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The Cloud.

The cloud lay low in the heavens Such a lifted cloud it seemed, Just lightly touching the sea's broad breast, ere the rose light lingered across the wes Soft and grave as in innocence rest, While the gold athwart it gleamed

It looked such a harmless cloudlet, Seen over the sleeping wave, Yet the keen-eyed mariner shook his head, As slowly it crept o'er the dusky red, "See! the rocket lines are clear," he said, And his lips set stern and grave.

And o'er ever the eve was midnight, That cloud was lowering black, Dimmed the light of the stars away, Dimused the flash of the furious spray,
As the breakers crashed in the northern ba

Winds howling on their track. So in life's radiant morning Many a tiny care or cross Just trouble the peaceful course of love, As if the strength of its sway to prove,

As if to whisper, my surface may move, But my roots can laugh at loss. It may seem such a little jarring, Oaly experience sighs, For, with time's sad learning to sharpen

glance, He sees the "rift in the lute" advance, Knows how fate may seize upon ci To sever the closest ties.

Ab, me! in the fiercest tempest The life-boat its work may do; But what can courage or skill avail When the heart lies wrecked by passion

When change or death has farled the sail,

Then wetch, oh ! hope and gladness, Watch for the rising cloud; Sun it away, frank warmth of youth; Blow it away, bright breeze of truth; for, oh! there is neither mercy or truth Should it once your heaven enshroud.

LOVED AT LAST.

Hugh Fenton stood looking at her, his face full of white pain, his grave, handsome eyes showing eloquently the anguish and desolation of his spirit.

For, a moment earlier, Lola Bourne had refused him-gently, tenderly, with distress on her sweet, pure face, and keep regret that she was forced to make him suffer so, in her low, pitiful tongs.

But, for all her sweetness and tenderness, and sympathy and distress, she had

I do thank you for your regard for me, Mr. Fenton—I shall ever remember it as one of the brightest spots in my life. But," and her voice had lowered to an inexpressibly gentle tone, whose very car rulkess and pititulness mad dened him, "I do not love you, and I would not dare marry where I did not love."

so womanly and delicate for a giri of nineteen, and so lovely in her beauty—slight, graceful dignified, always a little more grave and thoughtful than other girls of her age and losition in society, and even more grave and dignified since the troubles had come upon her that left her to face the world without parents or money.

advantage of you—I dare not be so cruelly selfish—"

"I understand, dear—fully. But you seem to forget how it will take the last sting from my dying pillow, how it will ighten the way clear to the beyond, if I may know my wife weeps for me."

Her beautiful face was pale as his, her eyes glowed like dusly stars, her voice was clear, intense.

"Will it do that for you, my friend? Knowing all you know, will it please

parents or money.

Hugh had always worshiped her,
since the time a year or so before when ner one evening, and introduced him to Mrs. Bourne and Loia, with an after ardent recommendation to their notice and friendship.

in one little half-year, And now when, it one little half-year, there had occurred the startling series of pitiful calamities to the girl, her parents both taken from her, and the magnificent home literally sold over her head, it had been as Lola said, one of the brightest memories of those inexpressibly weary times that Hugh Fenton had offered her his hand and love, his name and fortune.

And the mighter was a monther clergyman stood at the bedside, and in the presence of the dying man's mother and issuer, and the gray-haireu physician, Lola was made Hugh's wife.

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ess he had to be content; and he went | choked, solemn voice away from the plain little lodging-house, where, in exchange for music lessons to two refractory girls, Lola was allowed comfortable accommodations—went away with his heart crushed to the very earth, and feeling as if never again would the sun shine golden-bright for

While Lola went slowly up to the little plain room which was not so pleas- pitiful! ant as had been the servants' rooms in her own father's house.

There was a little look of pain on her mouth and a deep, troubled expression in her eyes as she sat patiently down to

ome sewing.
"I could not have done otherwise oh, it would have been dreadful to have promised to be his wife just because he could save me from this life! I wish I could love him; I have tried and tried, and I cannot.

And then, the matter thus conscien tiously settled in her own mind. Lola went on in her plain, new dull little way of living, to be suddenly and sharply aroused from it a day two or three weeks later by a telegram from Hugh Fenton, that briefly said only this:

"I am dying. Will you come to me?" Dying! Her one good friend, her one dear friend. Dying! It seemed a cruel mockery to think of his dying in the flush and glory of maturity, with every-

thing in the world to live for.

