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## THE OTHER SIDE. A TALE OF BUTTONS.

Breakfast was just over at the parsonage; the table was cleared away, the chairs set back, and Mrs. Ashton, in a neat morning dress, with a pretty little cap on her pretty little head, was standing with her arm over her tall husband's shoulder, looking at the morning paper. And as fine-looking a pair they were as you will be likely to see in a summer's day. The Rev. Clement Ashton was indeed said to be the handsomest man in the parish, and that with good reason; whether he had any ideas of his own on the subject was entirely his own affair.

Mrs. Ashton, as she was styled by the parish-Christiana, as her godfather and godmothers named her-Chrissey. as her brothers and her husband called her-was not usually regarded as remarkably handsome. Her features were not very regular, and she was not alightly ludicrous. fair; but her eyes. so bright and clear, her figure so elastic and trim, her abundant hair, and, above all, her frank easy manners, and the expression of sunny good temper and perfect openness which lighted up her face, made most people consider her a very attractive woman. Every one in the parish liked her, from the two old people who sat in the warm corner near the stove in the church, and always came round to get

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their dinner at the parsonage on Sundays, to Mrs. Dr. Rush, who was by far the grandest lady in the parish. Mr. and Mrs. Ashron had been married about six months, after an engage-

ment of almost three years, during which time they had corresponded vigorously, but had seen very little of each other, for Mr. Ashton was an assistant wa within one of our larger cities, and could seldom be sparhe was going to church. ed; and Chrissey was a teacher in an-

other great city, where she supported herself, and helped by her labours to educate one of her brothers for the ministry. It was not till this brother had finished his studies, and was placed on an independent footing, that she had consented to be married. a time ?'

"George cannot support himself en tirely," she said, in answer to the remonstrance of her lover; "he is not strong enough to labour as many of the young men do, and he needs my help. I know, too, that if he attempts any more than he is doing, his health will fail, and he will become discouraged. You must content yourself to board awhile longer with your good friend, Mrs. Bicketts, Clement.

for your housekeeping." And to this resolution she steadfastly adhered, despite Clement's persuasions, and those of George himself, who was very much distressed at the thought that his sister's marriage should be put off on his account. Under these circumstances, the lovers did not see much of each other, and they were finally mar-

returned his wife, with perfect mild- cares of heusekeeping should weigh so and Mrs. Lennox was worse than no ness. "I am sure I saw her at work heavily upon her; but nothing was fur- body at all. It was nearly midnight bethere. The door must pull it out of ther from his thoughts than that any- fore I could get away, and meantime thing in himself could have produced Amy had put the room in order, and re-"O ! of course there is some excellent the change.

reason for its being out of order. It Mr. Ashton exhausted with his day's seems to me, that, with all your ingen- work, turned towards home with his "If you please, missus, a young woman uity, you might find some way of mak- mind and heart full of all he had seen ng it more secure."

place, I think."

He turned into his study, shutting ner, but when the table was removed, the door after him with rather unnec- and he sat down in his dressing-gown voice was soon heard calling her in imby saying-

patient tones. She sighed, but arose "Certainly religion has power to sus and entered the next room, where she found her husband standing before his under every misfortune." bureau, partly dressed, and with shirts, "Except the loss of a button," replied

eravats, and handkerchiefs scattered Chrissey, seriously. "That is a misabout him like a new kind of snow, fortune which neither philosophy nor rewhile his face bore an expression of lugion can enable one to sustain." melancholy reproach at once painful and The Rev. Mr. Ashton started a

though a pistol had been discharged at "What is the matter ?" she asked. his ear.

"O, the old story ! Not a button "Why, what do you mean, Chrissey ?" where it ought to be ! not a shirt ready "Just what I say," returned Chrissey; with the same soberness. "Yourself, o wear ! I do not mean to be unreasonable," he continued, in an agitated for instance; you can endure with the where the things, to greatest resignation the loss of friends like Tomkin's dog which could not beau voice, as he tumbled over the things, to the manifest discomposure of the clean linen, "but really, Chrissey, I think you might see that my clothes are in order. I am sure I would do more than that for you; but here I am delayed and put to the greatest inconvenience, because you perfect right to be unreasonable, uukind of E whol. They are a brace of birds of and—I must say it—unchristian."

really think that a little of the time Mr. Ashton arose, and walked up and you spend in writing to Geerge and down the room in some agitation.

