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ILLUSTRATED DESIGNS

We direct the special attention of our lady readers, since they now have a personal interest in the usefulness and excellence of the monthly designs, to the illustrations for the present month, as embodying many of the latest and most approved ideas of the season, and those also which are likely to be the most permanently useful. The "Ruperto" costume, for example, is a very stylish suit, which will commend itself to all for its useful and practical character, as well as for its becoming and ladylike design. It consists of an overskirt draped evenly over a foundation skirt edged with a tucked and box-pleated flounce. The jacket is tight-fitting, excepting the two box-pleats in the back, which lay well over the drapery. Overskirt and jacket are the same length all round, and the whole is finished with bands of fur, or braids, solid or clustered, or in short ends, slantwise, to suit taste and climate. The design is suited to lighter wools, or heavier cloth, and the trimming should be fur or braid, according as it is needed for a cold or moderate climate.

The "Arellane" costume has something of the same character, but it is commended as better adapted to combinations of two fabrics, or plain and figured in the same class of goods. If the combination is velvet and wool, the front of the skirt may be of plain or broche velvet or velveteen; if of velvet or velveteen alone, the front may be of the broche pattern, the back plain, or should all wool or cloth be preferred, and the plain front is disliked, it can be easily striped with bands of the Astrakhan that is used for the vest, and the bordering to skirt and sleeves. The design forms a polonaise over a foundation skirt, which is covered and trimmed upon the front, and has a pleated flounce. The Breton vest is of the Astrakhan, or properly lamb's-wool, there being no such thing as Astrakhan, and this also is used to form the standing

In addition to the complete costumes, there are two trimmed skirts and two exceptionally stylish basques which deserve attention. The "Vestigia" skirt naturally suggests two materials, and looks well in all black, plain velvet or velveteen and wool, or velvet and silk, or silk and wool, the new faille, for example, with handsome camel's-hair cloth, The front and back would be of the silk or velvet, the sides and drapery of the wool or silk, provided the velvet combination was used, the basque of velvet or wool, not of silk unless the silk is rich and lustreless. The trimming is beaded passementerie, and is placed upon the folds which form the panels, upon the edge of the festooned the separate fashions, acc mpanied by a drapery, and ornaments to correspond are description telling the quantity of materi-



WINTER COSTUMES.

Fig. 1.—The "Ruperta" costume shows a becoming and dressy method of making up all wool, velvet and wool, or silk and wool goods. It is represented made in heavy bison cloth of a dark red shade, and the garniture is otter fur and black mohair braid. The jacket is tight-fitting, and the fulness in the back is laid in plaits below the waist line. The braid is used on the front only, to give a vest shape. The skirt drapery is the same length all around, and is gracefully wrinkled in front and egectively looped in the back. The foundation skirt is trimmed with a box-plaited flounce, which is tucked. The hat that is worn with this costume is a dark red felt poke, with a modified point in front and a moderately high crown. The brim is edged and faced with fancy gold braid, and the outside is trimmed with red velvet and fancy feathers.

The design of this costume is suitable for cloth, velvet and all woollen materia's, and the garniture should always be in consonance with the goods selected. The double illustration showing the ar-

al and trimming required to make a medium size. Price of patterns, thirty cents each size.

Fig. 2.—This shows the back view of the "Arellane" costume made in gray tricote cloth, and trimmed with bands of mixed gray Astrakhan cloth The bottom of the foundation skirt is trimmed with a narrow protective plaiting, and above this, on the front, is a wide band of the Astrakhan. The back of the skirt is made to look dressy by a deep gathered flounce the lower edge of which is trimmed with a narrower wid h of Astrakhan than is used in the front of the skirt, and this trimming is carried up the side and is very effective. Above this, the double puff furnishes sufficient tournure. The Breton vest is made of Astrakhan cloth, and the fronts are very much cut away showing the underskirt its entire length. The dos ble illustration is given among the separate fashions. The stylish hat is a poke shape, similiar to that shown on Fig. 1, made of gray velvet and trimmed with fancy feathers in shaded grays.

