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## MIRAMICHI ADVANCE, CHATHAM, NEW BRUNSWICK, JANUARY 20, 1881.

BY MARY KYLE DALLAS. ed. And in a little while we shook I am not afraid to tell you this story, hands and parted. simply because I never met you. I That year, Frank and Nona were to would no more tell it to the man I make a tour of Europe. They sailed in dined with to-day, or with whom I shall dine to-morrow; to the lady with whom May. Frank wrote to me often and gave me I had that long conversation on psychomessages from Nona. In the last letlogy last week; to my cousin the lawyer, or that other cousin the clergyman, or ter I ever received he spoke of our New to my Bohemian friend the journalist, Year's eve. "We must not forget that, than I would tell them if I had been so Alf," he said. " Nona declares that if misguided as to pick somebody's pocket. she could not get home, she would cer-I would not even tell it to my wife. tainly ' project her spirit '-is not that But I sit here alone at midnight, and I the right expression ?--into our little write to you, who will never know me dining-room to meet you as the new if you see me, for I shall give myself a year followed the old out of the world." That was a stormy autumn and winmeme that is not mine, for the occasion; and I feel that my mind will be easier ter. Those who had friends upon the when I have confided it to your ears ocean were anxious and oppressed by without having run the risk of being fears. Vessels were lost ; steamers that suspected of one of two things, men- came to port at last were long overdue. I could only hope, when I thought of dacity or insanity. I am-again what a comfort to have Frank and Nona, that they had not on my invisible cap!—I am eight-and-thirty years old. When a man has so

thirty years old. When a man has so many years as this, he is likely to have little bistories in he if it little transdiants little histories in his life, little tragedies keep all the rest of their adventures for all played out, from the sweet prelude talk when we met; but as the months the dropping of the curtain on dead wore on, and I saw the growing anxiety hopes, and open graves, and broken hearts. There are some in my life. Isidors does not know it. Isidors is not quite comfort myself by the words my life, and is just the rest of the words we all repeated to each other about their going from place to place, having so I met her at at a ball. Well, I am willing to begin my life over again at that point with her. We have been married two years, and our first baby is cutting its first tooth, which is why I am here alone in the dining-room with the student's lamp, my inkstand and paper, and an empty little rocking-chair with to me the tiny dining-room where we a work-basket in it. Yes, but for baby's three sat together while I had pledged first tooth perhaps I might never have myself to meet them at twelve o'clock told this story at all.

I fell in love with Nona Moss while I was still at college. She was the that room and of me as the old year daughter of Professor Moss, who super- died, and the faucy came into my mind vised the higher branches of mathe- to go there-to keep the rendezvous, matics, but Nona was not a learned though they could not. I had been person. She could paint flowers, play into the house often since they left, for popular airs on the piano, and dance. Frank had given me the key of one ef She was a daisy of a girl, who wore the doors that I might have the use of white muslin by preference, and liked to have natural flowers in her belt and in her hair. I had introductions to the formile latter actions are forth as an family-letters setting me forth as an way to the gate of the garden, opener excellent young man of ability, I believe it, though I had a tussle with a frozen -and the professor was very kind to snowdrift to go through with, brushed me. I became intimate at the delight- the mow away from the library door ful little house, with its poliahed floors, and opened it.

and Persian rugs, shelves of old china, and wonderful easy-chairs, such as one saw nowhere else. Mrs. Moss, a kind, elderly lady, who was perpetually gardening either out of doors or at the which I carried in my pocket. The oves smiled upon me and



Nona. Dear little Nona ! I think for were lit on that New Year's eve, were a while she thought she liked me very still in the dragon candlesticks. I lit much. Like Byron's heroine, "She them and looked about me. was not false, but she was fickle." We had walked hand in hand together. I dwellers of the house at any hour that had even kissed her at parting. She winter, some careful hand had filled had given me a lock of her hair, and the wood-basket which stood upon the wore a blue forget-me-not ring that I hearth. I took some logs from it, piled had had made for her, when, one even- them on the andirons and lit a fire. ing, I took Frank Fearing with me to The red light caught the gilding on the call on her.

