Severed and Gone.

By ANNE BRONTE.

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Severed and gone, so many years

That throbbing heart and burning

I know that in the narrow tom

the form I loved was buried

To slumber out its dreamless

Forever gone! for I by night Have prayed, within my silent room,

skies, With all its glory on thy brow. 11

Wild was the wish, intense the to feel hurt or sore, but she did I fixt upon the murky air,

Expecting half a kindling blaze vision there-

A majesty that might appal,

False hope! vain prayer! might not be That thou shouldst visit eart

again: And watched, and waited, all in vain!

A few cold words on yonder A corpse as cold as they can

Vain words and moldering dust Can this be all that's left of

Oh, no! thy spirit lingers still?

not been.

wert one;

Nothing is lost that thou didst Nothing destroyed that thou

INTHE WOODS

CASTLEDERG

(Continued from last week.) Of course it was perhaps were busy together with season. inevitable that Godfrey should able thoughts and preparations devote a great deal of time these concerned with the poor porteges days to his domineering and and the great and kingly festival insistent sister and her pretty that was coming so near. little French friend-who, as well as being pretty, was by all ac- had already been disposed by her counts a great heiress also, and own or the servants' hands at the the daughter of a big Parisian different poor cottages about the banker. Well, Netta was an place. Yet, somehow, in spite of heiress too, but perhaps a very all her endeavors to the contrary, dull and unattractive one (at Netta felt far less cheery and least so she thought herself), as compared with the bright and vivacious Parisienne. Estelle heart was just as warm towards Dumont.

stay with them at Castle Grange, far less inclination to meet them Godfrey did not spend one even- and talk to them as she used to ing now for the half-dozen he do. used to spend with the quieter No matter how she tried to and more home-loving folk of shake it off, a weary feeling of Castlederg. There was always sadness and depression still some excuse or other—a dinner- weighed on her young heart, party at Lord Vane's, a bridge- changing her former cheery drive at Lady Verner's, a motor bright, radiant looks and merry expedition up to Dublin or to laughter into the veriest ghost of Cork, for shopping and a theatre a smile. or two. Although, his time seemed not greatly occupied, and his attention almost entirely devoted

to his sister and her friend. At this time Netta herself grew colder and colder to him—that is, on the few occasions on which he now vouchsafed to visit them. Once or twice, indeed, so sure was she made by his defection, she refused to see him at all on the plen of having a headache. And it

All Stuffed Up that's the condition of many sufferers from catarrh, especially in the morning. Great difficulty is experienced in clear-mg the head and threat.

No wonder catarrh causes headache, mpairs the taste, smell and hearing, pollutes the breath, deranges the stom-

"I was ill for four months with catarrh in the head and throat. Had a bad cough and raised blood. I had become discouraged when my husband bought a bottle of Hood's Sarasparilla and persuaded me to try it. I advise all to take it. It has cured and built me up." Mrs. Hugh Rudolff, West Liscomb, N. S.

Hood's Sarsaparilla Cures catarrh—it soothes and strengthens the mucous membrane and builds up the whole system.

it came to poor Netta soon as a considerable shock, it was not And left in silence and in gloom, altogether so much of a surprise to be told by some of her neighbors, with a commiserating smile, that he had just started for Paris with his sister and fiancee "for the wedding."

"And you hadn't even heard of it, my dear ?" one of the least That Heaven would grant a burst kind and tactful of them had added, with uplifted brows, when Its cheerless darkness to illume poor Netta had not been able to And give thee to my longing conceal her surprise, if not actual dismay, at the news.

Ah, well, that little dream was A moment as thou shinest now Fresh from thy mansion in the all over! She had been weighed in the balance and found want-

Perhaps she had no real right

She had liked Godfrey much, and he might at least have told herhave given her, or her father, his Would strike my raptured friend—some little hint of what was afoot. Well! her father at A shape these human nerves would least wanted her, and loved her For a time—a short little foolish space of time-she blushed hotly Did not my earthly likeness still now to think of it-she had Gleam softly, gladly through wondered and fretted a little as to what her father would think, what his feelings would be did another man, one other man dare ask to take her from him. Poor father! he would have been lonely, more sad and lonely than ever, no I called on Heave 1-I called on doubt. And now he need not be -need never, never be! There was at least some comfort-nay

a great big plenteous store of comfort and satisfaction in that Her foolish short-lived dream was over and gone, dead and uried forever in her heart. And she must be content to stay with her tather for all the time he should find need of her, that is to say, for the whole length of his

lays. She would have him and dear old Madame, and her books, Where'er thy sunny smile was and her music, and her flowerslast, but not least, her poor friends of and neighbors, to think of and love and serve. But she would On earth, than if thou hadst not have Godfrey-another woman would have whole claim upon him now. And smile and chatter Life seems more sweet that thou and put on a brave front as best

she could, the thought still smote And men more true that thou and stabbed her like a very swordthurst in her heart.