She hastened to him as fast as the first train could take her, to find him lying pale and peaceful, waiting for the roman he loved.

He could still speak, wearily, and labor, but his face grew radiant with a tenderness that seemed less of ortal joy than the reflection from the hither shore, when she knelt weeping beside him. "No; this is best for me, Lola," he

said, tenderly. "I would rather die like this, with you here beside me, than live without you. My darling, do you now why I have sent for you?"

Even amid all the pity and desolation

n her heart, she shivered at his sugestive words. "Oh, my friend, Hugh -"

He interrupted her, quietly. "I want you to let me give you my name before I go, dear. I want you to know how thoroughly, how perfectly I love you. You will not refuse? It is the last request I shall make of a human being-don't refuse me this-don't send ne away-out yonder-without grant ing me this. It will not hurt you, Lola —I shall not be here to annoy—you will be comfortable and happy, and free as ver-and I-

He smiled in her horrified eyes.
"Oh, Hugh—no! no! I cannot take advantage of you—I dare not be so cruelly selfish—"

Knowing all you know, will it please

and comfort you?" "It will make me welcome death to call you my wife one little hour." ready, I am ready."

And so, a half-hour later, the family clergyman stood at the bedside, and in

had offered her his hand and love, his name and fortune.

Only she could not accept because, as she had gently, honestly told him, she did not love him; and to such a girl as Lola Bourne, Hugh Fenton's fortune and social position were no temptations whatever.

Hugh stood looking at the sweet, pure, Hugh stood looking at the sweet, pure, his look her hand warmly.

And the minister went away, and Clara Fenton kissed the dear, peaceful, radiant face on the pillow, and threw her arms round Lola's neck and sobbed out her anguish and gratitude, and the dear, quivering-lipped old mother blessed her boy's wife, and Dr. Sandford shook her hand warmly.

And with her firm, gentle resolute- fingers off the wrist, and turned with a

"Thanks be to God! Hugh will live The crisis has passed, and his pulse has been strengthening steadily for fifteen minutes.!"
And the next second Lola lay in a

dead faint on the floor beside her husband's bed.

Her husband! And he would live!

Such fearful days followed, and yet nobody but these two understood anything about it, and even they did not wholly understand each other.

Such awful days followed, and yet few newspapers which do not pass from hand to hand through three or four per sons with every issue.

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that at heart she might not be a mur deress; that heaven would give her strength to endure the life forced upon her; when Hugh cursed the fate that spared him, because she was so cruelly punished by the mistake of it all.

Days, and weeks, and months passed. finding Lola always at her post, always where a fond, loving wife would be; finding her growing more and more patient, and even more sweetly gentle than ever, if that were possible, while Hugh grew restless and impatient, and the one great dread of his life—the dread lest she should after awhile hate him instead of being simply indifferent as she was now, grew on him like nightmare

Until one day he announced his in tention of going abroad—to gain strength, he told Lola—to rid her of him she knew so well he meant.
"And alone, Hugh?"

"Alone—certainly," he said, almost narshly in his bitterness. For who was there in all the world

to go with him? So he made his preparations with a heart as heavy as lead—a heart that suffered untold agony as he saw the new glad light that was daily coming in his wife's eyes—joy at the speedy pros-pect of being separated from him, if

only for awhile. And then he said good-bye and went his way, by easy stages and frequent stops, until he reached the lovely summer land of Italy, to Florence, the city of flowers-a heartsick, heartsore man who would rather have laid down his life than to live longer the solitary, loveless existence that fate had apportioned

And yet-despite all his bitterness, his all athrob in expectation of the letter rom his wife he knew would be there

Only—it was not there!
And he went slowly, despairingly to the rooms engaged by telegraph, wondering why all of life and hope and joy and love such as glorified other men's lives, were denied him, wondering-

And opening the door to see waiting for him-Lola, all her passionate soul in her eyes, all her sweet, yearn ing nature in the low cry with which he sprung to him.

"Oh, Hugh! I could not let you leave me! I did not know until you were gone that-" His face was pale as death.

ooked at her-one glance in which their hearts were unveiled, one moment when it seemed that heaven had suddenly opened to them.

Hugh! Oh, Hugh, my darling! And so their happiness came to them.

A New and Economical Method of Intoxication.

