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after it was well established," he muttered, carefully arranging one lock of hair to fall carelessly over his lock of hair to fall carelessly over his temple, in contrast with its pure whiteness. "It is the dingy beginn-ing I hate. I hate anything dingy. People mistake when they fancy me extravagant, and that I like show and splendor. I do not like them. But I do like and must have cleanliness, and cod taste and freshness and and good taste, and freshness, and light, and space.

What he said was in some measure true; and "pity 'tis, 'tis true" that simple good taste can, in the city at least, be gratified only at an extravagant price, and that proverty necessar ily entails dinginess. He glanced about the room, and

frowned with disgust. The ceiling was low, the paper on the walls a cheap and therefore an ugly pattern, the chairs and carpet well kept, but a little faded. Plain cotton blinds, those most hideous and bleak of draperies, veiled the two windows, and an antiquated old mahogany secretary, the shape of which could have been

tolerable only when the *prestige* of new fashion surrounded it, held a few books in faded bindings. The young man shrugged his shoul-

ders, and went toward the door. As he opened it, the draught blew open another door in the entry, and disclosed the shaded front chamber, with its cool blue and snowy white, its one

streak of sunshine through a chink in the shutter, and its wax candle burning before the marble Madonna. "That is what I like," he thought and passed hastily by. Annette would

be waiting for him. The sensible thoughts inspired by F. Chevreuse lasted only till the quiet, shady street was passed. With the first step into South Avenue, and the first glance down its superb length. other feelings came, and cottages and narrow ways dwindled and were again contemptible. The high walls, and cupola, and spreading wings of his lady's home became visible, and he

could see the tall pillars of Miss Ferrier's new conservatory, which was almost as large as the whole of The fascina the house he lived in. tion of wealth caught him once more and the thought of labor became in tolerable

Miss Ferrier was indeed on the look out, and brightening with joyful welcome, came out to the porch to meet her visitor as he entered the gate He had so many times forgotten her invitations that she had not felt sure of him and the pleasant surprise of his coming made her look almost pretty. Her blue-gray eyes shone, her lips trembled with a smile, and a light seemed to strike up through her exseemed to strike up through not car cessively frizzled flaxen hair. If it had only been Honora! But, as it was, he met her kindly, feeling a momentary pity for her. "Poor girl! momentary pity for her. "Poor girl she is to fond of me !" he thought con placently, feeling it his due, even while he pitied her. "But I wish she wouldn't put so much on. She looks like a comet.

For Miss Ferrier's pink organdic flounces streamed out behind manner that might indeed have suggested that celestial phenomenor she had, however, robbed Peter to pay Paul : for whereas one end of her ro exceeded, the other as notably lacked. "Mamma has not yet come back from her drive," she remarked, leading the way into the drawing-room. "It is astonishing what keeps her so long

"Oh ! it's one of her distribution days, isn't it?" Lawrence asked, with a little glimmer of anusement that brought the blood into the lady's face. Two mornings of every week, Mrs. Ferrier piled her carriage full of parcels containing food and clothing, and ers gathered about her, and told their troubles, and received her sympathy and help. The good soul, being very stout, did not once leave her carriage. but sat there enthroned upon the cush ions like some bountiful but rather apoplectic goddess, showering about her cotton and flannels, and tea and sugar, and tears and condolences, and perhaps a few complaints with them. It is more than probable that, under cover of this princely charity, Mrs. **OCTOBER 29, 18**

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All in White.

HENRY EDWARD O'KEEFE

GRAPES AND THORNS.

CHAPTER III.

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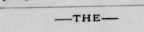
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BY M. A. T., AUTHOR OF "THE HOUSE OF YORK," "A WINGED WORD," ETC. of some kind are there. There is all the difference in the world between a full and an empty silence, between a trifling that covers depth, and a trifling CHAPTER II. -CONTINUED. that betrays shallowness Our two friends talked together, "Very well, Jane; it's no matter. I'm sure you do your duty faithfully. And now we will have supper." then, quite contentedly about very small matters, touching now and then on matters not so insignificant. it chanced that their talk drifted in such a direction that, after a grave " SOWING THE WIND."