Price of costume patterns, thirty

The merit of being loose and easy of adjustment. The "Sieba" cape is a jaunty justment. The "Sieba"

placed across the front of the basque. Of course colors may be used, but the design has been tested in black, though it would doubtless look as well in any fine dark shade. The "Orinda" basque is a very handsome and suitable one for this skirt; it is youthful, but at the same time elegant looking, well curved in over the hips, and beautifully shaped and fitted. The "Savanta" is better adapted to cloth or wool, but is very graceful in shape, with equare fronts, curved sides, and narrow postilion back. The trimming is braid, but it may be any flat trimming that suits the wearer. Corresponding to this besque is a trimmed skirt—the "Aylesford"—which is arranged in a most effective manner. The two sides of this is quite different, the drapery on one falling to the edge of the skirt, while upon the other it is looped high, disclosing a panel which is doubled in effect by meeting the back drapery. The trimming on this materialconsists of mohair or tinsel or braids, the latter not desirable unless the braids are handsome and the thread genuine, so that they will not readily tarnish.

The "Euphrasia" toilet displays a combination of rich materials, which may be varied in several different ways. As shown in the illustration, it is designed in a combination of rich plain brocaded silk or stain, with pleated front of the puffed lace, and lace trimming. The side panels and plastron are of the brocade, the sleeves, bodice, and train of the plain fabric. This arrangement, however, may be reversed. The train, which is cut all in one with the bodice in "Princess" style, may be made, of the brocade the in one with the bodice in "Princess' style, may be made of the brocade, the panels of the plain fabric, enriched by motifs of jet, s'eel, or applique embroidery, and the front of the lace as in the first. The dress is distinguished, and, with its train, only adapted to handsome fabrics and dressy occasions. The latter is not extravagant in length, but it is as long as most ladies care to have such toilets, as it must serve for dinners as well as evening receptions and enterwell as evening receptions and enter-tainments. The plastron should on all occasions correspond with the panels, but it is not necessary to cut the square neck it is not necessary to cut the square neck if a high one is preferred, for the square is only marked in the pattern, not cut out. A puffing of silk, with a shirred heading, surrounds the train, and edges the front of the skirt.

The "Ambra" visite is an excellent example of a stylish visiting and carriage garment, made in brocaded velvet, black or pulse or black and a second or subset of the skirt.

or ruby, or black upon a black and amber ground, with chenille fringe arranged to form a triple row, and lining of quilt-ed satin. It will be observed that the sleeve is very graceful, giving more the effect of the delman than the mandarin sleeve, which is not graceful, and has only the merit of being loose and easy of adjustment. The "Sieba" cape is a jaunty little affair that any young lady can make for herself in alth walvet or plant.

und desirable.

A FOOTLIGHT FAVORITE.

CHAPTER VII.

as soon as they were alone—"sit down and listen to me, Hugh."

He threw himself moodily into a chair, leaning his head on his hand. Leslie stood by, slim and stately in her rich velvet dress, very pale, very sorrowful, suf-fering, poor girl, more deeply than it was possible for him to suffer

possible for him to suffer
"You are angry with me," she said
softly; "but indeed you have no cause.
Hugh, you remember, do you not, a few
words which passed between us on the
morning I left Oakhampton? I told you"
—she spoke with difficulty now and only
by a strong effort retained her self control and forced the parabod and only trol, and forced the parched and quiver-ing lips to obey her —"that there was one role I could not perform, one part I did not choose to fill, and you told me you would never ask me to fill it, Hugh.'

"I am not asking you to fill it. Leslie, he urged passionately, as he caught her hands and drew him towards him—"1 am

not. I love you -I love you!"

He dropped his head upon her hands as they held hers, as the words broke from him, and he felt the shiver which made Leslie quiver from head to foot.

"Yes, you love me," she answered gently. "I do not doubt that, Hugh, n ther do I doubt your truth and faith; but"—she removed her hands as she spoke, and the low sweet tones grew a little unsteady -"do you love me as a man should love the woman he is going to make his wife?
Do you love me even as well as you loved me six months ago, when you asked me

to be your wife?"
"Leslie," he exclaimed fervently, "on
my honor, on my life, I have not been
unfaithful to you; no word has ever pass-

"Have I not told you that I do not donbt your truth?" she said earnestly. "I know that even now you would make me your wife, and you would give me all that a wife can claim of honor and respect and care and tenderness, all save the love which is not yours to give now. But, dear, I asked for none of these things, nor for your wealth and luxury and position; and the thing I did ask for, and which I as your wife, should have had a sacred right to claim, you cannot give, and I will have none of the rest."

'Leslie, you hurt me!" he said, in a low broken voice of pain, stirred to his inmost soul by her tone no less than her words; and at the anguish in his voice her

own calmness broke down.

