The New Tenant

torn from the door, and all Denton be- floating from the parlor of Elm Cottage. came inordinately curious to discover there came the silvery notes of a bril-

The cottage was a neat, gothic struc- lence, and then, simultaneously: ture, embowered amid clambering goldon banksias and creeping coral vines, i little flower-garden one glowing, fragrant mass of great, crimson-hearted verbenas, while the drooping elms, from for a glimpse of their neighbor. Millie

Just next door-the grounds of the parting her ripe lips as she heard her t vo premises being separated by a low cousins' wondering exclamations regardpaling fence—was Rose Villa, so named | ing the silent arrival of the newcomer. the actual fact.

Both of these young ladies, be it un- ture. derstood, considered themselves fully Outside stood a wagon, laden with a entitled to rank among the beauties of

Maude's attractions consisted in a hasty retreat into the house. short, and, it must be confessed, rather "dumpy" figure (she called it petite), a quantity of light yellow hair, which she constantly wore hanging loosely her age as twenty-one.

being called, was of a different type of morning. beauty, being tall, and painfully angular with bilious complexion, and masses of was addicted to stately manners, and slow, majestic movements, mentally designating herself as a "queenly bru-

discourse was the new tenant, his probable age and personal appearance, disposition and habits, and, above all,

It was mutually agreed between them fingers could concoct.

on, much to the secret amusement and autumn.

her uncle was kind to his niece, but, tempered cousins. being in the city all day, he did not

blooming and pretty a girl as could be that came floating from next door. the house.

freezing sneers and cutting slights, while and the gate flew wide open.

busy as two bees.

the sweeping, dusting, and cleaning friendly vines.

Besides all this, as the young ladies she do? cambrics, and very frequently these her hand and listened. lawns and cambrics were exquisitely The low sweet notes seemed to fall on to be married at once.

her graceful form was nearly always she sobbed aloud. disguised in one of her cousins' faded wrappers, which, if Theodora's, the what is— Oh, I beg pardon!"

sne somed around.

"What! crying? Why, little one, wight of her envious cousins, a sunshiny existence, made bright and happy by the love and caresses of her deviced. stately, would drag behind in a long, For, at sound of the grave, masculine pointed tail; or if formerly belonging voice, Millie had risen to her feet, reto Maude, would just reach to the top | vealing the fact that she was not quite

Meanwhile, the young ladies wore the step, she had appeared to be.

one morning, as the three female members of the household were seated in Elm Cottage had been vacant all the sewing-room—Nellie at the machine, summer, and now, just as September's the other two discussing the never-vary-

everything concerning the new tenant. | liant waltz. An instant's startled si-"Theo, he's come !"

"Maude, the new tenant has arrived." Both rushed to the side-window, whence the next-door premises were which it derived its name, threw their went on soberly with her work—a pale long, cool shadows over the velvety blue robe, in which Maude intended grass that flourished in wild luxuriance. opening the campaign—a half-smile "The music made me so sad, and I was

by its two sentimental mistresses, Misses | Millie had known of it, for early that Maude and Theodora Clifton. Both of morning, while the blonde and brunette these young ladies were considerably on were enjoying their matutinal snooze, the shady side of twenty-five, and both she had been sweeping the back porch, not angels, I surmise. Well, I will were sharply on the look-out for well- clad in the regulation wrapper and escort you home now, and we will think ture proprietor of Elm Cottage was a in time to catch a glimpse of a pair of about next door?" he continued, in a single gentleman of means, to say that coat-tails disappearing through the doorthe two sisters were wilaly eager for his way; but as to whether their wearer side gate, and held it open for her to arrival would be but a mild version of was old or young, handsome or hideous, pass. she could not form the slightest conjec-

grand piano, which three stalwart men nand across, Mr. Calvert said, plea the land, although strangers would pro-bably pause a moment before bestowing in the land, although strangers would pro-bably pause a moment before bestowing ing her ungainly costume, and fearing the stranger's reappearance, beat a

But it happened that the gentleman had raised her head, and although the night!" utterly innocent of expression, and a broad, simpering face, where artificial roses bloomed in wildest profusion.—She affected coy, kittenish ways, had a decidedly cattish disposition, and gave disfiguring costume disguised the gracedecidedly cattish disposition, and gave straying to Elm Cottage, its proprietor Theodora—or Theo, as she preferred was busy with conjectures regarding