A New York lady has discovered why

men drink, and come home fuddled and silly, and invented a means whereby the same results may be secured without losing their delightful society and companionship. The secret she imparts to or mind from the inebriate habits of their lords. In the evening, she says after we have sat together for some time, and he says, "My dear, I have boll Bourne, Hugh stood looking the the sweet, pure, pale face that his learn and social position when a term of the part of the seed and social position when the part of the some business to attend to and will be back in an hour or two," I say, "John, get up in the middle of the floor and

TIMELY TOPICS.

The newspaper advertisement, an ex change truthfully says, is a never-tiring worker in the interests of its employer. When the bill distributor has disappeared from the streets and his bills trampled into pulp, the advertisement is performing its silent mission in the family circle. It appeals to a constit-And she-did not love him! Heaven be uency three or four times larger than the actual sale of the paper, for there are

> large quantities of lumber to Brazil, because she has very few mills. The streams wash away many trees, which mill owners at their mouths would simply have to capture and land. A Portuguese who built a mill a few years ago at the mouth of the Madeira river, has recently retired with a large fortune, although he had employed only the rudest machinery and unskilled workmen. The cedar logs floating down supplied him in five months in every year with sufficient timber for the entire year's work.

> The work of the Swiss earthquake commission will be watched with much interest just now on account of the great number of earthquakes, some very destructive that have disturbed differ ent parts of the earth within the last few months. The commission have districted Switzerland for the purposes of observation, and each district has a chief observer assigned to it, whose business it is to make the inhabitants serve as his assistants by distributing among them a pamphlet describing the phe nomena of earthquakes and the best means of observing them, and blank forms containing a series of questions carefully prepared and intended to form a skeleton history of every earthquake that is observed. Instruments for mea suring the force, direction, duration and so on, of all earthquake shocks, are to be placed in the hands of skilled ob servers at certain stations.

The bells of St. Mark's church, Phila delphia, were silenced by an injunction obtained by annoyed neighbors, and the court of appeals sustained the order. The result of that case has led to move ments against church bells elsewhere. In St. Louis a chime in the Congrega ional Church of the Pilgrims has been attacked by two physicians living clos by. These bells are struck every quarter of an hour, the number of strokes num bering 1,116 a day, besides the tune playing on Sundays and prayer-meeting nights. The two physicians say, in ap plying for an injunction, that the nois destructive of comfort and dangerou to health. The church officers reply that the chime is a fine one, and that the complainants would not object if they were not infidels, to whom any Chris tian sound would be unpleasant.

Probably in no city on the globe are there furnished such opportunities for Christian worship as in the great mechurches, and it is said that in 1871 that of 23,400 tunerals in the city of Berlin, 20,000 of them had no religious services whatever, either at homes, churches or at the grave. From "Mackson's Guide Churches of London a Suburbs" for 1880, we learn that thereare 872 churches of the "Establishment" in the city of London within a radius of twelve miles. Of these 245 were open for daily service; 270 were entirely free churches: at 409 there was a weekly elebration of the holy commun daily celebration in forty-three churches surpliced choir in 375 churches; a paid choir in less than one-fourth; voluntary choir in 388 and 123 churches were a ways open for private prayer. It wil be noted that this guide only alludes to church of England parish churches. The aggregate of other houses of wor-ship must be very large.

An Oriental Mesmerizer.

Strange stories come from India of

the feats performed by a native mes merizer named Buni, whose magnetic power would appear to be found quite irresistible by the lower animals, upon which he exclusively exerts it. He give eances, to which the public are invite to bring all manner of ferocious and untamable wild beasts, and holds them with his glittering eye. In a few sec-onds they subside into a condition of cataleptic stiffness, from which they can only be revived by certain passes w he solemnly executes with his right hand. A snake in a state of virulen irritation was brought to Buni by a menagerie proprietor, enclosed in a wooden cage. When deposited on the wooden cage. When deposited on the platform it was writhing and hissing fiercely. Buni bent over the cage and fixed his eye upon its occupant, gently waving his hand over the serpent's rest-less head. In less than a minute the snake stretched itself out, stiffened, and lay apparently dead. Buni took it up and thrust several needles into its body, but it gave no sign of life. A few passe then restored it to its former angry ac tivity. Subsequently a savage dog, held in a leash by its owner, was brought in, and, at Buni's command, let loose upo him. As it was rushing toward him bristling with fury, he raised his hand, and in a second the fierce brute dropped upon its belly as though stricken by lightning. It seemed absolutely paralyzed by some unknown agency,

A Future Feminine Diary.

leased from the magnetizer's spell by a

until re-

was unable to move a muscle

majestic wave of his hand.

