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'Yes, very snug," she said; but the tone was almost dubious in her wonder. Could it really be Honore looking so lovely, and moving about so thoroughly at home in this beautiful house? And could it really be herself who was entertained so grandly, and yet made to feel as if she had reached her own home?

"I hadn't any messages to bring you, Honore," she remarked, presently, with her characteristic want of tact: neither Jane nor Lawrence sent any, and I saw no one else who knew I was

"Were Lawrence and Jane at home when you left?" 'No; Lawrence went away yesterday. He said from the first I was welcome to go where I chose. But Jane was at home when I started, and she barely touched my hand. Oh, Honore-"

And for the second time since her arrival Phoebe burst into excited tears. Quietly and soothingly Honore led the conversation away from their old home, guessing how sore Phoebe's heart would be at any reminder of her | ward affection.' guardian's neglect. She never for one moment suspected that Phoebe had come to her with any hope of being nearer Lawrence than she had been in the chill and distant reserve of his ton's morose neglect and his sister's

hard displeasure. smile struggling through her tears, as I alone be miserable when the misery Honore led her to talk of the family at | is your fault? I have given you too Deergrove, "we don't see much of him. much to be patient at no return. I He is always with you, isn't he, Hon-

any rate, he is going with us tonight were poor and almost friendless. Who to Lady Somerson's." Oh, I cannot," gasped Phoebe, the fawn upon you now care nothing for

Wait and see," said Honore, with a kiss; "there are some garments in your dressing-room, little Frau, which we are going to investigate presently; and

She had paused to take a card from guardian, and so I have borne from the salver which a footman, entering softly, handed to her. Her eves had fallen carelessly enough upon the me so again, or mame, but then they had darkened, and, be broken forever."

as she took up the card, her fingers "I will come to the library," she said, dismissing the man with a glance. "I ambition. And then the cruelty of his

must go down-stairs for a few min-utes, Phoebe," she added, rising and holding the card still hidden in her "Take care of yourself until I come back in a few minutes' time." Phoebe nodded from her large armchair, still full of wonder at the quiet gracious bearing which seemed natural

to Honore now, while she was still just the bright and girlish Honore of old "If I had changed my dress I could

have come, too," she remarked plain-"It would be too bad if, in the very hour of your arrival, you began help ing me to receive my visitors; you will have abundance of such tasks as that, presently. But see," Honore continued, as the door opened again, "you are to have the task of entertaining, after all. Hervey, I am glad to see you,

though you are very early. I said dinner at eight." "I know," said Hervey, deprecating-ly; "but you told me I might come early, and of couse you knew I should."

"I am very glad you came. Phoebe will give you some tea while I run away for a minute." 'A lady has called to see her, I think," explained Phoebe, as she took her place at the tea-table, with a new shyness which gave her a new gentle-

ness, too,
"No lady," rejoined Captain Hervey, moodily. "It is Haughton who is wait-Phoebe raised her wide, round eyes in alarm, and forgot Captain Trent's tea-a matter to which he was utterly

Oh! Hervey," she stammered at last, "he has come for me!"
"Not he," said Hervey, quite indif-

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ferently, though without his old lazy scorn of her speeches.
"Oh! what shall I do?—I—I must see him; and yet, if he takes me back to Jane! Oh, Honore will be so vexed

if he has come for me!" "Less vexed, I should fancy" rejoined Hervey, anxiously turning his eyes to the door, "than if he had come for another purpose. Don't fret Phoebe," he cried, with kindness; "there is no fear of Lawrence taking you back to Jane." She had collected herself then, and nade an effort to do the honors gracefully. Hervey Trent, standing upon the rug, and longing for the return of Honore, had yet time to notice that Phoebe was not so heavy as she used to be, and that, perhaps, if she dressed like Honore, and did not fall back on her

old, ecstatic tricks, but could, by some marvelous means, acquire a composed demeanor, he should not object to take her under his wing, just occasionally, when Honore particularly wished it. "Of course, it gives a man prestige to take Honore," he mused: "and if Phoebe improves, she won't do much harm. Wondering how far such improvement was possible, he condescended to exert himself a little during their

tete-a-tete; and Phoebe, too much astonished at any attentions from her languid cousin to exert herself at all. pleased him more than she could ever have done with her exclamatory style of converse. So they were friendly and easy, as Honore had hoped they would be, almost before she had closed the library door behind her, and stood in the presence of her old guardian, fresh from that mortifying visit of his to Royden Keith.

"Honore," he began, making an effort to put aside one certain thought, and ask with ease a question whose answer might make that though unnecessary-"Honore, all my letters to you have been so long unheeded that I am come myself now for their an-

"There is no answer," said Honcre, "No answer?" He repeated the words sharply, while he moved toward her with a quick, impatient step. "What do you mean, Honore?"

"I mean simply what I say," she answered, raising her clear eves to his face. "They all told the same old story; and from the first, as you know full well, that story wearled me beyond words.