The campaign now began in earnest. Morning, noon and night for the next few days, their unvarying subject of discourse was the accounted the side porch into a bower of geranium pots, where at silence secretly glad of the permission

that, when the "coming man" should She herself never caught even the she thought how bold she must have show his preference, the one not honored would retire gracefully from the contest, leaving an open field and easy domitable sisters had discovered his her heart flutter with rapturous beats; victory to the other. Such a thing as name to be—also the additional fact and when at last she fell asleep, he instant crossed their elated minds, each and that a recent attack of illness had and connected to the new tenant being secretly convinced that the intended victim would succumb to her where, with his faithful office-boy as errands to the store and various places. Daily these discussions were carried Cottage and settled down for the be met by Mr. Calvert, and he would

disgust of their pretty cousin, Millie, Time passed on, and the new tenant on her way. whose ripe red lips would curl with had been settled two weeks, and Maude He was so courteous and respectful, scorn as the sisters unfolded their plans and Theo were still vigorously pushing and proved such an agreeable companthe campaign, in no wise dannted by ion, that she was always glad of these When Mildred Harper was left an the cool indifference of their intended meetings, although she kept them a orphan, her Uncle Clifton had offered victim: while Millie's hands and feet profound secret from her or her a home among his two motherless were more incessantly on duty than girls—a refuge which the poor child had | ever, as she now had the additional | leaves had just made their appearance, honor of daily arranging the luxuriant when, one evening, Maude, wanting In his quiet, undemonstrative way, tresses of her fascinating and sweet- some pink silk floss, with which to work

daily and hourly subjected : while she, generous share of abuse, poor Millie, week." in her pride and sense of dependence, depressed and weary, attired herself in Millie tied on her pretty, self-trie never once thought of making com- a white dress, which had become too med hat, and, with blooming cheeks She had come among them at fifteen. to the little flower-garden, where she her cousin's bidding, glad to escape for

over the low, white forehead little Millie did not pause to question how gentleman in question? she darted through the gate, and closing band! Gradually there had devolved on her it after her, ran to the front porch of Imagine the tableau! Maude and

generally, and, often, when cook was Once safely sheltered, Millie congratu- in quiet tones, but with an amused grumpy," Millie's quick hands were lated herself on her luck, although trem- smile playing about his lips. busy among the pots and pans of the culinary department one should find her there—what would several times, had fallen in love with

taste in sewing, all her spare time was of that, as it was quite dusk, and she promise to be his wife. called into demand for the making of was completely hidden by the vines ; so He then had urged an immediate

hands.

This was all as it should be thought.

The low sweet notes accurate to lair the property of the proper This was all as it should be, thought
Maude and Theo. It saved money in

Maude and Theo. It saved money in servant-hire and mantua-making—
money which could be more satisfacblack lashes, while her thoughts flew pared to the condition of Maude and torily expended in bewitching toilets back to her happy childhood, and then Theo at this statement of affairs; but, with which to bedeck their fascinating dwelt on her present dreary, drudging when they were recovered sufficiently persons, while Millie could wear their existence, with no one to love her, and for speech, they offered their cold, forcast-away garments, which were really not one friend to whom she might go mal congratulations as well as their quite nice, and plenty good enough for sympathy. Slowly the tears drop- choking rage would permit.

or her!"

So it came about that her soft, brown at last, unable longer to control her emoleft for their bridal tour, and every hair was generally hidden beneath the tion, Millie's face was buried in her summer since they have spent at Elm ample folds of a dusting-cloth, while hands, and, forgetting time and place, Cottage, where Millie, in most coquet-

such a "little one" as, crouching on

morning toilets and lolled about on lounges or in easy-chairs, reading trashy novels, while the poor dependent was perspiring at the sewing-machine, or in the close atmosphere of the stifling kitchen.

The lamplight from the open window fell upon a tall, manly form and handsome face, while two kind, dark eyes were looking down on the shrinking form. Poor Millie! if only the earth would have opened and taken her in!

