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"A discovery- What discovery can be so important as to cause the postpone-ment or annulment of your betrothal, ment or annulment of your betrothal, even at the last moment! Lady Etheridge, as your oldest friend and your late guardian, I should have been the first to be informed of this lifficulty," said Col. Hastings, in an excess of agitation, that scarcely seemed justified, even by the grave importance of a broken marriage.

"I deemed my affianced husband to be the proper person to be first advised of a discovery that so deeply affected my circumstances and his interests."

But no: that drooping form, pale tace, es and his interests."

cumstances and his interests."
"In Heaven's name, Lady Etheridge, what is the nature of this discovery?" inquired Colonel aHstings, moving about restlessly, and scarcely able to restrain his contraction.

"It is simply tha I, called Laura Eth-The effect this announcement nad upon Colonel Hastings could scarcely be explained as astonishment, doubt or dis-appointment. It seemed rather the consternation, terror and dismay of detected guilt. He dropped into a chair, wiped the cold drops of perspiration from his blanched face, made several ineffectual

whom was confided the carr of the in-fant heiress of Swinburne, and, wao, alas! was tempted to betray her trust, "No, mother;" and palm off upon the wifeless baron her own child as his daughter." "What!" exclaimed Colonel Hastings,

Lady Etheridge commenced and narrated the whole story as she had received it from the nurse.

Colonel Hastings, as he listened, grew

graver and graver, and when she had concluded, he paused a long time in deep thought, and then said: "Lady Etheridge, I know you well en-

ough to be sure that if once you suppose the claims of another to be just, wever opposel to your own interests

an old and intimate friend of our families of a daughtre."

This "Give me the love of one, my child. I an old and intimate friend of our family is lying at the point of death. This recessitates a temporary postponement of the marriage, as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the deathbed of our friend. You will, therefore Mrs. Wontromery he agreed as to the death of the marriage and the fore Mrs. Wontromery he agreed as to the death of the marriage and the first of the statement that you made to me death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the death of the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must immediately repair to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be a supplied to the marriage as Lady Etheridge and myself must be

trate. Also, it is needful that you subtrivity is deferred, 'said Colonel Hastings.

To say that Mrs. Montgomery was
thunderstruck at this announcement
would give the reader but a faint idea. would give the reader but a faint idea of its effect upon her. She was strick-en dumb for at least two rainutes; but The sooner the better." on recovering her speech, she set her tongue at work, "to make fast atone-ment for its first delay. Colonel Hastings, however, at once cut her short by tion. observing that Lady Etheridge had not a moment to spare, as death was no respecter of persons, and would not wait for the mightiest on earth. And then, Colonel Hastings, who wishes to take for the mightiest on earth. And then, to the distribution with the stately courtesy of the olden your deposition."

time, he conducted his ward to the door "Yes; certainly. I will be very thankof her dressing-room.

ful to you, sif, if you will send for a

Čecececececececececece And in half an hour afterwards Colonel Hastings and Lady Etheridge were roll-ing along in the close carriage on their way to the house of the laundress.

her.
But no; that drooping form, pale tace, and those tearful eyes spoke of anything rather than of pleasure and unexpected triumph.

Laura then advianced to greet the maiden, who was about to respectfully courtesy to the baroness, who immediately presented her to Colonel Hastings. And it must be admitted that the cun ning old courtier bowed to the possib future Lady Etheridge, of Swinburne. The neighbor arose, made her obersance, and gave way to the distinguished

visitors. As Laura took the place by the head

the cold drops of perspiration from his blanched face, made several ineffectual attempts to speak, and then gasped forth:

"For Heaven's sake tell me! How did the existence of this other heir, come to your knowledge?"

"By the confession of the nurse, to when was confided the ears of the in."

"As Laura took the place by the head of the bed, the sleeping woman awoke, and, seeing her, said:

"Ah, you have returned, sa you promised! I knew you would. Lauca! Laura! take my hand, my child. Forget your past grandeur ,or regard at only as a brilliant dream, an dake my hand, my child. I will not ask it long. hand, my child. A I will not ask it long. "No, mother, Rose is here, and one

and, saying:
"Oh, Laura! Laura! do not feel cold-

"Oh, Laura! Laura! do not feel coldly toward me. Let me have the comfort of my child's affection in the last few hours of my life. Oh, Laura, Laura! to you with such a mighty, unquencht to you with such a mighty, unquenchable thirst for your presence and your love; and when I have heard all the people praise the goodness, and wisdom, and bounty of Lady Etheridge, I have said to myself: That is my daughter. No haughty, cold-blooded and selfish Etheridge ever was good, wise or bountiful. It

take upon yourself the task of explaining to those friends who intend to honor our breakfast the sad reason why our festivity is deferred, 'said Colonel Hast-

"I will do all that you wish me, Laura. Laura beckened Colonel Hastings, who

room, out of hearing of this conversa-When he came to the bedside, she pre-

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may rest assured that, possession being nine points of the law, it must in any case, be months, if not years, before you can be compelled to lay down your title, or give up your estate, or leave title, or give up your estate, or your home at the costle."