added. It might have been said that it was the blending of two harmonious spheres; and probably the idea could not be better expressed. The sense of satisfying companionship, of entire sympathy and confidence, the gentle warmth produced in the heart by that presence these are enough without

presence—these are enough without words, be they never so wise and witty. Yet one must feel that wit and wisdom

momentary pause, Miss Honora lifted her eyes to her friend's face, and, fol lowing out their subject, said seri-The cottage where the Geralds lived was almost the entire inheritance that "Mother, I am troubled about had fallen to Miss Pembroke from those ously : large estates which, it seems, should men

But for the gravity that had fallen been hers; but her wishes were submitted to her circumstances with on both, Mother Chevreuse would have calmness that looked very like contentsmiled at this native speech ; as it was, she asked quietly : "In what way, my ment. Mother Chevreuse called it Christian resignation, and she may dear ?'

have been at least partly right. But it was contrary to Miss Pembroke's disposition to fret over irreparable "They seem to me petty, the greater part of them, and lacking in a fine ense of honor ; lacking courage, too, misfortunes, or even to exert himself which is skocking in a man.

"Oh ! one swallow does not make a ummer," said Mother Chevreuse, ummer. thinking that she understood the mean "You this discouragement. ing of must not believe that all men fail because some unworthy ones do."

reply. "You think I mean Lawrence. I do not. He makes no difference with me. I mean the men from whom one would expect something better; the very men who seem to lament that women are not truer and nobler, and who utter such fine sentiments that you who utter such the sentiments that you would suppose none but a most exalted and angelic being could please them or win their approval. I have heard such men talk, when I have thought with those preliminary advances which are supposed to have this end in view, but had been discouraged by the cool had been discouraged by the cool friendliness with which they were redelight that I would try in every way to improve, so as to win their admira ceived. The wide-open eyes, sur-pised and inquiring, had nipped their tion, and be worthy of their friend-ship; and all at once, I have found that little sentimental speeches in the bud, and quite abashed their killing glances. Miss Pembroke had no taste they could be pleased and captivated by what is lowest and meanest. It is disappointing," she said, with a sigh. for this small skirmishing, in which so "It is natural that women should wish many men and women fritter away to respect men ; and I would be willing first what little refinement of feeling to have them look down on me, if they nature may have gifted them with would be such as I could look up to. and afterward their belief in the re-

"Has any one been displeasing Mother Chevreuse asked, look vou ?' ing keenly into the fair and sorrowfu face before her. She suspected that this generalizing sprang from some special cause. But the glance that met ners showed there was at least no conscious concealment.

tion as that once occupied by Mrs. Carpenter; others that she had a vo "These thoughts have been coming to me at intervals for a good while, cation for a religious life : but she Miss Pembroke answered calmly gave no account of her private motives "But, of course, particular incidents awaken them newly. I was displeased this morning. I met a lady and gentleand feelings, and perhaps could not have explained them to herself. She certainly could not have told precisely what she did want, though her mind man taking a walk into the country, was quite clear as to what she did not and I did not like to see them together." "But why should you care, my want. Mr. Lawrence Gerald's real or

imaginary love for her did not, after the first few months, cause her the slightest embarrassment, as it did not inspire her with the least respect. The only strong and faithful attachment Scheinener Mr.

"Certainly not !" she answered, ughing. "Do you think I fear you cheek, removed her bonnet and shawl, placed a palm leaf fan in her hand, then, seated lowly beside her, looked are going to lecture on woman's right?" so pretty and so pleased that it was charming to see her. There two women And so the little cloud passed over and, when her visitor went away, Honora had quite dismissed the subject from her mind. There were her were very fond of each other, and in their private intercourse quite like mother and daughter. Theirs was one simple household duties to perform of those sweet affections to which the mere being together is delightful, then Lawrence came home to take an early luncheon and dress to go to Anthough there may be nothing of im-portance said ; as two flames united burn more brightly, though no fuel be added. It might have been said that nette Ferrier's, where there was to be

F. Chevreuse Lawrence had a mind to escape un seen ; but the priest greeted him so cordially, pointing to a chair close beside his own, that it would have been rude to go. And having overcome the first shyness that a careless Catho lic naturally feels in the presence of a clergyman, he found it agreeable to remain; for nobody could be pleas-anter company than F. Chevreuse.