"I hurt you?" she cried, with a choked passionate sob—"I hurt you, Hugh. I?" And she sank down kneeling beside him, and tried to remove the hands with which she repeated piteously. "Ah, do not say that, Hugh—do not say that!"

All the manhood in him rose at the teons broken cry. By the power of her piteons broken cry. By the power of her own faithfulness and truth she forced him to be true. Lafting his head and uncovering his face, he looked at her, full of

pain and remorse and suffering. "Listen to me, Leslie," he said hoarsely; "let me tell you the truth. I have been a coward too long and a traitor. was a traitor to ask you, whom I did not truly love, to be my wife. I was unworthy then, but still more unworthy now, of any kind thoughts of yours. You are better a thousand times than I am, more faithful, truer, nobler, purer, and Heaven knews that I honor you from my soul; and if you will take me, unworthy as I am, my whole life to come will be devoted to your happiness and the endeavor to blot out my treachery and shame. Leslie, I am a weak, guilty coward, unworthy, Heaven knows, of any woman's love; but, if you will try me once more dear, and forget the past, I will be true."

He was pale to ghastliness as he

"Sit down, Hugh," Leslie said gently, speaking, and his voice was low and husky. It had cost him much to utter the words he had spoken, to humble himself, to confess his weakness and cowardice, and Leslie measured the cost as she I oked at the white and haggard face, the di a eyes, the unsteady hands. She was standing beside him now, her face full of pity and tenderness, her eyes soft and misty with unshed tears; she leant slightly towards him. and put a gentle hand on

his shoulder.

"And Bee?" she said with a little
tramplous smile. "Is her heart to be

broken, Hugh?"

He uttered a hoarse exclamation of passionate pain, and half arose; but the gentle pressure on his shoulder prevent ed him, light as it was, and the sweet eyes looking at him so gravely silenced the agitated words that arose to his lips.

"Why should three lives be spoiled?" she said gently—"yours and hers and my own, Hugh? We made—you and I—a great mistake some months ago; but it is not too late to repair it, so that all three may be happy, instead of miserable. Go back to the pretty innocent child whose heart is yours, and whom you love, and make her happy. Tell her from me that you have been far truer to me than I deserved, since I knew from the first that we were wrong; tell her also that no one wishes her all happiness more sincerely than I do, that I am glad to have seen you together in your beatiful home. Ah, Hugh, its beauty and grandeur would Hugh, its beauty and grandeur would have stifled a Bohemian such as I am! You must leave me to the profession you have often said I loved better than you, and think of me as your true friend.
There," she said hurriedly—"that is all;
there is nothing more to say, and we are both tired."

Her voice, which had been low and faint and broken, failed her suddenly; but she smiled down at him with dim and heavy eyes. Looking up at her and see-ing the change in her face, the shadow of intense anguish in her eyes, he broke in-

to a great cry for pardon.

"Oh, Leslie, forgive me, forgive me!"
he said, catching her in his arms as she stood beside him; and, as he did so, the unwonted suffering and remorse found vent, as they might have done in a woman —and indeed there was much of woman's nature in inconstant, generous Hugh Forsyth—he dropped his head on her

shoulder, and burst into tears.

Very pale and trembling, Leslie bent over him in silence, wairing until he had conquered the weakness which had overcome him. When at length he raised his head, she pushed the disordered hair from his forehead and touched it with her lips; then, gently disengaging herself, she moved towards the door.

"You are not going, Leslie?" Sir Hugh said, in a low voice of great exhaustion

and weakness.

She glanced back at him and smiled. "No," she said, "for a minute only."

She was absent only long enough fetch some wine, and to ask Mark to come in half an hour—Sir Hugh would be ready then, she said, calmly.

She went back to the drawing-room

with the same rapt compassionate look on her face which had made it seem like the face of an augel in Mark's sight as she spoke to him. Sir Hugh was pacing up and down the little room with hasty uneven steps, his face haggard and worn like the face of a man who had undergone a long illness. She urged him gently to take some wine, seeing in what need he was of some support, then made him rest until Mark came.

When Mark entered the room, half an

hour after. Sir Hugh was sitting on the sofa deathly pale, but calm and aad. Les sitting beside him, his hand clasping

hers, looked wan and haggard in the soft

lamp-light.