Henry might as well be bestowed on "I did not think, my love," he said at little heavily, or there's a hitch any-where, they love each other all the more, last in a trembling tone, "that you little This address was delivered in a tone would attach so much importance to a, and so lighten the labor. -[John Plough and manner of mournful distress, which single hasty word. Perhaps I spoke too might have been justified, perhaps, if quickly; but even if it were so, did we Mrs. Ashton had picked his pocket as not promise to be patient with each

other's infirmities? I am sure I am "What is the matter with this shirt ?" very glad to bear with-

Mr. Ashton paused; he was an eminasked Chrissey, quietly examining one of the discarded garments. "It seems ently truthful man, and, upon consider rich without working. There a great deal of money invested in lands, and everything looks as if we were sure to have all the buttons in their places; ation, he really could not remember that and this one, too, is quite perfect; and he had ever had anything to bear from to see a repetition of the land bubble bursting which occurred in this province here is another. My dear husband, his wife.

"If it were only once, my dear hus-band, I should say nothing about it; but ba has been discounted by eight or ten how many shirts do you usually wear at "If it were only once, my dear hus-"O ! it is all very well for you to you do not in the least seem aware how years at least by the speculation in lands which has been going on. We hear a great deal about the successful strokes mile, my love, but I do assure you I the habit has grown upon you. There smile, my love, but I do assure you I the half has not been a day this week in which made by speculators, but very little found several with no means at all of has not been a day this week in which made by speculators, but very little about the unsuccessful ones. And yet fastening the wristbands. We had you have not made my heart ache by breakfast late, and now I shall be detain- some such outburst of fretfulness. ed half an hour, when I ought to be

Mr. Ashton was astonished; but as away. I know you mean well, but if he began to reflect, he was still more there is always somebody left to hold you had served a year's apprenticeship surprised to find that his wife's accusa- the baby. with my mother before you were mar- tion was quite true. One day it had

ried, it might have been all the better been about the front-door mat, the next about a mislaid Review, and then about "It might have prevented it altogeth- a lost pair of gloves, which alter all were

er," was repressed in a moment. She picked up and replaced the scattered apparel, folded the snowy cravats, warmed her husband's overshoes, and another of unkindness, he sat down saw the beautiful little communion ser- again and covered his face with his vice, presented by a lady of the parish, hands.

"But that is not the worst," continued and consecrated to such sufferers as ried without Chrissey's ever having sus-pected her Lusband of any infirmity of temper. She had suffered much on dis-covering that such was the case and felt ried without Chrissey's ever having sus- Maggie Carpenter, was in readiness. Chrissey, becoming agitated in her turn. covering that such was the case, and felt its cause. He kissed his wife, thanked wards you. I fear lest I shall in time stuff," they chose to call it. However, inclined sometimes to wish that she had her for her trouble, proposed that she lose the power of respecting my husband; we induced them to give it a trial,

in the kitchen would like to see missus and felt. He said very little during din- minute." "Missus" arose and went out into the kitchen and Mr Ashton taking a can essary force, and Mrs. Ashton returned and slippers before the fire, he related to dle from the table, entered the study to the fire and arranged her work-basket his wife all the events of the day, de- and locked himself in. Chrissey waited for that day, with something of a cloud scribing, with the enthusiasm of his for him a long time, and tapped at the on the fair face. She was not left long earnest nature, the patience and holy door. It was opened with a warm emhere undisturbed, for Mr. Ashton's resignation he had witnessed, and ended brace and a fervent kiss, and though there were not many words spoken on either side, there was a light in the eve-

stored the shirts to their places.

Amy now put her head into the room

tain and console, under all trials, and of both husband and wife which showed that the understanding was perfect between them. But I do think, nevertheless, that

> men's wives ought to sew on their buttons.

Husbands and Wives

Shrewd as Eever. A good husband makes a good wife. In an extended article of the Washington (D. C.) Ssat, we notice that among others, Senator James G. Blaine, who Some men can neither do without wive nor with them; they are wretched alone, in what is called single blessed has suffered in the past with rheumatism now keeps St. Jacobs Oil on hand in case of any future attack. ness, and they make their home misers The Secret of Beauty. No cosmetic in the world can impart seauty to a face that is disfigured by unsightly blothes arising from impure blood. Burdock Blood Bitters is the

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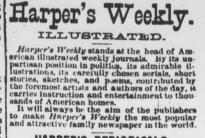
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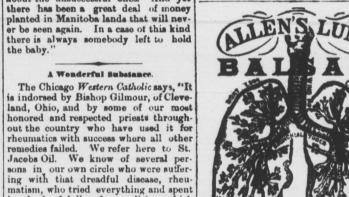
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intrinsic excellencies and strength as ual elastic step and pleasant face. well as his weakness, and altering an old maxim to suit her own purpose, she resolved both to endure and cure.

