tumn forests and

life. I worked for my living. many another, lived quietly in out of employment, my un-

of." Barbara his daughter, won-why I looked so pale. Jonas "What is a r been a Mildmay to greet me; and ht his pretty young wife—who ther Walter, who was boarding he. "The red ear is-"

he fire of huge loge blazed and crack- laid it down at my feet. in the deep, enoke-blackened chim-place, and the leaves rustled said. said.

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I don't understand you, said I.

The next moment he had stooped by Mr. E. H. Thomson, at the old stand, and all bills due the late firm are payable to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts owed by them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be paid to him, and all belts of them will be continued by Mr. E. H. Thomson, and the paid to him, and all belts of the him will be continued by Mr. E. H. Thomson, and the paid to him, and all belts of the him will be continued by Mr. E. H. Thomson, and the paid to him, and all belts of the him will be the him and the him will be the him wil

Do you like it, Cousin Olga!" westish hitle Barbara Blake asked kiss upon my astonished lips.

I sprang up, feeling mys may, who sat by the light, mending a "How do defective spot in the harness.

"Very much," I said quietly. sen collar which Uhad chosen to wear Mrs. Jonas followed me. nstead of the lace frill which best suitad my face. Not that I wanted him to matter? Come back, child."

After supper they left me all alone. her arm caressingly around my neck. Mrs. Jonas Blake went out to skim the "He has paid you the highest complimilk. My cousin and his father vanish- ment a man could pay a woman. ed to attend a "District School Meeting" There's not a girl in the barn to-night somewhere. Walter and Barbara had but envies you, shild. Don't you know on invisible for sometime; and after | what the red ear means?"

I rose and went out into the wondering eyes. beyond, vaguely desirous of Mrs. Jonas laughed.

candle, ana

the home-made dressing-table.

ed like that? He should see!

liance of my eyes.

grown into it.

cannot help it."

only drank his coffee.

I could not tell whether he still thought me a "stiff, ugly old maid," or not.

And then came the husking frolic. The barn was all illuminated by dles, stuck in tin soonces, along the sides—I had never seen so wild and romantic a sight. The neighborhood

gathered to the gala Mrs. Jonas and Barbara had been baking cake and buttering sandwiches all day, while Uncle Blake had rolled a barrel of sparkling new cider close to the barn-door. mew citer close of the control of th

born and brought up the icing on the big fruit cake which the icing on the big fruit cake which held the ring, and it was late when I agencial Banking Business. came into the big sweet-smelling, echong barn, with my black cashmere dress all sprinkled with charge red hows and strinkled with charge red hows and all sprinkled with cherry-red bows, and phia shoo girl. You all sprinkled with cherry-red nows, and all sprinkled with cherry-red nows, and business transacted on favorable terms.

r, lived quietly in lodgings, and felt,

one that my lot in life was hyperbolic than a butterfly's raid to failed, and, hearing I laughed and nestled down into the hay, close at his side; and just at this

"The red ear! the red ear!" they nacked dubiously that "I didn't Mildney has got the red ear."

my of the Blakes that ever he I looked up a t Cousin Jonas, it

> "What is a red ear !" said I. Cousin Jonas laughed.

also shook hands politely with me Just then, Walter Mildmay came up and stood before me, the rich maroon-the business of colored ear of corn in his hand. He

over me, and putting both hands light-

the insult.
"How dare you?" I cried. "Oh, I Unprecedented Low Price of never will forgive you in the worldnever, never !"

feel his quiet eye on me all the time. noisy laughter of the crowd, the din of wondered what he thought of me. jubilant voices, I toro myself from nght, uneasily, of my dusty dress, Jonas Blake's detaining hand, and flew veled hair, the stiff, unbecoming out into the starry cold of the outer air.

admire me; but every woman likes to "He has insulted me!" I sobbed. appear to the best advantage, and I was "Insulted you? Oh, what nonno whit different from the rest of my sex. sense, Olga !" said Mrs. Jonas, putting

are not really angry with

.s Mildmay's voice, close to me. Jonas made some exclamation about the cake she had promised to cut, g and slipped away into the darkness, went leaving us alone.

