered valuables, and gently, but forcibly lifting Lady Etheridge from the cariage.

(To be continued.) Home Comforts of a Deaf and Dumb

Inventor. W. E. Shaw, a deaf and dumb ele trical worker and inventor, has a most interesting home. His wife is also a deaf mute, and they really have every conrenience that people enjoy who have all

their senses.

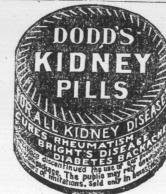
Any one who calls at the Dorchester pillow under his head, and another which at an appointed time flashed a light in

Information Held Back.

There had been a fatal railroad accident and the reporter sought informa-

"See here,' said the official, testily, "you fellows must think we have acci-dents for your benefit." "Perhaps you wouldn't mind telling me rhose benefit you have them for?" reoined the reporter.

But even touching this point the official was reticent.—Philadelphia Ledger.



## A SPRING NEED.

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four and five o'clock that Lady Etheridge, accompanied only by her maid, entered her carriage to set out for Windsor. The ride that afternoon was through one of the most beautiful suburbs of the town, and up over the green meadows and shady groves bordering the river. It was quite dark when the carriage reached Hounslow, and stopped to water the horses at the hotel.

"We wish to reach Windsor in good time to-night. Are the roads safe?" asked the coachman.

"Ay, ay, the rads be well enough; but there hasn't been a travelling carriage passed the heath for the last week that hasn't been stopped by footpads. And a passil o' very suspicious looking characters went by here a couple of hours ago. You'd a deal better stop where you are for the night," answered the ostler, as he held a pail of water for the "nigh" horse to drink.

The latter part of this speech counteracted the former, for the coachman immediately came to the conclusion that there lurked an interested motive in this forewarning; so, instead of communicating it to Lady Etheridge, he replied: the good they have done me. I shall always returnmend them to ailing friends."

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A Voice From the Penitentiary. The lines were found some years ago, pencilled on a fly leaf of one of the books belonging to the library of the Provincial Pentitentiary at Kingston, and are supposed to have been written by a convict:

to have been written by a convict:
I've wanderend far away, mother,
Far from my happy home,
And left the land that gave me birth,
In other climes to roam;
And Time since then has roiled his yarn
And marked it on my brow,
Yet still I think on thee, mother,
I'm thinking on thee now.

When by thy gentle side, mother,
You watched my dawning youth,
And kissed be in your pride, mother,
Taught me the words of Truth,
Then brightly was my soul lit up
With thoughts of future joy,
While you bright fancy garlands wore,
To deck your darling boy.

I'm thinking on the day, mother
When, with such anxious care,
You lifted up your heart to heaven,
Your hope, your trust, was there.
Fond memory brings the parting glance
Whilst tears rolled down my cheek,
That last long loving look told more
Than ever words could speak.

I'm lonely and forsakes, mother,
No friend is near me now
To soothe me with a tender word,
Or cool my burning brow.
The dearest ties affection wove
Are all now torn from me;
They left me when my trouble came
They did not love like thee.

I would not have thee know, mother,
How brightest hopes decay;
The tempter with his baneful cup
tlas dashed them all away.
And shame has left venom sting
To rack with anguish wild,
Yet still I would not have thee know
The sorrows of thy child.

I know you would not chide, mother,
You would not give me blame,
But cothe me with a tender word,
And bid me hope again.
I'm lonely and forsaken now,
Unpitied and unblest,
Yet still I would not have thee know,
How sorely I'm distressed.

I've wandered far away, mother, Since I deserted thee. And left thy trusting heart to break
Beyond the deep blue sea;
Yet, mother, still I love thee well,
I long to hear thee epeak,
And feel again that healing breath

But, ah! there is a thought, mother,
Pervades by beating breast.
That thy freed spirit my have flown
To its eternal rest;
And as I wipe the tears away,
There whispers in my ear
A voice that speaks from Heaven, mother,
And bids me seek thee there.

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How Have You Decided, My Boy?

through the year? It is time you decided, my boy, You may march with the proud or go skulking in fear,
You may find the world cold or be warmed
by its cheer. You may wisely create or destroy;
You may dawdle along through the glortous days,
You may stray with the lazy in profitless
ways,

Ways,
Or bravely set forth to be worthy of praise;
How have you decided, my boy? Are you going to face without fear what you must? Have you holsted your banner, my boy? Have you made up your mind to be worthy

of trust,
To stand for your rights and to dare to be

**EXPERIMENTS WITH FARM CROPS** 

The members of the Ontario Agricul-tural and Experimental Union are pleas-ed to state that for 1907 they are pre-pared to distribute into every township of Ontario material for experiments with life during the winter months is responsible for weak, watery, impure the blood. You need a tonic to build up the blood in spring just as much as the trees need new sap to give them vitality for the summer. In the spring bad blood shows itself in many ways. In some it breeds pimples and eruptions. In others it may be through occasional the summer and the spring bad blood shows itself in many ways. In some it breeds pimples and eruptions. In others it may be through occasional the summer and the summer of the spring bad blood at the distribute into every township for containing the winter months is responsible for experiments and fertilizers. About 2,000 varieties farm crops have been tested in the experimental department of the Ontario material for experiments with fodder crops, roots, grains, grasses, clovers, and fertilizers. About 2,000 varieties farm crops have been tested in the experimental department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for at least five years in succession. These consists of varieties from nearly all parts of the world, some of which have decreased in the experimental department of the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, for at least five years in succession. These consists of the world, some of which have decreased in the experimental department of the order of the contained of the contained of the experimental department of the experimental exceedingly well in the carefully con-ducted experiments at the College and are now being distributed free of charge for co-operative experiments throughout Ontario. The following is the list of co-operative experiments in agriculture for 1907:

Experiments. 1-Three varieties of oats 2a—Three varieties of six rowed

lev varieties of spring wheat 5—Two varieties of buckwheat...
6—Two varieties of field peas... 7—Emmer and Spelt .

