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CHAPTER XVII.

he assures her with the utmos eagerness "if you hegan with quiet, steady horse, just at first, you know!

Miss Dare laughs-a little quiet low, rippling laugh, which is, undoubtedly, very fascinating, "I may as well tell you plainly, think that it will turn my brain and Mr. Wynne," she says, with soft bold- take away my reason; perhaps 1 ness, "that I have never had a horse should be at peace then. of any kind."

tinues, and tells that only tears are me for. left, for in the closing verse the maid- notice the silence with which I en wails:

"What were you and Wynne "I would not know those hours again ting your heads together about all To feel the waking sting of paindinner time? If you don't take care, would not, if I could, restore shall be jealous." The idea is so The joys that end in 'Never more'!" utterly absurd that I burst out laugh-I am not like her: I want my brief ream of bliss over again; it seems now that I did not make nough of it. I suppose that is the ease with everyone who has been shut out of Paradise, and has for the "Yes, he is very handsome," I say, future only the dread "Never more! villoor "I've asked him for

"Dear as remembered kisses after day.' "Upon my word," he ejaculates, but you're a plucky young woman t or were own it. Lady Cahrteris!" too careless to give or take, and Then I tell him the whole story when it is too late there is only the

Thurs-

ings!

and conclude: sting of regret left. I long for my "Don't you think I'm a yery bennaradise with a passionate wildness evolent person?" which frightens me, for sometimes "Yes: quite the fairy godmother, "You'll have to take the hand yet."

"Ah, but I must find some one for When I rise from the piano, I canhim! And I don't know any

"I am very glad to hear it," I say. Evening "Whatever is the mystery? Is ne colonel?" "Perhaps," I answer, nodding ead sagely. "But, my dear child," Adrian con inues, in a bantering tone, "if you marry the chief off, just consider the Fashion Plates. poor wretch of an orderly officer sit ting down to dinner quite alon every night!" "It will save a great deal of m ey," I urge. "Oh, yes! But, then, you will can

the everlasting, unlying hatred of the unfortunate messman. Why, poor heggar, we shouldn't want a messman at all!" But I am quite ready to risk that. Of course, I know Adrian is only teasing me when he says they will all be married. Still, there really

are a great many married officers for one egiment-there is no denving that-and that is not very often the case where the colonel is a bachelor. The officers are so apt to follow his. lead in everything-the cut of their coats, the length of their mustaches, the absence or presence of whiskers. Three or four young officers generalgive one a pretty fair idea of the

As I think this, I suddenly rememher that Col. Cardylion has only had the regiment a few weeks, and, of Seymour was married course. Col. and had a large family. So that it was his example that accounts for there being so many Benedicts in the Cuirassiers. I am too much excited my new plan to fall asleep. I lie nainsook, batiste, or flannell. The awake for a long time, planning and arranging how I can best throw Col.

fronts have groups of tucks that may be stitched to any desired depth. The back is plain. The neck edge is fin-ished with a deep collar cut in points over the shoulders and square Cardylion and Theo together; ' and then I dream that Adrian has made at the back. The sleeve in short or full length has a neat cuff. The Pata present of me to the colonel, and tern is cut in '6 Sizes: 32, 34, 36, 38 Theo stands by, laughing at my rav-40 and 42 inches bust measure. requires 3 yards of 44 inch material for a 36 inch size To be continued.

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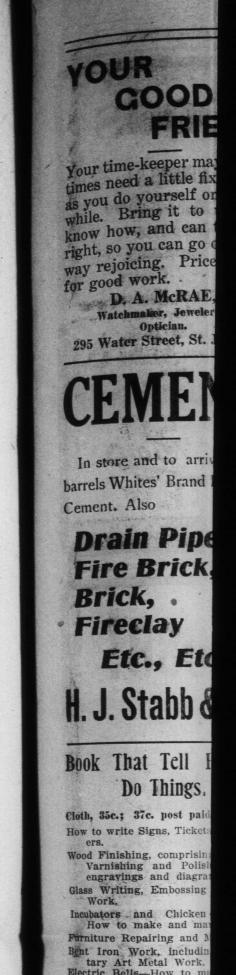