"Hugh is ready," she said, turning to Mark. "We will say good-night and good-bye now."

He rose mechanically, as if acting in obedience to her voice, and she gave him her hand with a little smile which seemed to Mark sadder than any tears he had ever seen shed.

"Hugh is thinking of going abroad," she went on, turning to Mark, "and we shall not see him for a little while. He quite understands that we are now what we shall always be, friends -and friends only. Now go," she said, her voice trembling a little. "It is very late, and I am tired." Then, seeing that Sir Hugh hesitated, she added hastily— "That is all; good-bye, Mark; go now, for pity's

And, without a word, Mark put his hand within the young man's arm and led him, unresisting, away. The moon was shining upon the little rathway, as Mark opened the hall door; outside on the deserted road the hansom waited motionless, casting a weird shadow on the road-

"Go back; they may want you," Sir Hugh said huskily, "Go back; and, Mark, if you can—forgive me." He went hastily down the pathway, his step hurried and uneven. Mark turned

step hurried and uneven. Mark turned slowly into the little hall, where Dora met him, pale and anxious, and they en tered the drawing-room together.

Leslie was standing where he had left

her, quite still and motionless, her velves dress falling in long soft foids upon the carpet, the filmy lace still surrounding her face. As they went in, she looked at them with a strange, vacant, unseeing stare in her brown eyes.

"Leslie," Dora said gently, "it is very late, dear."

A faint gleam of comprehension crept into he bewildered eyes, then deepened as they turned on Mark; the sight of him recalled all she had endured during the

past hour.
"Yes, it is very late," she answered, "and you must be tired, Dolly, I am very tired," she added, in a voice of inexpressible weariness, as she went towards the door, and, leaving the room, passed into the hall.

She did not falter or tremble; but, as he watched her movements, Mark was reminded of a friend, a German student at Munich, who had been mortally wounded in a duel, but who had crossed the field steadily, then paused, and dropped dead Leslie walked in the same stiff me-chanical manner, Mark thought as he fol-

lowed her, and, even as the wounded man had done, suddenly, and without warning the girl dropped at the foot of the stairs before Mark could arrest her fall-

She was quite conscious when he lifted her; she had not fainted, but she was weak and strengthless as an infant.
"Carry her to her room," Dolly said,

as she followed; and Mark did so, turning the stricken face against his breast.

He laid her on the white bed in silence, and shestrove to smile at him with her pale lips and whisper a word of thanks as he turned away and left her to her broken heart, and went out alone into the moon-

CHAPTER VIII., AND LAST.

Playgoers in general and habitues of the Star Theatre in particular said that Miss Lettice Soames had never acted more brilliantly than she did that autumn. The new play, the principal role of which Mr. Robson, the popular playwright, had written expressly for Leslie, was a very great success, and had a long-continued run, and not once was the young actress absent from her place on the boards, although such an unbroken spell of work could not fail to try a frame so delicate as

ly panacea for the pain she endured during the weeks of utter blankness and darkness which followed the rupture of her engagement to Sir Hugh Forsyth. was only by a fierce effort of application that she could give her mind to the study of her profession, and she clung to it desperately, as a drowning man clings to a spar, even when he knows there is no chance of safety. Her wound was a mortal one, and, if it bied inwardly only, was none the less severe for that; but she was a brave woman, true and faithful, and she fought wildly against her despair, although there was in her life many an hour when to lay down her weapons and cease the strife would have seemed to her the height of all ambition and the attainment

of all bliss.

When, in the sunny climes where Sir Hugh went to forget his wounded pride and regain his lost self-respect, he thought of Leslie, he tried to assure himself that she had never really cared for him, that she was too cold to love, that she had no thought but for her profession. He knew in his heart that he was wrong, and there were times when the last glance of her beautiful eyes haunted him with a terrible persistence; but when, in the early winter, he returned to Oakhampton, forgot all else in the sunshine of Bee's smiles, in the light of her blue eyes, so full of adoring love and trust, and in the worship of the innocent heart of the sweet child-wife who had given him a love as deep and passionate as it could feel.

Leslie read of the marriage in the papers with a quiver of her firm lies; it seemed to her a little cruel that he had not written himself to tell her; he might have guessed that she would like to hear of it from himself, not through the papers, as if she were a stranger; but she said nothing, and, passing the paper over to Dora as they sat together in the pretty drawing room where Leslie had endured her agony, pointed to the paragraph with-

out any comment.