Frank was a fine, tall fellow with portieres, and showed me the face of broad shoulders, and perfect coats, with Nona looking from its frame. My kinky black hair, and a big chin with a friends seemed very near to me. "Are dimple in it ; with a loud voice, a talent they coming to-night ?" I asked myself; for music, and a way with women. I "has some presentiment sent me here never thought much of my own personal to wait for them ? It would be like appearance, and I have no doubt other Frank," I said to myself, "to surprise people thought less. And, not to make me by being just in time to drink that the story too long, I will simply state second glass to the New Year with me." I laughed to myself. "I will be be-forehand with him," I thought, and I in four words all that occurred-Frank cut me out.

Even now, with that baby upstairs cutting his teeth, I cannot laugh about decanter of burgundy and the three it. Yet it is scarcely I, that slender treasured glasses; set them upon the young fellow, who was so miserable. table, and, placing my chair where it I see myself now, a voluntary exile from had stood at that hour a year before. the house where I had passed so many waited and listened. happy evenings, pacing up and down the road in the darkness watching for road? Bah! How could I? the road Frank's shadow which the lamplight was covered with snow. They had cast upon the white shades of the sit- taken sleighs at the livery stable. Yes, ting-room windows.

I remember myself standing on the bridge in the moonlight looking down into the rather shallow river which ran through the town, and seriously contemplating suicide, almost as though I were somebody else. But I am glad to remember that I had courage enough not only to behave myself in the presence of others as though nothing had happened, but to preserve my friendship with Frank and Nona.

Nona knew that I liked her. Frank believed that every man envied him his prize; but none of us ever spoke of the subject, and I was best man at the ed. wedding.

They were engaged a year, and by "at least I remember you; and you, do that time my feelings for Nons were you think of me?" only those of rather romantic friendshin

Is this the story I am afraid to tell I filled the three glasses. people, and that I only tell you because you do not know me? you ask. No; the wherever you are," I said, and lifted atory is yet to come, although this pre- mine. And at that moment I saw, as face seems necessary.

wedding I spent at his house. There two glasses I had placed on the opposite were other guests there, but I staid side of the table. One was a fair, later than the rest to see the new year round, dimpled, woman's hand, on in with them. It was a warm evening | which diamonds shone. The other a for the time of year, and the fire was dark, man's hand, with almond-shaped in the old fashion, newly revived by nails. The hand of Nona-the hand esthetic people-a wood fire on artistic of Frank; I knew them well. I saw andirons under a carved oak mantle set nothing else-neither arm nor face; I about with painted china tiles. A heard no sound. In silence the three small table was in the middle of the hands, those ghostly ones and mine, room, and on this stood a decanter, lifted the glasses and set them down some glasses and a dish of fruit. We empty, and I fell forward on the table sat about it. As the clock struck twelve in a swoon. In the gray of the morn--as the old year departed-as the new ing I came to myself, crept out of the year was born-we lifted our glasses to house, and made my way to my own our lips and drank to each other hand room; and T knew as well then as I do in hand.

I can see their hands still. Hers a soft, round, white hand, with then, as well as I do now, that the ship bright rings upon it, and only dimples in which my friends had sailed from at the joints ; his, firm, and smooth, England had gone down into the welterand brown, with long, almond-shaped ing winter sea, bearing them with her. nails-both handsome hands.

There was silence after this for a while. The bright brands on the and first states in two and fell together with a soft little crash. We heard the range came into my mind that the dol year was grieving to turn his back upon us. Then Nona spoke:
"Frank, whatever happens between, we three must meet again, just as we meet now, every New Year's eve."
"A good idea," he said. "Put those glasses away, and we will drink from them next year; they shall be while. The bright brands on the and-

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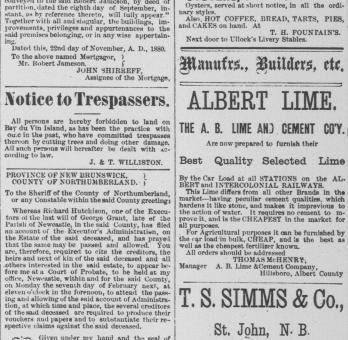
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