"What do you set about to-day ?' she her own reflections. asked, as Mr. Ashton, having exhausted the paper, arose from the sofa corner.

greatly disturbed at little matters, was "Visiting," replied his reverance. "I nust go up to old Mrs. Balcomb's and almost her husband's only fault. He see the Joneses, and try to prevail on was self-sacrificing to the last degree, Phil Taggart to let his children come to faithful and indefatigable as an apostle the Sunday school once more. Then I in almost all his professional labours, have to see poor Maggie Carpenter, who liberal to a fault, and in his administrais much worse again, and if I have time, tion of parish matters wise and concili-I shall get into the omnibus and ride ating to all. He could bear injurics, out to the mills, to that girl Miss Flower real injuries, with the greatest patience, and was never known to harbour rementioned to me yesterday."

"What a round !" exclaimed Chrissey. sentment.

"You will never get home to dinner at But with all these good qualities. two o'clock. I think I will put it off Mr. Ashton had one fault-a fault till six, and run the risk of being which threatened to disturb and th aght 'stuck up,' like poor cousin finally to destroy the comfort of his Lilly." married life. If his wife, by extrava. gance or bad management, had wasted

"What do you mean ?"

"Why, you know they always dine at his income and involved him in difficulsix to suit the doctor's arrangements. ties, it is probable that he would never office for a wife to reprove her husband. One day Lilly called about some society matter on a laly who lives not a hund- but the fact of a button being missing tina, laying her head on his shoulder: red miles from her street, about five or a book removed from its place, would "and if I had not been left here alone all o'clock in the afternoon. The lady her- produce a lamentation half indignant day, I think I should hardly have got self came to the door, and Lilly was and half pathetic, which rung in Chris- my courage up now. But if you are not about entering, when she thought she sey's ears, and made her heart ache long angry. I am glad I have told you all tite hardly sufficient to keep body and perceived the smell of roast meat in the after Clement had forgotten the circum- that was in my heart; for indeed, my hall, and said very politely 'But per- stance altogether. Strange as it may dear, it has been a sad, aching heart ed; perhaps coughs and sore lungs; and hans it is your dinner hour ?"

"No indeed !' replied madame, with this habit, of which, indeed, he was but you how those two unlucky shirts came indignation. 'We don't dine at this imperfectly conscious as a fault.

time of day; we are not so stuck up !" He thought, indeed, that it was a pity "Poor Lilly !" exclaimed Mr. Ashton, he should be so sensitive, and some-

laughing, "what did she say ?" times said that he wished he had not "O ! she did her errand, and retired, such a love for order and symmetry, for are missing as well as the buttons." of course. There was nothing to be then he should not be so often annoyed said."

by the disorderly habits of other people. Mr. Ashton turned to go into the He said te himself that it was one of him as good order as anyone. I was looking DEN & Co., Sole agents for the Domistudy, and as he did so, his foot caught peculiar trials-that even Chrissey, per- over your shirts yesterday afternoon, and in the carpet and he was nearly thrown fect as she was, did not come up to his had put them all to rights but thes two, down. Chrissey started in alarm, but he recovered himse'f, and said pettishly ar trials, as he was pleased to call them, tress, to say that her sister's child was by

"I do wish you ould have that car pet nailed down. have stumbled over it twenty times in the course of a week, I do believe." I do believe."

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never been disenchanted. But she was should send for Lilly to spend the day and when respect goes, Clement, love and it accomplished its a wise woman; she knew her husband's with her, and strode away with his us- does not last long. This very moment I people are now its strongest advocates, found myself wishing I had never known and will not be without it in their house Chrissey watched him from the door you.

Chrissey burst into tears, a very un-usual demonstration for her; and Clemtill he turned into the next street, and then went back to the fireside and to the room once or twice, and then sat dreadfully from rheumatism, and with This fretfulness and tendency to be down at his wife's side.

"Christina," he said mournfally, "is "Christina," he said mournfally, "is ed what the most skillful medical men it come to this? I have deserved it—I failed in doing. We could give the feel that I have—but to lose your re- names of hundreds who have been cured spect, your love -my punishment is greater than I can bear, Chrissey." "It was but the thought of a moment,

eplied Christina, checking her sobs; Conlan, librarian of the Union Catholic 'but I am frightened that the idea Library of this city. This following is should ever have entered my mind. If I should cease to love you Clement, I should die. I would rather die this noment.'

"God forbid !' ejaculated her husband, clasping her in his ärms. "Bi why, my dearest love, have you not told me of this before ?"

"It is neither a grateful nor a gracious fully, have spoken an unkind word to her; or a woman her pastor," replied Chrisseem, Mr. Ashton had never thought of this long time. And now I must tell will use one to six bottles of Dr. G. L. to be buttonless."

> my love," said Clement penitently. "I want, the very properties the system is lack will never complain again if the sleeves

"But I must tell you, for I really delicious to the taste. Try it. The remean to have my housekeeping affairs in sult is as certain as that cause and effect

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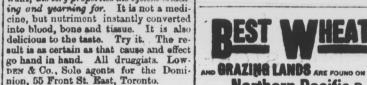
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