"I beg unblushingly," he owned with perfect frankness, when they inwith perfect frankness, when they in-quired how his collecting prospered. "To day, I asked Dan McCabe for a hundred dollars, and got it. He looked astonished, and so does Miss Honora; but he showed no reluctance. At first blush, it may seem strange that I should take money that comes from gambling and rum-selling. My idea is this: Dan is almost an outlaw; no decent person likes to speak to him, and he has got to look on society and religion as utterly antagonistic to him. He is on the other side of the fence, and the only feeling he has for decency is hatred and defiance. He takes pride in mocking, and pretending that he loesn't care what people think of him. But it is a pretence, and his very defiance shows that he does case. It is my opinion that to day Dan would give every dollar he has in the world, and go to work as a poor man, if he could be treated as a respectable one, He is proud of my having spoken to him, and taken his money, though I dare

of it on every opportunity. Better than that, he will feel that he has a right to come to the church. Before

else go, as he must, of course. I knew,

They asked me if I would like to taste

by so doing escaped the necessity of answering. One glance of the priest's quick eyes read his embarrass ment

had, without meaning it, stirred deep waters, resumed the former subject

a musical rehearsal; and, as soon as lunch was over, who should come in but worse cause !

say he will pretend to sneer and laugh about it. You may depend he will tell

this, he had not, or at least peopl would have said he had not, and would have stared at him if he had come. Now, if he should come in next Sun day, and march up to a front seat, no-body could complain. If they should, he would have the best of the argument, and he knows that. Then, once in the church, we have a chance to in fluence him, and he a chance to win respectability. He isn't one to be driven, nor, indeed, to be clumsily coaxed. The way is to assume that he wishes to do right, then act as if he had done right. He never will let slip a bait like that. He will hold on to that if he should have to let everything

me, that he wasn't lost. While there shame, there's hope. So much for Dan McCabe. Am I not right, Larry?"

"I am sure you are quite right

his early faults. And so your collect ing goes on successfully. I am so

when I saw him look ashamed to mee

Lawrence stooped to pick up F. Chevreuse's hat, which had fallen, and

and saw the deepening color in Hon ora's face. Father," Mrs. Gerald said hastily, with a tremor in her voice. "Perhaps Dar would never have been so bad if too much severity had not been used toward

The priest, who perceived that he

that, if he brought me good news, I would climb those stairs on my knees, saying a decade on every stair in thanksgiving. Then I put my hand over my face, and waited. He lumover my face, and waited. He fun-bered in, panting for breath, laid something down before me, and went out again. I counted the fifteen steps till he was at the bottom of them, then

snatched up my letter, and broke the seal; and there was my thousand dollars. ! When I saw the draft, I involuntarily jumped up, and flung my barette as high as I could fling it, and it came down to me with a mash that it will never get over. But, my boy," he

said, turning quickly, and laying his hand on Lawrence Gerald's knee, "that your hat may never be mashed in a

Lawrence had been listening in-tently, and watching the speaker's animated face; and, at this sudden address, he dropped his eyes, and blushed. Alas for him ! his hat had nore than once been mashed in a cause little to his credit.

"And now," continued F. Chev-reuse, with triumph, "I have at home in my strong desk two thousand dollars, lacking only fifty, and the difficulty in meeting the other payments

The ladies congratulated , him heartily. In this place, the interests of the priest were felt to be the in-terests of the peoplr. Making him-self intimately acquainted with their circumstances, he asked no more than they could reasonably give ; and they seeing his hard and disinterested labors, grieved that they could give

so little Presently, and perhaps not without an object, F. Chevreuse spoke in-cidentally of business, and expressed his admiration for pursuits which one of the three, at least, despised.

"There is not only dignity but poetry in almost any kind of busi-ness," he said; "and the dignity does not consist simply in earning an honest living, instead of being a There is something shiftless idler. fine in sending ships to foreign lands and bringing their produce home ; in setting machinery to change one article into another; and in gathering grainfield into garners. I can easily understand a man choosing to do business when there is no necessity for it. I have just come from a sugarstore down town, where I was aston ished to learn that sugar is something besides what you sweeten your te with. It was there in samples ranged along the counter, from the raw imported article, that was of a soft ambercolor, to lumps as white and glittering Then there were as hoar-frost. as noar-frost. Then there were syrups, gold-colored, crimson, and garnet, and so clear that you might think them jewels. I remembered Keats' 'Lucent syrops, tinct with cinnamon.'