"Colonel Hastings, I do not believe that there is one candid person in the world who could witness what we have witnessed to-day and not feel convinced of the truth of my mother's statement, and the truth of my mother's statement, the rights of Rose to the title and estates of Etheridge of Swinburne. I shall mire treachery any more, because another is to suffer by it rather than my mission of the law. I here and new law turned traitor to Lady Etheridge, also make then to me? No! no! no! a solemnly resign in favor of the new claimant all right and title that I may be supposed to have to the barony and estates of Swinburne. This is my final resolve. Call me, therefore no longer Lady Etheridge, but, if you are kind, call me, as you did in my happy child-hood, Leura, for that name is mine yet."

of your neighbors."

"Send them away."

This short conversation was carried to any conversatio "What!" exclaimed Colonel Hastings, in perplexity, but losing a portion of the abject terror that had lately and unaccountably shaken him.

"It is a sad story for me to tell: It compels my tongue to the unkind task of disinheriting myself, and to the harder and more cruel one of criminating my and more cruel one of criminating my and accountably shaken him.

This short conversation was carried to ni na very low voice unheard by any one else in the room.

Laura arose and spoke to Rose and to the neighbor, both of whom immediately left the house. Then she returned to the hedside of the sick woman, who again eagerly clasped and held her hand, saving:

This short conversation was carried on in a very low voice unheard by any one else in the room.

Laura arose and spoke to Rose and watching. You need repose. Let me entered by this sudden who had m promise and the maiden who possessed my heart; if, final, I broke watching. You need repose. Let me entered by this sudden who had m promise and the maiden who had m promise and the maiden who possessed my heart; if, final, I broke the hedside of the bedside of the sick woman, watching. You need repose. Let me entered by this sudden to the neighbor, both of whom immediately left the house. Then she returned to the maiden who had m promise and the maiden who had to think and to act."

"I thank you, Colonel Hastings; but my mind is clear enough and strong en-ough, even now, to know right from wrong."

"Well, Laura, I perceive it is useless

"When I made that appointment yes-

terday morning, I thought that I was making it with my own betrothed lover William Lovel, and not with the affiar ced husband of Lady Etheridge, Mr. Hastings," replied Rose, with more severity upon her young brow than any one would have suppoed her cpable of showing.
"Mr. Hastings! Lady Etheridge. What

is it you mean, Rose? Some one has been slandering me to you."

vere. Thank Heaven that none else in sibly

which of the two did you heedtate the blackest treachery. Against the unloved lady whom you were about to lead to the altar, or the ili-loved cottager, whom you were alluring to destruction. Good Heaven, what blackness of wickedness! Stand out of my way, sir, and let me pass. Your presence darkens the very sunshine to me!" exclaimed the maiden, with heavener and thet it could not

with a horror so real that it could not have been concealed. "Rose! I have twice asked you what is the meaning of this attack. I have a right to an answer."
"You shall have it, Mr. Hastings. But

"You shall have it, Air hastings," first, perhaps, you will explain to me how it is, that on this, your wedding day and hour, you are here questioning me, instead of being at the church with Lady Etheridge."

He saw by her manner and her expression that she knew too much for hm to attempt to carry on the decepton. He felt no other course was possible for him but to tell the truth and defend his conduct as best he might. He said. "Rose, it is true that many months be fore I knew you and love, partly to

physician and a lawyer, and any one else you may think proper to summon for the purpose of confirming and insuring the validity of the statement that I wish to make," said Mrs. Elmer.

Colonel Hastings growled an inaudible reply, for he was very much perplexed and dissatisfied; and went out, entered the carriage and drove off to bring the proper parties.

In half an hour he returned with them. I will not weary my readers with the details of the formal proceedings that occupied the next. two or three hours, and that contirmed the validity of the dying woman's statement. The whole business was conducted in a manner at once legal and confidential. No form was omitted that could go to confirm the evidence; yet, each member of the party stood strictly pledged to the others to keep the secret until proper proceedings and counted that could go to confirm the evidence; yet, each member of the party stood strictly pledged to the others to keep the secret until proper proceedings are ter the signing and withessing of the document, all left the cottage, with the strength of Colonel Hastings and Laura, who remained by the beside of the patient, who had sunk into a sleep of utter exhaustion.