She looked pale and thin and fragile as the weeks went by; there were dark shadows under her eyes, and sometimes, brushing out the pretty chestnut hair, she would smile sadly to find here and there

a gleaming silver thread.

"A woman's life is over when she finds her first gray hair," she had read somewhere; but, even when all is gone from life which makes it precious and valuable, one must live on; rest does not come mere ly for the asking. Death's sickle often mows down the bright wheat-ears, and passes over the sickly, blighted, and drooping ears untouched.

Leslie, though she looked so pale and fragile, complained of no illness; and her sisters were inclined to ascribe the alteration in her appearance to the fatigue and excitement of her daily life, for in her insatiable desire for occupation she had undertaken the principal character in a new play to appear at the New Year, and there were constant rehearsa's and much study required. Dora, perhaps, was the only one who noticed how disinclined she was to go to rest at night, Even when she returned fatigued to exhaustion from the theatre, she always lingered, and was always the last to suggest bed time.

"The nights are so long," she said wearily once, "one need not make them

longer.

The younger girls were too much absorbed in their own affairs and too heedless perhaps, much as they loved L-slie, to be anxious in the change in her. Jenny was devoted to her music, in which she was making considerable progress and badefair to have much success; and Madge, bright, ugly, Madge, had a lover of her own in the person of a rising young doctor, the step-brother of her little pupils; whose father, a man highly distinguished in the medical profession, was charmed with his son's choice and had offered no opposition to an engagement between them. And Leslie had taken so much But Leslie felt that hard work was the tender interest in this love affair, and had

seemed so happy in her sister's happiness, that Madge's own joy had been increased and doubled by her tender sympathy, although her lover looked grave sometimes as he marked Leslie's hacking, constantly-recurring cough, which was too slight to awaken alarm in less-experienced eyes.

But one day, when he spoke to Leslie, gently suggesting change of air and a warmer climate, she looked up at him with those beautiful tired eyes of hers which always stirred the young man's heart with a feeling of pain, and laughed a little and shook her head and changed the subject so decidedly that he did not speak to her again, but went to Dora and imparted his anxiety to her. Dolly came and put her arms about her sister and whisnered something about "rest and whispered something about "rest and change," but Leslie as decidedly unclasped the gentle hands and put her away.

Rest would drive me mad, I think," e said almost coldly. "And there is no she said almost coldly. "And there is no need of change, Dolly. Won't you all understand that I am just a little tired, and that nothing but hard work will do any

Perhaps the person who understood her best during this dark and terrible time was Mark Stretton; his own sufferings had taught him symiathy, which found a vent in thoughtful deeds, but never in words. Sometimes it seemed to never in words. him hard and unjust and unrighteous that the love which was not hers should seem so precious to her, while his own love, so great, so mighty, so patient, should be of no worth in her eyes, blinded as they still were by her love for Hugh Forsyth.

With the new year came a new tri-umph to the actress who had already give such proofs of power and genius. The such proofs of power and genius. The new play was brought out and proved an entire and glorious success. No other triumph for Leslie had been so great as this. Her name was in every paper, spoken of in terms of the most enthsiastic eulogy, and she herself was genuinely pleased at her success.

"My fame will live longer than I," she

said to Mark, a day or two after the first performance, as they stood together, and alone, in the green-room of the Star.
"They will talk of me when I am dead. "They will talk of me when I am dead, and—Why, Mark, what is it? Have I pained you? Forgive me."

You have not pained me more than you do daily, almost hourly," he said wistfully. "Ah, Leslie, if you would only try to forget him—and be happy!"
"To forget him!" she repeated. "Why,

he is the husband of another woman now It would be a sin to think of him, would

"Then, if it be so," he cried passionately, "will you not come to me and let me take care of you, and take you away from this life which is killing you? Les-lie, you have known long enough that I love you -that I would give my life to make you happy. Will you give yourself to me, dear? I am not a poor man now, you know."
"Mark"—she put her hand upon his

arm and looked at him with misty eyes-"do you remember telling me once of yout friend Max Schroeder, who walked so steadily across the field after he had received his death-wound? I am like him, dear, I got my death-wound long ago, and some day—ah, not long to wait, I hope!— I will fall too, suddenly; and, Mark, if you really love me, you will be glad, and you will put no cypress or yew, but just roses upon my coffin, because you will know that I am glad at last."