8-Two varieties of husking 0-Three varieties of mange 1—Two varieties of sugar beets for feeding purposes .. .... 12—Three varieties of Swedish turn-

7—Three varieties of sorghum ... 8—Grass peas and two varieties of vetches ..... 19—Field cabbage and two varie-

ties of rape ..... 20—Three varieties of grasses ... 21—Sainfoin, Lucerne and Burnet... 22—Five varieties of field beans... 23—Three varieites of field beans 24—Three varieties of sweet corn 25-Fertilizers with potatoes .... 26-Fertilizers with Swedish tur-

nips.....Sowing mangels on the level and in drills 28a-Two varieties of early pota-

pening potatoes ...... 28c—Two varieties of late pota-29-Three grain mixtures for grain

clover, for hay ...... 3
The size of each plot in each of the first twenty-seven experiments and in Nos. 29 and 30 is to be two rods long by one rod wide, and in No. 28, one rod

Each person in Ontario who wishes to join in the work may choose any one of the experiments for 1907, and apply the same. The material will be furnished in the order in which the applications are received until the supply is exhausted. It might be well for hausted. It might be well for each ap-plicant to make a second choice, for fear the first could not be granted. All ma-terial will be furnished entirely free of charge to each applicant, and the produce will, of course, become the preperty of the person who conducts the C. A. Zavitz, Director, Ontario Agriculturat College,

TRI-CENTENNIAL OF GREAT EVENT.

Arrangements are being made to get New York, Vermont and Canada to unite in celebrating on July 4th, 1969, the 300th anniversary of Samuel de Chapplain's discovery of the lake which bears his name, and which abuts on the territory of each of these communities.

France was beginning to colonize Canada at the time of the discovery of Lake Champlain, and England was starting to establish its thirteen American colonies along the Atlantic coast. (Champlain was Governor of Canada.

The events of which the discovery mpiain was an a portant consequences for the American continent. Champlain was persuaded by the Hurons and Algonquins to accompany a war party of these tribes on a raid into the northern part of the present State of Naw York to help chestics. raid into the northern part of the pre-sent State of New York to help chastise their enemies, the Iroquois, or Five Na-tions—Mohawks, Onondagas, Senecas, Cayugas, and Oneidas. A little over three weeks after he got his first glimpse of the lake he and his Indian allies encountered a band of the Mohawks near the present Ticonderoga and defeated them. That was on July 30th, 1609, six weeks before Henry Hudson in his Half Moon sailed through the Narrows into New York Bay and began his ascent of the big river. Although not enumerated in Creasy's "Decisive Battles of the World," that fight in the present Essex County, N. Y., nearly three centuries ago, deserves a place on the roll. It was a turn-

lighted in the conversation of a brilliant woman, or were proud of a poetical celebity.

The burglar alarm of the house is particularly ingenious. By pressing a button under his bed, Shaw could give an intruder who approached him as he lay looking so ill and so preoccupied as to draw upon himself the notice and the say the least, surprise him.—Boston say the least, surprise him.—Boston Record.

In any playful babies—the kind that are a joy to the home. Mrs. Jos. Legree, Caraquet, N. B., says: "At the time I sent for Eaby's Own Tablets my little one was weak and failing. He would cry night and day, and I did not seem able to get anything to help bim. After given the misphere, took the side of the successive owners of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him their conflicts with the Westers of New York, the Dutch to get anything to help bim. After given him the wars of the next center of the war. French invaders from above the St. Lawrence and the lakes. It was the Iroquois who saved Britain's feeble colonies in their early days from being cut in two and overwhelmed by the French from Canada, preserved North America for the on race, and thus prepared the way for the younger and more progressive branch of the race to raise up a nation, the United States, in the fairest and best part of the continent.—From Leslie's Weekly.

The Pot and the Kettle.

The Pot and the Kettle.

Mrs. Finehealth (at hotel entrance)—
No, II have no money to spare for you.
I don't see why an able-bodied man like
you should go about begging.

Lazy tramp—I'spose, mum, it's fer
about the same reason that a healthy
woman like you boards at a hotel instead of keeping' house—Illustrated Bits.

Passing of the Old Maid.

Old maids are dying out. In a few Just
In the stress and the strife and the joy?
You may hide in dismay at the end of the year.
You may feel that the earth is all barren and drear,
Or the world may be fair and the skies may clear!
How have you decided, my boy?
—S. E. Kiser.

Or the world may be fair and the skies may clear!

How have you decided, my boy?
—S. E. Kiser. A 98-cent bargain is either reduced from a dollar or advanced from 95 cents.

Their independence, their little homes and their own well-arranged lives.—The Queen.