"Well, Lady Etheridge. Howevr this may eventually result, whoever may be declared the true heiress, of this you may rest assured that, 'possession being nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge and in from him and shrunk away, exclaiming:

"You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nine points of the law,' it must in "You have broken with Lady Etheridge in nin

away, exclaiming:
"You have broken with Lady Etheridge! Double traitor! False to me False to her! Who shall trust you!" "Rose! Rose! I do not merit these

bitter reproaches from you—not from you! To you, at least, I have been true!" "But false to her! False to that noble lady who gave you all she possessed, and, above all, her whole heart's rich

thousand times no! I spurn the faith ings! Your presence infects the very air I breathe!"

"Rose! Rose! Why this fierce indignation against one who adores you! Why do ou continue to strike on loves you too tenderly to retort?

Albert Hastings, bitterly.
"I profit by your treachery! I pick up your broken faith and wear it as a trophy! Never! Know me better, Mr. Hastings!"

"Rose, you are very cruel." "Listen to me once more, and for the last time, and you will understand why you and I must speak no more on earth

Yesterday afternoon you met me, breathing vows of sincere, undivided, un-

bose the claims of another to be josts below the second proper of the claims and the control of to assure myself that my ears had not deceived me. No, there you stood, breathing to her the same vows of sin-cere, undying love, that you had just three hours before breathed to me! And

hours before.

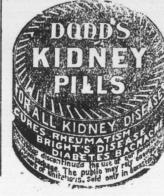
(To be continued.)

Don't Talk to Your Horse So Much. A horse who has always been made to bey quickly, will respond to commands from anyone, whereas the creature who has been petted and talked to accords, unless hungry, scant attention to any one. We talk to horses altogether too much, and it is a silly and dangerous custom. "Whoa!" should mean but one "No, Mr. Hastings. Thank Heaven that no one on earth knows our acquaintance except your worthy friend and valet, Le-word should ever be used, beyond posvere. Thank Heaven that none else in this world knows the extent of your falsehood and my folly!"

"Rose, what in Heaven's name, is the meaning of this. It seems to me that today I have fallen into a train of strange adventures."

"Not so strange either, as those you had marked out for youfreelf when you purposed in the same day to marry a peeres and ruin a peasant. Oh, against which of the two did you meditate the blackest treachery. Against the unloved the order to "stand or

Muggins—"I hear you are having your daughter's voice cultivated." Buggins—"Yes, I'm afraid it can't be cured, so I am doing the next best thing."



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until I outgrew the disease.

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BLIND MAN CHECKER ADEPT. Challenges All Players and Has Defeated Even Pillsbury.

Can you play checkers? There is a biind man in Philadelphia who can beat you, no matter how well you play. He has defeated Pillsbury, Mattnew Priest, and half a dozen other professionals despite the fact that he can not see as much as a ray of light and has to follow the game in his mind with the asistance of his finger tips.

John Thompson is the blind champion's name. He lives at 251 North Warnock street, where many of the most scientific checker players in the United States have called on him and

met their Waterloo.

Thompson has a crude little board that was made especially for him, the squares being sunk in the wood. One set of men is square to match the holes and has a little groove on one side. When the men have only a single value these grooves are turned downward, but when they reach the king row the grooves

are turned upward.

The other set of men are the usual und checkers and with his delicate round checkers and with his delictive touch Thompson can distinguish between them as readily as anyone who has the full use of his eyes.

Forty-six years ago Thompson's vision left him. He is totaly, absolutely blind.

It was about fifteen years ago that he determined to learn to play checks and had his little board made. HThe game fascinated him and he has been playing steadily ever since, part of the time rofessionally.

For several years he has been a regular feature at the Ninth and Arch streets museum and he will play there again this year. He meets all comers

and rarely loses a game.
"Oh, it's a beautiful game," he said, rapturously to a visitor who called at his house. "There's no end to it. Pillsbury himself admitted to me that there more in it than there is in chess, and

He was a friend of checkers, or draughts as he called them. He said that checkers was undoubtedly the most scienti-

"I could play checkers forever," he ex-

CHILDREN ON STAGE. Large Numbers Employed in Spectacular

Shows. The children's dramatic booking office is a busy place just now, for rehearsals are in progress for a spectacular production of one of Shakespeare's plays ploy 100 children. This is probably the largest number of children ever used in one play, and is one of many signs that the public likes to see children on the stage.

Ben Hur, some ten years ago, Ben Hur, some ten years ago, what fifty children, and The Sorrows of Satan, with fifty or sixty, were about the first plays to employ extra children in large numbers. Humpty Dumpty had eighty, Beauty and the Beast fifty, and The White Cat seventy-five.

With the steady increase has come an agency devoted to the booking of chilalone . It is run by a woman, a kind faced, motherly woman, who has

charges carefully.