"You were a petulent child then, Honore," he said, curbing his voice with a strong effort; you are a woman now, and can appreciate such devo-tion as I offer—a man's strong and deeply-rooted love, not a boy's way-

No answer in his pause, and he came still nearer to her on the hearth, his chest heaving, his fingers clenched as his hands hung beside him. "Honore, you will recall this day own house; she only understood, what with pity to yourself, if you send me Phoebe herself told her, that the old from you with such an answer as you home life had grown unbearable, and try to utter now. I am not one to light- M.D.; council (by acciamation), Northat her cousin had come to her for a ly give and take my love. It must be tnese vears of waiting, or I cannot calmly stand aside and see my love give her hand to anotheras I have known idiots do. Why should have not loved you for your wealthyou know that; and you know it of no one else. I loved you vears ago. I smiled Honore; "so you will see. At gave you all the love I had, when you else has done so? Those men who

old affliction strong upon her; "I have yourself; it is your wealth they "Lawrence," she said, stopping him more my old request. You were my one else. But you must not speak to

me so again, or our friendship must Keenly watching her as she spoke, despair and jealousy rose up, and took his words in its sole charge.

"If you had listened to me, and answered me differently," he cried, "I would have spared you all I could. I would have spared you every knowledge, and even thought, of crime and deception. As it is, you shall know what I know; then you will see, per-haps, whose love is worth accepting, and then-ah, Honore," he cried, once more weak in his passion, "it is not too late yet-I have not spoken. I never need speak, if you will only promise

at last to repay my years of devotion.' "What have you to tell me of crime and deception?" She spoke firmly, but her hand had seized the back of a chair beside her, and her eyes had gathered a terrible fear under their drawn brows. "What I will tell you tonight-now," he cried passionately. "You have raised the fiend within me, and you shall know all that I know, if-if you really refuse to listen to my love."



There are three periods in all life—the time of the bud, of the flower and of the time of the bud, of the hower and of the perfect fruit. It is thus that girlhood emerges into womanhood and womanhood into motherhood. Almost all of the ills from which women suffer have their inception in weakness and disease of the feminine organism, which bears the burdens of wifehood and motherhood. These disorders usually begin with puberty, childbirth or with the "turn of life." Thousands of women suffer silently for years in this way, rather than undergo the examinations and local treatment insisted upon by the majority of physicians. This is unnecessary.

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Additional Returns Elections

In Various Municipalities in the Pro-

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8 resulted as follows:

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J. Cumings. Ingersoll-Mayor, - Mills; reeve, W. J. Berry; first deputy reeve, N. H. Bartley; second deputy reeve, J. D. Horseman; councilors, ward 1, A. Mc-Aulay, S. M. Flat, H. D. McCarthy; ward 2, J. T. Couch, G. F. Clark, M. McDermott; ward 3, D. J. Gibson, D. Noxon, P. Sherry.

Orillia-Mayor, J. H. Sheppard; reeve, C. J. Miller. Peterborough—Mayor, A. L. Davis, Port Hops—Mayor, J. W. Quinlan. Port Elgin—Reeve, H. Hillker, jun.; councilors, Jos. McArthur, J. W. Reid, J. H. Gordon, R. D. Northgreave. Raleigh-Reeve, Shepley; first deputy, Pardo; councilors, Clayton and Lin-

Saugeen Township-Reeve, M. Cook; deputy reeve, D. Baker; councilors, A. McKinnon, Wm. Muir, D. Cameron, Southwold-Reeve, Frank Hunt; first deputy reeve, Angus Turner (acc.); second deputy, Charles Heidt (acc.); councilors, Neil McLean, Isaac Gil-

Tiverton-Reeve, W. J. Chambers, production. man McClure, D. A. McLaren, R. F. POOR AND DESPONDENT. Harrison, H. O. Foster. Tilbury East-Reeve, Sales; councilors, Fletcher, Powell and Campbell. Wardsville-Reeve, S. Brown; coun-cilors, F. McGregor, W. L. Henderson, W. Mimna, Austin O'Hara,

Whitby-Mayor, James Routledge. Wiarton-Mayor, Chas. Rekins; reeve, S. A. Perry; deputy reeve, D. Kastner. Woodstock-Third deputy reeve, R. N. Ball; councilors, St. George's ward, Karn and Davies; St. Andrew's ward, Martin and Dodge; St. Patrick's ward, McLennon and Miller; St. David's ward, Kendall and Sawtill; St. John' ward, Richards and McPherson; water commissioners, Hay and Whitlaw

MRS. STERNAMAN

Made Aware That a New Trial Has Been Refust d Her.

Cayuga, Jan. 5.—The news was broken to Mrs. Sternaman yesterday through Rev. J. G. Foote, a Methodist minister of this village, that the courts had refused her a new trial. On hearing the news she wept silently. She still claims that she is an innocent woman, and hopes for a reprieve from the Supreme Court. Mrs. Sternaman has failed rapidly since the death sentence was passed

upon her. HIS CHILD WIFE.