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There she stood, a picture of shame and confusion has pretty took wat for particulars apply to

G. STOTHART morning toilets and lolled about on The lamplight from the open window for the arrival of their intended victim and confusion, her pretty, tear-wet face Chatham, Sept. 28, '81.

had almost reached fever heat, when, downcast, her rosy lips quivering with

"Oh, please, sir, pardon me!" she in here to listen to the music, and I refreshing breezes had begun to usher ing theme—a loud burst of music cleft thought no one could see me. I am so in the fall, the label, "To Rent" was the still air, and the next moment, sorry! I live next door, with my cousins, and, as the little gate was open, I came in; but I will go right back. Please, sir, do not think badly of me

plied the gentleman. "I heard the brought me out." "Oh, yes, I know!" said Millie,

blushing hotter than ever, and twining her little hands helplessly together. thinking of my dear, dead mother, and wanting me home !"-

"Oh, yes, I understand!" said the

The girl's lips quivered in an attemp to smile, but she did not speak until, closing the gate, and stretching his santly:

"Well, now, let's shake hands and be friends, Miss-" "Millie Harper is my name," assert. ed she, simply. "Thank you for your had caught a glimpse of Millie ere she kindness, Mr. Calvert, and good-

And laying, for an instant, her warm

cousins, met her as she entered the

Where had she been all this time Didn't she know they were perishing straight, black hair, snapping black Theo, having discovered that their new cheeks so red and eyes so bright? Siteyes, and an acid-looking mouth. She neighbor loved music, now spent her ting out in the dew, catching a fever time in trilling impossible sonatas, and they supposed, for them to nurse her having seen the gentleman culling as her work was done, she had better To all of which Millie listened in

cheeks flushing hotly with shame, as general factorum, he had hired Elm Millie would-accidentally, of coursealways ask permission to accompany her

October's hazy days and bright-hued a marvelous pin-cushion, dispatched One evening, after a long day of more | Millie to the store for it, with parting witness the petty tyranny and sneering, than ordinary exertion, during which injunctions as to the exact shade, and a exacting humors to which Millie was she had been treated to an unusually snarling request for her "not to stay a

short-waisted for Theo, and crept down and half expectant heart, hurried to do and now, three years later, was as might listen to the soft strains of music a little the uncongenial atmosphere of

As she reached the little gate that A half-hour passed, and she did not Poor Millie was neither blonde nor intimate neighbors had formerly made return; fifteen minutes were added to brunette, being of "no type at all," as in the dividing fence, she heard Maude's that, and still no signs of her; and her cousins would often sneeringly re- lisping voice calling her name. Millie's when the time had reached an hour. mark; but her figure was plump and heart sank. Oh, for a few moments of Maude raged around like a tigress, graceful; her eyes a soft, tender gray, quiet and rest, free from calls and imtheir long, curling lashes resting on two perious commands! and unconsciously of other occupation, she and Theo began dimpled cheecks, where nature's roses the little hand tightened its clasp on the planning a fresh attack on the new bloomed and flourished in spite of white bars, when, lo! the latch clicked, tenant, in the midst of which discussion who should walk in but Millie and the

bronze-brown curls ran in wildest riot. it came so, for to her tired soul it seemed Straight to the sitting-room they But Millie had no time to think of the open portals of Paradise. Maude's came, where Maude and Theo were beauty in any of its types, for her little repeated calls seemed to urge her for- seated, and, before either of the young hands—that would keep soft and white ward; the sweet music called her on, ladies could open their lips, Millie was WHISKEY WHISKEY. in spite of work—were constantly as and, without thinking of consequence, quietly introducing them to—her hus-

youthful shoulders the entire manage. Elm Cottage, and quickly secluded herment of the household department—all self amid the odorous luxuriance of the to gasp; Millie a pretty picture of confusion, and Ralph beginning to explain,

her sweet face at first sight, and, havfound her possessed of much skill and But there did not seem much danger ing met her that evening, had won her

their wardrobes, the beruffling and fur-belowing of their summer lawns and of solitude, she dropped her cheek on few days, and he thought it would save her much unpleasantness and annoyance E. P. Williston,

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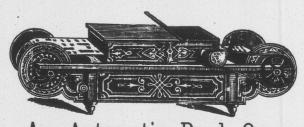
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