> And now the last of the red autumn leaves had fallen and been swept up and garnered by the gardner and his men to make eaf-mold for the blossoms of next year. The trees stood tall and brown and bare, the stars winkled frostily, and a coldlooking crescent moon lay low

above the woods in a dark blue velvet and unclouded sky. In two or three days Christmas would be at hand, and, as usual at this season, Netta's mind and hands ed to frighten me vet."

Various hampers and parcels of you!" "Christmassy" this year than she had ever felt before. Though her

ner poor neighbors as it had At any rate during the latter's always been, she felt somehow a

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The fact was, she began to read meeting people, talking to YOU SHOULD

" How thin you are grown, Miss Netta, darlint!" one after another would say. "And where are all the fine, bright roses gon from your pretty cheeks? And days, instead of taking her christmas parcels around to the reipients herself she preferred to send them by one of the servents, for no other reason than this-to

and Godfrey Sutherland's wedd-There was one person however, whom she must not fail to go and see this year, or any other year that the dear old body might. happily, remain in the land of the iving. For old Mrs Dempsey, the dearest, sweetest old creature for many miles around, was already well beyond the alloted span in years and could not be with them much longer. And let Netta's

Christmastide benefactions to her be ever so great, the girl knew well that unless they were ac compained or followed by a visit from herself all her dainty gifts and goodies were like to taste as so much ashes and dead sea fruit in old Mrs. Dempsey's mouth. And now it was already Christmas Eve, with the frosty moon shining coldly in the sky, and a great bank of dark grey clouds rising swiftly above the distant hills and rolling down from the West

Madame Ducros in dismay,-a Netta suddenly stood before he looking a picture of brighteness and beauty in her becoming seal toque and furs, into which she had tucked a glowing bunch o holly berries and their leaves.

'Yes, dearie, I am-I have to," gotten poor dear old Mrs

tested Madame reprovingly. to see her myself as well. The 25 cents." poor old thing is so lonelyespecially now that her only son and grandson are gone. And there's so little time now, as tomorrow is Christmas Day. But I shan't be long, as I'll take the short out

through the woods." "Through the woods!" Madame Ducros almost shrieked in horror 'And at such a late hour-almost

"There'll be a moon presently -" Netta began.

"But, dear child, supposing you were to meet with some mishapan evil tramp, or a wicked bull, or-or anything of that sort!" warned Madame, interrupting. "Or some fierce kind of

might swoop down and pick my Milburn's Rheumatic Pills. Price eyes out," laughed Netta, "Why, box a 50c. you dear, silly, nervous old thing you have been warning me against the dangers of those woods every fond of you? time I went into them for primroses or daffodils since I was a sleeps all day when I'm not at

"Oh, but my dear," said old Madame Dumont, shaking her head, ominously as she peered ver her spectacles at the girl it's a long lane that has no

'Mrs. Dempsey wouldn't find a aughed Netta, and ran off to something that enables a doctor save further discussion.

he woods of Castlederg so well hat she did not feel in the leas degree nervous or afraid. And after about a quarter of an hour's rapid walking she emerged safely from the long, dark winding and leaf-strewed path and crossed the stile that led into a narrow boreen half-way down which nestled Mrs. Dempsey's neat little white-

Mrs. Dempsey's neat little white-washed and straw-thatched cabin, its windows shining bright.

Just as she did so she suddenly fell back with a little cry for a large dog had suddenly bounded towards her, and with almost equal suddenness the figure of a man with a gun on his shoulder ambodied itself out of the gathering darkness and mist.

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BE AFRAID

Coughs and colds do not call for a minute recital of symptoms as they are well known to everyone, but their dangers are not so well known. All the most serious affections of the throat, the lungs and the bronchial tubes are, in the beginning, but coughs and colds.

Many people when they contract a slight cold do not pay any attention to it, thinking perhaps that it will pass away in a day or two. The upshot is that before they know it, it has settled on their lungs.

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in tones almost of rebuke. (Concluded next week.)

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Jan-I suppose the baby is

Will-Fond of me? Why, he child, and nothing has ever occur- home and stays awake all night just to enjoy my society !

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"Father," said James, who was turning. If you must go, do take laboring over his home work list ne of the maids with you, I beg of words to be defined, "what is

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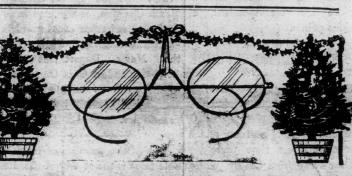
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