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LITERARY.

NIL DESPERANDUM.

Is 'I can't!' and they give it a dolor-

ous tone, As if all the world stood in hostile ar- your buchelor life to end?

And can't be won. Do they win it?

From city and country, from work- fitable?' shop and forge,

mountain gorge, Sound hammers and picks, which with But you are now a rising man, a wife

trenchant blows, Sing a different song, and each works powerful lever to lift you up the goldman knows

That the chime of his tools, as they merrily ring,

Is set to the tune all conquerors sing? with grave humour. It can be done! I can do it!

It makes one glow with a generous pride To know there are men who have fails plied Hugh.

uxe defied; shorten a road,

once proudly flowed;

firmly believe retrieve-

If it can be done they will do it. Shame on that thing in the form of a

Which says that it can't, while there's affinence, it is more than probable she hope that it can!

But success to the workers with muscle and brain,

Who, whene'er defeated, will try ouce Hugh. Though want and distress make all

others quail. With labour and faith true men never fail-

Trusting God, they never can do it!

Pride and Jealousey

Or a Wronged Husband.

Continued.

! I have looked beneath the surface of that varnished gloss, and beheld reflected the bright image of purity and goodness.'

'You are right,' said John, with al most equal fervency. 'My life on it. the gem will yet be yours to wear, and when it is, pray have a care.' 'Of what?' asked Hugh.

so dazzling,' said John, with an omin mere sake of administering to her van ous expression: 'Take care you are lities, I let loose the carb which I sav

'No,' replied Hugh, hopefully; 'a husband's trustful love, might, I think home. Such a union would be profit help to soften their brilliancy."

The two friends sat together, tracing with ineffaceable force the undefined future. L ke loving seers they raised the veil that obscured the fa off shadow-land, and peopled it with joyous images of peace, love and happiness.

CHAPTER III.

ler home. Success had not lured him my industry acquires, and lastly, who to adopt a more expensive establish will shed the halo of virtue and reli ment. His simple requirements were | gion round our home.' fully gratified by his kind mother's thrifty hand, and his fireside brightened by her never waning spirit of affection. It was December, the evening was bleak and chilly, but the quiet parlor of John's home gathered an ass tress? peet of unusual comfort from the light of a cheerful lamp and the glow of a ruddy fire. The tea things were on the table, and the mother's kindly face was beaming on her son with a look of expectancy.

'Mr. Sherwood is generally so punctual,' she remarked.

A ring of the bell, followed by the presence of that gentleman in the room, interrupted further comment. I trust I have not detained you,'

Oh, no, said Mrs. Rudderforth, poor one. as she seated herself at the table.

determined to enjoy himself. whatever bitterness you may find in long; but that night, however, a rest-

ify, if not deaden it.' 'Yes,' replied John, 'I have much

to be envied and much to be grateful

'And so.' Mrs. Rudderforth,' said Hugh, as the lady handed him a cup The sigh of the feeble, the plea of of tea, 'the time approaches when you must resign your presidency here?'

in her gentle manner. And when is

'Oh, when, indeed!' said Hugh And Alps on the Andes blocked up lightly; 'but tell me, old friend,' he added, turning to John, now that While true men toil for a dazzling you are near the matrimonial precipice, does not the thought sometimes It seems to the sluggards fixed in the occur to you that you might have formed a more profitable alliance?'

'That is a strange question from you,' said John; but how more pro-

indeed I have not the power to do so. of fortune and position would be a en hill.'

'Are wives of fortune and position so easily obtainable?' asked John,

'To a thriving, prosperous banker ike yourself, they are not quite as carce as unicorns; unless indeed, you were greedy in your aspirations:' re-

Who have tunnelled Mont Cenis, to perous to any great extent when Clemency promised to be mine,' said John And have shut out the sea where it to himself. 'But,' he added aloud, if I were modest in my aspirations, Men who seek the frout rank, and and found a wife who could bring with FLOUR, BREAD, her a fortune of say ten thousand No defeat is too great or too hard to pounds, I have a sort of old fashioned belief that I should be doing her a grievous wrong in taking her to share my fate.

'How so ?' inquried his friend. · Because,' replied John, 'reared in would have contracted luxurious and costly habits.'

'That is only natural, I grant,' said

Then do you think it would be an easy task suddenly to descend from her position and accomodate herself to the usages of a quiet home? inquire employees of the Anglo-Ame employees of the Anglo-Ame graph Company, as tenants, such a fortune would be but small, say three or four hundred a year. On which side of my ledger should I find a balance, if she incurred an expenditure by virtue of her family and dow ry, of as many thousands?'

'There are reasonable women in the world,' remarked Hugh.

'Perhaps they are the excertion though,' said John, with a quie chuckle, and not the rule. But rant I found the exception-found me who at the shrine of her husband'. peace would be content to sacrific ner expensive tastes-lo you not thin that her affections would become cha ed, her temper embittered by bein perpetually restrained? And won't 'Of its many lines of light, and all not my better sense be outraged if, for laily galling that harmony which makes the true comfort of a man' es and void of honour.'

'John is quite right,' said his moth

r with beaming pride. 'In Clemency Maybrook,' continued John, 'my heart tells me, and I be eve I could not have a safer coun sellor, that I have found a companion free from petty ambitions, who accepts as a blessing, not as an obligation, the Six months had passed, six pros- little ease it is in my power to bestow perous months to John Rudderforth, who will feel it to be a wife's sacred but he was still in his modest bache- duty to help me to husband whatever

. I merely started the question for the sake of argument,' said Hugh, feeing assured that I should soon be vanquished. And when do you pur pose bringing Clemency here as mis-

'We begin our new life with the new year,' replied John. Ideal.

'I am afreid Grace will sorely miss her old companion,' said Hugh. 'All the better for you,' said John take pity on her loneliness and storm the citadel of her prind heart.'

'1 dare not,' said Hugh. Why?' asked his friend.

You consider yourself too poor to marry a rich wife,' replied Hugh with said Hugh, after the customary greets pointed sareasm; 'and I do not consider myself rich enough to marry a Target MAD 35 TO CEP DO

A placed contentment, homely, ye Hugh took a vacant easy chair by refined, always tilled the atmosphere the fire with the air of a man who had of John Rud Jerforth's abode, and gave lit a seductive charm to Hugh. His 'Ah, John,' said Hugh, smilingly visits there were frequent and usually the world, this home circle must mod- lessness pervaded his spirits, and his stay was short.

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