She turned away towards her dressing-room, and Mark hurriedly left the greenroom and, passing out of the stage door went oui into the night-air. It was cold and clear, a few stars shone in the dark blue of the sky, the wind was sharp and frosty; but Mark, although in eveningdress and without an overcoat, did not feel the cold in his anguish, as he paced up and down, heedless of the crowd pouring into the theatre and the long line of carriages waiting their turn.

Mastering his agitation, he went into the thearre again, this time by the front entrance—he had left Jenny and Madge and Dora in a box with young Doctor Campbell. As he did so, a carriage dashed up, and a gentleman, springing out, lifted a lady from the vehicle and placed her by Mark's side without letting her feet touch the pavement in the transit. Something in the lady's laugh, as he did so, attracted Mark's attention, and he turned sharply and looked at her. She was small and slight, and dressed in black velvet with pearls round her white throat, and her face was as beautiful as a poet's dream in its youth and beauty and happiness. She did not see Mark, and, perceiving this, he drew back a little and let her husband join her, also unrecognized. He was a tall handsome man, with frank, smiling blue eyes, and he smiled tender-ly at his wife as he dre wher hand within his arm and moved on with her, the trailing folds of her dress brushing Mark's feet as she passed him where he stood in the shadow.

Mark smiled bitterly as he followed. The last time that he had seen that hand-some happy face it had looked wan and haggard and ghastly pale in the moonlight, as they had stood together in the quiet deserted road; and, as he went up the wide carpeted stairs leading to the boxes, he hoped passionately, yet almost against hope, that Leslie would not see at

among her audience.

As he took his seat in the box, he glance

ed swiftly and anxiously round the house. Every seat was full; but, among the multitude of faces, in a box near the stage he saw Bee Forsyth's beautiful face, eager and expectant. Her husband had eager and expectant. Her husband had drawn slightly behind one of the curtains, and was in the shadow, but not so much so but that Mark could see his tender smile as he spoke to his wife. Had he so soon forgotten, the artist wondered; had he buried the past so completely that no spectre of it could rise up and confront him in the present?

The curtain rose, the play began, amid profound attention and stillness among the audience. There was nothing very novel about it, there was much love and jealousy, and the usual misunderstanding which a word could set right, which word however is not spoken until much misery has been wrought and mischief made; but the common plot was redeemed by admirable dialogue and dramatic situations, by scenery as perfect as it was possible to be, by some of the best acting on the London boards—above all, by the genius and beauty and power of Leslie Scott.

Her ro'e, that of a loving, passionate, true-hearted woman, scorned, misunderstood, distrusted, separated from the husband whom she loved, but who was unworthy of her, and from the little child who had been the joy of her life; was one admirably suited to show her histrionic powers to their best advantage, the audience were with her, and a triumph one tenth part as great would have assured her success had she been a debutante. From the first moment when she came smiling on to the stage in the white satin and lace she were as her bridal-dress, the audience was with her; they revelled in her joy, they despaired with her despair, hoped with her hope. Never she seemed more beautiful, and Mark felt a prond thrill that they should witness her triumph, and looked over at the box where Sir Hugh and Lady For yth sat. Sir Hogh was very pale now; but his eyes never left the stage, while Bee, flushed and excited, with parted lips and hurried breathing, sat equally attentive and absorbed.

Had she seen them? Mark wondered once or twice, with a little thrill of dread at the thought, then reassured himself anxiously. No, it was impossible. Among such a number of fair girls' faces, how could she distinguish one? Among such a sea of eager, agitated men, her eyes could not seek out one.

Towards the end of the second act, Mark went to the green-room, where he had the entree, and where delight and excitement reigned supreme among the company, the manager, and the author, who were congratulating each other and smiling at the thunders of applause which shook the building and made the roof ring again. Leslie was still on the stage; but in a few minutes she came in, excited, trembling, and panting under the weight of the flowers she bore, and they clustered round her with eager facile compliment.
Swiftly and almost brusquely she an

swered them, and, passing through the group, she approached Mark, and looked

up at him with eager, shining eyes.

"Are they pleased?" she said abruptly.

"Pleased—overjoyed!" Mark answered,
trying to speak lightly. "Jenny is rapidly going out of her mind with delight and xcitement, Madge and Campbell have quite forgotten each other's existence, and Dora is divided between pride and anxiety that you should over-fatigue yourself."