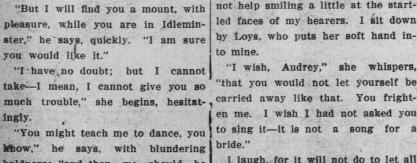
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boldness: "and then we should be quits.' "You will have plenty of opportunmirthful ring which it has acquired ities." I say, turning round "for Miss of late. I must practice carefully Dare is coming to stay here this week, and I will lend her a habit

may laugh better. Mine will fit her exactly." Miss Dare thanks me; but her face is quite unmoved. If I did not know

that she is pretty well versed in the ways of the world, I should say she is a complete innocent. As it is,

think I have set the ball fairly rolling. I leave them alone after this, and Loys asks me to sing. I look at Mrs. Brancepeth, with a smile, as her, and it does my heart good to see how pleased she looks. dullness of her life just now that

"What am I to sing?" I ask of the company, generally.

"You used to sing a pretty thing called 'Golden Hours,'" says Loys. "I should like to hear it, if you car remember it."

It is a sweet, sad song-one I was marvelously fond of in the days when trouble was only a word which conveyed no real meaning to my mind. I sang it well then, but now I feel every word with a vividness which is keenest pain to me.

"An hour or two of dreamy talk Along the old gray garden walk; A stroll in that sweet hawthorn glade Where all our fondest yows were made:

The deepening twilight soft and gray To shed around our homeward way The hallowing touch of 'Auld Lang Syne.' Would bring thy wandering heart to mine

With all the faith of former years, With all the thronging hopes and

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nice girls about here. I might ask led faces of my hearers. I sit down one of the girls from Rest-they by Loys, who puts her soft hand inwould soon make short work of him.' "Very well; it will be great fun to "I wish, Audrey," she whispers, ee it all " "that you would not let yourself be "Then I'll write for one of them

carried away like that. You frightwhen Theo's gone." I say, "And, en me. I wish I had not asked you meantime, I must cultivate him as to sing it-it is not a song for a much as I can."

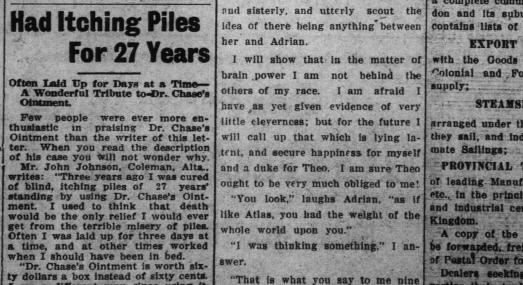
"Why?" queries my husband. "Well, to accustom him to coming these people see I was in earnest ovto the house, or else he'll take fright er it: but my mirth has the hard, unat the sight of a petticoat."

"Perhaps Theo will be too many for him." suggests my husband. to-morrow, that, when necessary, I A wild wish rises to my heart that Theo may take it into her head to

After this Edith Dare plays a ratsubdue this woman hater. Surely, tling piece-to rouse us, all, as she the prospect of being a duchess will says; and then our guests betake dazzle her, and Col. Cardylion is themselves away, en masse. I arhandsome enough to attract any worange with Miss Dare that she is man. I do not mention this to Adri-

to come on Thursday, and I ask Mr an, for it does not seem decent to be Wynne to dine with us that night. thinking of her marrying again so feel that I am rather overstepping the soon: vet, for my part. I am so thor bounds to ask even a single guest oughly anxious to he rid of her tha but Theo is not an ordinary widow and complains so very much of the If only I can bring it about! It

seems to be my one chance of deliverance When Adrian has seen the las The Luttrells have always had the guest away, he comes back and tells eputation of possessing their full me I make "a grand hostess." The allowance of brains, and I make up compliment does not please me, for my mind that I will adopt a new plan feel that is the chief thing he wants toward Theo. I will be very sweet



am sure she will not mind.

colonel-well. I pity him, that's all for you look the very person

of resolute determination.



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