these. Would I taste of dissolved rubies and carbuncles? Why not I as well as Cleopatra? Of course I would taste of them. And how do you suppose they presented this repast to me? On a plate or a saucer, a stick or a spoon? By no means. The Ganymede took on his left thumb a Ganymede look on his left thumb a delicate white procelain palette, such as Honora might spread colors on to paint roses, heliotropes, and pinks with, and lifting the jars one by one with his right hand, let fall on it a single rich drop, till there was a rainbow of deep colors on the white. When I saw that, the sugar business took rank at once beside the fine arts. And it is so with other affairs. If I were in the world, I would perfer. both for the pleasure and the honor of "Yes, thank God ! my affairs are looking up. But there was a time it, to be a mechanic or a merchant, to being in any profession." cells containing food and clothing, and drove off into some of the poorest streets of the town, where her pension When the priest had gone, Law when they were dark enough. I have been anxious about Mr. Sawyer's mortgage. He is not so friendly to us rence Gerald went soberly up to his chamber, thinking, as he went, that possibly an ordinary, active life might, after all, be the happiest. The influence of that healthy and as he was, or else he needs the money for he would grant no extension Well, I raked and scraped every dollar I could get, and I knew that, before next week, I couldn't hope to collect above one or two hundreds in addition; cheerful nature lifted for a time, if it did not dispel, his illusions, as sudden breath of west wind raises momentarily the heavy fogs, which settle again as soon as the breath dics. For one brief view, this diseased soul and still it did amount to more than half of the two thousand due. So I wrote off to a friend in New York who saw realities thursting their strong I thought might help me, and set my mother praying to all the saints for my angles through the vague and feverish dreams that had usurped his life On the one hand, they showed like jagged rocks that had been deceitfully overveiled by sunlight spray; on the other, like a calm and secure harbor shining through what had looked to While be a dark and weary way. He opened a handkerchief-box, and Andy was gone to the post-office, I could do nothing but walk to and fro, absently turned over its contents, rejecting with instinctive disdain the and shake at every sound, and watch the clock to see when he would be coarser linen, curling his lips uncon ciously at sight of a large hem-stitch back. I always give the old fellow ing and selecting one that dropped out of fold like a fine, snowy mist half an hour. I wasn't strong when h went. In ten minutes I was weak, in A faint odor of ottar of roses floated out of the box, so faint as to be per ceptible only to a delicate sense. The same rich fragrance embalmed the take to the sanctuary, and, whatever comes to me there, it can't kill me. So I left word for Andy to bring my glove-box he opened next, and the young man showed the same fastidious young man showed the same fastidious taste in selecting. It appeared trivial in a man, this feminine daintiness; yet some excuse might be found for it when one conletters to the church, and lay them down the altar steps, and go away templated the exquisite beauty of the altar, like an urchin who catches hold person showing it. It seemed fitting that only delicate linen and fine cloth of his mother's gown when somebody By-and-by, I heard should clothe a form so perfect, and that nothing harsh should touch those fair hands, soft and rosy-nailed as a women's. Yet how much of the beauty and delicacy had come from carefu putting his feet down-first the heel. then the toe, making a sound as though he were a quadruped. Never had he walked so slowly, yet never had I so and selfish fostering, who can tell? Physical beauty is but a frail plant, and reassurance, and had received in stead a warning. "I hope, mother, you do not think me bold in speaking on such a subject," she said, dropping her eyes; and then Mother Chevreuse knew that she had better have spoken its the reason, I liked the number of decades in the rosary. I promised in that instant "I would't mind doing business the rosary. I promised in that instant

very much to overcome difficulties. She liked the easy path, and always choose it when conscience did not for-bid. She made the best of her circum stances, therefore, and lived a quiet and pleasant, if not a very delightful, life. Mrs. Gerald was friendly ; their " It is not that at all," was the quick little household was sufficiently well arranged and perfectly homelike; they had agreeable visitors, and plenty of outside gaiety. On the whole, there seemed to be no reason why any-thing but marriage should separate the owner from her tenants.