Monday.-Just I had settled my household work for the day, I was called away to serve on a jury, and had to remain in the law courts until the evening.

Tuesday Some riots having taken place in our neighborhood, was forced to act as special constable. Paraded the streets all day long in a state of constant alarm. Wednesday.-Received a letter from

my friend Susie, who has heard that the militia are to be called out. Visited her, and discovered that the women, as citizens, are now liable to military ser-Thursday.-Had to attend an inques as a coroner's juryman. A very un-pleasant duty indeed, as it was held

upon a man who had committed a most horrible suicide. Friday.—Having failed to obey the orders of a county court judge, was ocked up in prison for contempt. I owe this scrape to the extravagance of nd coats, and will not work for our

living. Saturday .- In deep tribulation. The governor of the jail is a female, and as a matter of course, favors the male prison-ers. Asked for a book, and was furnished with a work upon Roman law. Cried myself to sleep over a passage which told me that no one could obtain the privileges of a citizen without accepting a citizen's duties and responsibilities. Oh, why did I give up the tropolis of the world, London. Many of the continental cities have but few privileges of a real woman for the misies of a mock man?

A Man With a Record.

Mr. Ben F. Wilson, of New Haven, Nelson county, Ky., is now eighty-two years of age. He has been magistrate twelve years. He fines every man one dollar for each time he uses a profane oath, and has receipts for payment of the same.

He never used a profane oath. He never tasted a drop of liquor He never smoked a cigar or tobacco, r chewed in his life.

He never saw a horse-race for money. He never was at a theater. He never knew one card from an other, though he is known from his home to New Orleans.

The Seven Stages.

NO. 13.

Only a baby, Kissed and caressed,

Gently held to a mother's breast

Only a child, Toddling alone, Brightening now its happy home

Only a boy,

Trudging to school,

Governed now by sterner rule Only a youth,

Living in dreams Full of promise life now se

Bat ling with life Shared in now by loving wife

Only a father, Burdened with care

Only a graybeard,

. Growing old and full of pain.

Only a mound,

O'ergrown with grass, Dreams unrealized—rest at last.

ITEMS OF INTEREST.

High heels -Some doctors' charges.

The man who dines off pig's feet is reuced to extremities.

Dead men-Those who try to do busiess without advertising .- Modern Argo. The directors of the Philadelphia Academy of Music have opened a free school for the training of opera singers

of time beating a salesman down five-cents on his price.—Steubenville Herald. We hear a good deal of sport about finding out a woman's age; but it is even harder to find a man sage. -B

Lots of men will waste a dollar's worth

Transcript. The Hon. John A. Cuthbert, of Mobile, Ala., is still practicing law in that city, although ninety-one years old. He was an officer in the war of 1812, and was elected to Congress from Georgia in

-1819. What is the difference between smashing a window and smashing an arm? In the first instance you go through the pane, while in the secon the pain goes through you.—Philadel-phia Item.

The startling discovery has be nade that there are 42,000 different kinds of weeds in the United States, not including, we suppose, widow's weeds, which, as this is leap year, are more numerous than ever.—Waterloo Obser-

In the eighteen years from 1860 to 1878 inclusive, the population of the United States increased fitty per cent., my husband -a man who will buy hats the imports and exports increased respectively twenty-eight and eighty-five per cent., and the currency increased 130 per cent.

Mrs. Clark, of Indiana, was thoughtess enough to present her husband with petition signed by herself and her even children praying for a new calico dress. Mr. Clark thereupon threw the petition under the table and his wife out of the window, and now she is a cripple

An inscription in an old cemetery at plainly cut in the marble slab, as fol Christiana, wife of John Haag. Died. February 31, 1869." How such a blunder ever got into the copy, or how even the stone-cutter could let it go on is a mystery.

A crimson rosebud into beauty breaking; A hand outstretched to pluck it ere it tall; An hour of triun.ph, and a sad forsaking; And then, a withered rose leaf- that is all.

- Chambers' Journal. An ancient tom-cat on the summer kitchen: A boot-jack raised, a solemn caterwaul; A moment's silence, and a quick departure; And then, a wasted boot-jack—that is all.

Words of Wisdom. It is better-to need relief than t want heart to give it.