Very few of them are children of actors and actresses who are playing, alone reason or another have left the stage. Most of them are the children of very poor people who really need the

Among the 100 children for the Shake Among the 100 character for the Sakarsspeare play are five from one family, m which the father is dead. Their salaries combined will keep the family in confort, and the work is not hard. It is very and the work is not seldom that a play keeps the children on until the last act. They are usually at home and in bed before the play is over; and there is practically no labor in the

These extra children never travel when a big production of this kind goes on the

tra children in each cry to be matched to go to the principals of schools, tell them what she wants and invite them to send to her any strong, healthy children who are able to take part in the performance outside of school hours without injury, and who need the momey. She always gets five or six tines as many as she needs, and at the first rehearsal sifts them out. In New York she senetimes cose to amateur enter-

children are far more casy to train than adult extras. They are more phiable, far less self-conscious. The manager's only object is to get them simply to be themselves on the stage, when they are sure to make a hit. Very few of these extra children remain upon the

they are sure to make a mt. Very lew of these extra children remain upon the stage.

Extra children receive \$5 a week. When they are capable of taking extraparts they get \$25 or \$35 a week or more. Children in parts have increased as much as in the chorus in recent years, and those charming infants in Peter Pan, Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch, The Prince Chap, and other productions are fresh in the public mind.

Five of the children in the Cabbage Patch were from one family and all had been extras. The mother of one of the Cabbage Patch ohildren was employed to travel with the production for the purpose of caring for the children. The youngsters finished the season healthy and happy, and without a day's illness. The five children in Peter Pan had none of them been extras. All started Prince Chap were coached for their parts with parts. The two little girls in The by the children's booking agent.

It is a curious thing that a child actor almost always does well. There are no sticks among them. But the charming children of the stage are seldom heard of afterward. The exquisite naturalness which makes them delightful all disappears as they leave the realm of

uralness which makes them delightfu all disappears as they leave the realm of childhood, and they have to learn all over again how to be a grown-up actor. -New York Sun.

ON THE SILVERY STRAND.

(By a Banker.) How exhibitanting and inspiriting to those who appreciate the glories and tae beauties of nature is a long walk along the hard dry sand of the sea-shore in the hard dry sand of the sea-shore in the early prime of a bright summer morning. A spirit of gladness and rejoicing pervades all nature; the shore birds — sea-larks, rock pipits, dotterel, and many another feathered beauty — are gamboling and frolicking, and flitting from rock to rock and from pool to pool in the exuberance of their joy; a flock of graceful terns is skimming over the breaking waves. so swiftly over the breaking waves, so swiftly that they pass like a flash of light; and circling and testifying their gladness in a chorus of somewhat shrill and discord-

Landwards rise the lofty beetling cliffs towering upwards to the azure of the skies; here and there cleft in twain as skies; here and there cleft in twain as by the hand of some titanic giant, the great fissure clothed in verdure and gay with wild flowers; while scattered about upon the shore are great fragments of rock, detached perhaps ages ago from the cliff by some convulsion of nature; many of them surrounded by lovely marine polis, their sides clothed with feathery coraline and graceful waving fronds of many hued algae, while innumerable tiny fish and immature crustacea dart hither and thither, or lurk in dark recesses ready to pounce upon its unwarp prey.

is more in it than there is in chess, and that's a good deal for Pillsbury to say, you know. Poor Pillsbury' He was a good opponent, the kind of opponent that a man likes to meet.

"That's one reason I always had a kindly feeling toward Edgar Allan Poer.

fic game on earth."

He talked about the game as if it were a masterpiece of art or music and with unerring accuracy he worked out the finds that the sea birds resent his intrusion into their realms, and circle round him, angrily uttering their discordant cries and fiercely threatening an attack. "I could play checkers forever, ne calciumed enthusiastically. "It is a wonderful game. People don't understand it. They think it's a shallow game, deen — deep.—Philadelphia from the shore, for when the tide turns are closer that flat, hard sand it advances along that flat, hard sand like a wind-swept mill race, and then he must flee for his life, or the advancing water will inevitably overwhelm them. And so in like manner many, entranced with the pleasures and with the gaieties of this life, forget that they are wandering far away from the shores of eternal safety. And then when the rushing waters of that dark stream over which all must pass come suddenly upon them, they realize, perhaps, alas! too late, that all is blackness and darkness. But there are others who can not that s ream; for He who died that they might live eternally, and Whom they have loved and obeyed, will safely pilot them over its dark waters right on to the bright and joyous shores of the gloryland.

A SENEDICTION. God's love and peace be with thee, Soe or this soft autumnal air Lifts the dark tresses of thy hair!

It freshness o'er thy thoughtful face, Importing, in its glad embrace, Boshty to beauty, grace to grace!

For nature's book together read, rice old wood-paths that knew our treat he maple shadows overhead—

If, then, a fervent wish for thee The gracious heavens will heed from the What should, dear heart, its burden be

Whether through city casements comes its kiss to thee in crowded rooms, Or, ou among the woodland blooms,