If Willis Howard Were Pardoned, Could He Claim Her? Windsor, Jan. 5.-The people of Harrow are petitioning the Dominion Government to pardon Willis Howard, alias Jordan, the 70-year-old man who was sent to the penitentiary last yearfor marrying a girl of 9, but the petition is meeting with no support in

The people of Windsor interfered, took the little girl away from the so-called husband, and had him and the girl's relations who permitted the mar-riage prosecuted. They might not obseeing Howard liberated, were it not that they are not sure that the marriage is still binding. If so, Howard might once more lay claim to his child wife and no one would have a

right to interfere. Parliament has provided penalties for marrying a person under the mar-riageable age, which is 14, but it has never declared that such marriages are null and void. A petition will be sent to Parliament at next session to pass such an act.

Ingersoll, Ont., Jan. 5.-The Ingersoll alleged criminal operation case came

up for final hearing yesterday, and the magistrate dismissed the case, there not being sufficient evidence to commit the defendants, Dr. Hutchinson and Augustus Frizelle. KILLED ON THE TRACK. Blenheim, Ont., Jan. 5.-A man

named Ingram was struck by the Lake Erie and Detroit River Railway train last night, near Wilkie station, and instantly killed. Deceased was walking on the track and paid no attention to the repeated warning signals. SENTENCED TO 80 YEARS IN PRISON.

Chicago, Jan. 5 .- Julius Tunte was given a sentence of 80 years in the penitentiary by Judge Baker. While one jury was coming in with a conviction of Tunte, another was hurrying out to find a verdict against him. He was tried on four indictments for bigamy, and 21 indictments had been pre-ferred against him. This is the longest

sentence but one ever given in this THE COLDEST. Malone, N. Y., Jan. 5.—The coldest weather of the season thus far in the northern part of the state was experienced yesterday, the mercury registering 34 degrees below zero at Saranac Lake, 25 below at Mountain View, and 20 below in this city.

Montreal, Jan. 5.—Yesterday the ther-

mometer at Montebello, Que., marked 28 degrees below zero; Winchester, Ont., and other localities 20 below.

There was an incipient blaze on the top floor of the T. Eaton Company's departmental store building, Toronto, Tuesday afternoon. This floor is used as a store and work-room, Automatic sprinklers soon put out the blaze. Considerable damage was done by water.

Attempted Suicide.

self to Death.

A Woman Tries to Burn Her-

The Murderous Deed of a Jealous Man Followed by Self-Murder.

Leroy, N. Y., Jan. 5.-Miss May Thompson, aged 25 years, of Dallas, Texas, who since last August has been visiting at the residence of M. Thompson, attempted suicide vesterday by setting fire to her clothing, having first saturated her hair and clothing with kerosene oil. After considerable effort members of the family extinguished the fire, but not before every particle of hair was burned from the young woman's head, and the upper part of her body was terribly burned. She will probably die. Miss Thompson has suffered a long time from the ef-

fects of heart trouble.
Sherbrooke, Que., Jan. 5.—At about 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon East Sherbrooke was thrown into a state of excitement over the attempted murder of Mrs. Tanguay by I. B. Dubois, who subsequently committed suicide. Last summer 1. B. Dubois was to have married the young woman now Mrs. Tanguay, but during his absence from town she married Tanguay. This caused much ill-feeling, and it cul-minated in the shooting of Mrs. Tanguay. The woman is still alive, but the shot put into Dubois by himself proved fatal.

145,000,000 BUSHELS.

Surplus Wheat Crop of the United States.

New York, Jan. 5.-The special crop report of the New York Journal of Commerce and Commercial Bulletin says: Final returns make the area of winter wheat 26,663,000 acres, as compared with 23,930,000 acres harvested last year—an increase of 11.4 per cent. The increase on the Pacific coast—that is, in California, Oregon and Washington-is 4.5 per cent, the approximate acreage being 3,969,000, as against 3,798,000 acres last year. There had been a material increase in wheat seeding in the southern states, due to the low price of cotton. Favorable weather during December improved the condition of wheat. The present average is 87.8 per cent, as against 84.1 per cent last month. In the six principal states east of the Rocky Mountains the improvement has been more noticeable. The condition is now 84.8 per cent, as compared with 79.5 per cent on Dec. 1. According to the January returns there are 240,000,-000 bushels of wheat held on farms, which is 41.3 per cent of last year's

A Disheartened Farmer Hangs Himself at Kincardine.

Kincardine, Ont., Jan. 5 .- Geo. Higgins, at one time a farmer, but latterly living in town, committed suicide yesterday by hanging. He had been in very poor circumstances for some time. and the unfortunate is supposed to have taken his life in a fit of despondency. He leaves a wife and four chil-

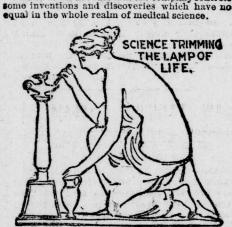
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