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strong and faithful attach of which he was capable was one for himself, and his superficial affections were so numerous as to be worthy of very little compassions, however they might be slighted. Sweet-brier Cottage, as it was called,

might, then, be called rather a happy little nest. Nothing could be prettier than the

apartment occupied by the owner of the house, though, since she had her own peculiar notions regarding the relative importance of things, many aside. night have found the mingling of simplicity and costliness in her furnishing rather odd. An upholsterer would have pronounced the different articles in the rooms to be "out of keeping" with each other, just as he would have criticised a picture where the artist had purposely slighted the inferior parts. The deal floors were bare, save for two or three stripes of carpeting in sum-mer, and sealskin mats in winter ; the

prim curtains that hung in straight flutings, without a superfluous fold over the e windows, around the bed, and before the bookcase, just clearing the floor, were of plain, thin muslin, plainly hemmed, and had no more uxurious fastenings than brass knob and blue worsted cords to loop them back ; but a connoisseur would have prized the few engravings on the walls, the candlesticks of pure silver in the shrine before the *prie-dieu*, and the statuette of Our Lady that stood there, work of art. In cleanliness, too, Miss Pembroke was lavish, and one poor woman was nearly supported by what she received for keeping the draperies snowy white and crisp, and wiping away speck of dusk from the immaculate bower. No broom nor brush was allowed to enter there. "It is such a pleasure to come here.

Mother Chevreuse said one day when she came to visit Honora : "everything is so pure and fresh." "Is is such a pleasure to have you

come !" was the response ; and the young woman seated her visitor in the one blue chintz arm-chair the chamber contained, kissed her softly on the lightly.

The young woman answered with an expression of surprise that entirely reassured her friend : "Why should I not care for this case as well as another? He is a new-comer, and all my first im pressions of him were favorable. I had thought he might prove a fine charac

ter; and so it is one more disappoint-ment. But I am making too much of the matter," she said, with a smile and gesture that seemed to toss the subjec "I really cannot tell why should have thought so much about it.' She bent and gaily kissed her friend'

hands ; but Mother Chevreuse drew her success. For me, I don't know what came over me. Perhaps I was tired, close in an embrace that seemed by its passion to be striving to shield her or nervous, or dyspeptic. At all events, when the time came for me to from harm. She understood quite we what Honora did not yet know : that receive an answer to my letter, all my the nature which the Creator defined courage failed. I was ashamed of my from the beginning when He said : "It self, but that didn't help me. had

is not good for man to be alone," begun to feel itself lonely. "I would try not to think of these things, my dear," she said carnestly. Trust me, and put such thoughts There are good men in the away. There are good men in the world, and one day you will be con-vinced of that ; but it is never worth while to look about in search of some fifteen minutes I was silly, in twenty minutes I was a fool. 'I can't wait pray to Him with more fervor than here in the house for him,'I said ; 'I'll Add a new prayer to your devotions, with the intention of keeping this useless object out of your mind. Remember heaven, work for the poor, and the sinful, and the sick, and above all, do not fancy that it is again without speaking a word; and going to make you happy though you out I went, and knelt down by the should be acquainted with the finest men, or win ever so much their esteem. It isn't worth striving for, even if striving would win it. Nothing on striving would win it. Nothing on Andy coming. I knew the squeak of earth is worth working for but bread his boots, and the double way he has of and heaven.

Miss Pembroke looked a little disappointed. She had expected sympathy and reassurance, and had received in-

says bo ! to him.



Mrs. Sarah M. Black of Seneca Mo., during the past two years has been affected with Neuralgia of the Head, Stomach and Womb, and writes: "My food did not seem to strengthen me at all and my appetite was very variable. My was yellow, my head dull, and I had such pains in my left side. In the morning when I got up I would have a flow of mucus in the mouth, and a bad, bitter taste. Sometimes my breath became short, and I had such queer, tumbling, palpitating sensations around the heart. I ached all day under the shoulder blades, in the left side, and down the back of my limbs. It seemed to be worse in the wet, cold weather of Winter and Spring; and whenever the spells came on, my feet and hands would turn cold, and I could get no sleep at all. I tried everywhere, and got no relief before using August Flower Then the change came. It has done me a wonderful deal of good during the time I have taken it and is working a complete cure." G. G. GREEN, Sole Man'fr, Woodbury, N.J.

you go out dress "Why, gree gether," mamm heard you say prettiest flag in The young gesture of des 'Of course, col gether when t she said. "Th they are in g you see, mam fine for a bar lady's dress? cannot be help something to book this mor could make giving up veg living on rar using all the things. That "But I do crie vinegar," 'It is not a plied the you is a question and good look be to you a mathe whole neigh their blinds to the carriage.

"Let 'em l sulkily. "T cut of carria, could have su