1 did not "Angry?" I repeated. "Yes, I was angry. But I didn't know-no one THE Subscriber begate inform he has opened a .ck into the had told me-" om, lighted the "About our rustic usages? But you BLACKSMITH SHOP into the little, will forgive me, Olga?"

muslin-draped glass that hungabove My presence of mind was slowly coming back to me. I drew my hand away Stiff, ugly, and an old maid! The from his. latter I certainly was not, at four-and-"But you didn't seriously think me

twenty. Stiff, I might be-who could -pretty?" said I. avoid that, in the presence of utter strangers, surrounded by a domestic seriously did think?" he asked. "Do you want me to say what I atmosphere that was entirely novel to "Yes," said I, laughing. "The

me? And ugly—was I that? I looked truth, now; 'the whole truth, and into the glass, to see hair banded nothing but the truth !" straight back from a pale, oval face, "Then," said he. "I thought you eyes heavy with weariness, cheeks quite the sweetest, prettiest, most actually colorless. Did he think I always look- perfect creature that Providence even

made ! So I went to bed, and cried myself to "Not at all !" I retorted, demurely 'I am a 'stiff, ugly old maid.' And if The next morning, I got up and this is the sort of girl they turn out in dressed myself with care. I brushed Philadelphia, you prefer the country the soft, crimped masses of jet-black specimens!" hair away from my temples, and fasten- I could see the color flood his face,

ed a spray of coral-red wild berries even in the starlight. which I had gathered on the roadside "Olga," he said, "did you hear into it, and, knotting my loose scarlet that?" silk neckti; under my lace collar, I "I did hear it, Walter," I responded.

smiled to see the soft glow of color that "I was a fool-a rash, talkative, inwas returning to my cheeks, the bril. discreet fool!" said he. "Whatever BARRISTER-AT-LAW, my first impression may have been, 1 My dress was of black cashmere, en- think very differently now. Dear Olga, livened here and there by a bow of may I say all that is in my heart?" scarlet ribbon, instead of the gray "I think we had better go back to travelling-suit I had worn the evening the barn now," said I, quietly.

before, and it fitted me as if I had "And I think we had better not!" pleaded Walter, gently venturing to "I don't think I am quite so ugly as detain me. "Lister, Olga. Even the Notary Public, Conveyancer, &c., I was last night," I thought. "But if most wretched criminal that stands at Office-Over Mr. John Brandon's Store; Entrance Side Door. Mr. Mildmay don't like me, of course I the bar is entitled to insist upon a hearing in his own defense. Shall I be less So I went down stairs, and Uncle favored than he !

Blake stared at me over his spectacle- "Well, I hesitated, "if you have really anything to say-" "Mercy on us !" cried Mrs. Jones : When we came back into the barn, "what has the girl been doing to her- the husking was over, the debris was all cleared away; and they were dancing to "Some one must have changed her the rude music of the band-"Killar-

off while she slept!" said Barbara, run-ning up to me and giving me a kiss.

ney," I believe, was the air. My cheeks were burning, my eyes shone; Walter Mildmay said nothing; he my heart danced, also, to the wild, Attorney-at-Law, Solicitor swaying music. How I enjoyed the next fortnight! Mrs. Jonas looked keenly at me. The weather was beautiful and balmy "Ah!" said she, "I thought how it

rond all description. We had nutting | would be. You are-engaged ? Oh, I ditions and boating parties, and am so glad! For your sake, and Wal-"ather brilliant autumn ter's, too!"
"And so am I," said I, quietly. rainy I am a farmer's wife now, and live in THEOPS. S. DESBRISAY, how to a little brown cottage near Sumac Farm. me up And, fancifully tied with blue ribbon.

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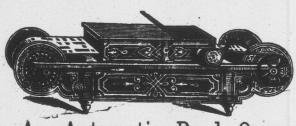
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