"She need not fear for me. Tell her so," she said quietly. "Mark, do you know I feel to-night as if I personified those words-whose are they?-I used to sing. What are they?" she added confusedly. "Ah, I remember.

"'Her mirth the world required, She bathed it in smile. of glee; But her heart was tired, tired, And now they let her be."

"They are sad lines, not befitting your

triumph to-night," he said gently.

"Perhaps not. Forget them then, and

You have been very good to me,
Mark."

She looked at him earnestly for a moment, then turned away, muttering something about changing her dress, and left him; and he returned to Dora, with an unspoken anxiety and dread at his heart which he could not define. One or two among the audience recognized the paint er, and glanced at him as he passed down the corridor; but he heeded nothing, and sat, waiting in silence for the curtain to rise on the third and last act.

It rose amid the hushed expectancy of the audience. Mark leaned forward eagerly, listening to the words spoken up in the stage, but understanding them as little as if they were spoken in an un-known tongue, and, although he looked at the actors as they moved about, he saw nothing until Leslie appeared.

She was dressed in white; long shim-mering folds of silk fell around her, trimmed with cascades of softly falling lace; her hair, the pretty chestnut hair, which was designed never to become gray, although a few white hairs had appeared although a few white hairs had appeared there so early, was falling over her ders in heavy waves, and gave her the appearance of youthfulness. She was very pale, but her eyes shone with a feverish lustre which gave her loveliness a strange intensity and force.

A burst of applause, loud and prolonged, greeted her as she came slowly down the stage; and she bowed her head in recognition of her reception. As she lifted it again, glancing round the theatre with a little stereotyped smile, Mark saw her ace change, and knew that what he had dreaded had taken place—she had seen Sir Hugh and Lady Forsyth. The ap-plause died away, the audience became till, and waited.

Standing motionless upon the stage, he tried to speak. Twice she made the attempt-her lips parted, but no words came; and those who stood by her saw that a look of wild intense agony came into the beautiful eyes, and glanced at each other in fear. Among the audience there was no alarm; it was acting, they thought, wonderful, lifelike, matchless acting, but only acting.

But hush, hark—surely that one low,

yet terribly distinct and anguish-stricken cry was not acting, although it came from the actress's lips! Surely she was not concerns everybody.

acting as she fell suddenly forward, her arms outstretched before her, upon her face, and lay there a motionless figure, a mass of shimmering costly silk and streaming chestnut hair. When they lifted her up she was quite

dead; the "bullet" had touched her heart

All night her sisters watched beside her as she lay upon her bed, white and still, a faint little smile parting her lips. Many a long night she had lain there wrestling with her anguish, choking back her tears lest her sobs should disturb her sisters, fighting against the love she could not kill, which conquered her at last; but now as she lay there were no tears upon her face, her eyes were closed and the long lashes swept her cheek; she was smiling, and there was a look of peace upon her face which had long been a stranger there. At her feet and on her breast, and in the waxen hands folded so meekly upon her breast, they placed the flowers which had been showered upon her in such profusion and in such admiration a few hours befere; and as the dawn broke in the eastern sky, they left her there to her rest.

As, through the chill gray dawn of the wintry day, Mark left the house and turned his face towards the home which would ever be a lonely and a sorrowful one, a faint stir of life was beginning to move in the great city. It seemed as if its mighty heart were beginning to throb once more with renewed life and vigor. Mark pushed his hair from his brow to let the chill morning wind blow upon it, and let his weary eyes rest upon the gray expanse above him, in which the pale light was slowly breaking. But he saw nothing but the calm beautiful face of the dead woman, as she lay with a smile upon her lips.

Greatness and fame and wealth had been in her grasp; the laurels of fame had filled the little hands now crossed so meekly on the pulseless heart, her name was on the lips of the world and in the hearts of the people to whom she had given such pleasure; but he knew that to her death was welcome, and he tried, with all his aching desolate heart, to be alad it had come so painlessly and merci-

fully.

And as he walked there seemed to come to him from the great city which he was approaching the soft melody of the words she had sung in the lighted drawing room of Oakhampton Court, and he saw again the look in her eyes as she sang them-

"Strew on her roses, roses, And never a spray of yew. In quiet she reposes— Ah, would that I did too!

"Her mirth the world required, She bathed it in smiles of giee; But her heart was rired, tired, And now they let he be.

"Her life was turning, turning In mezes of heat and s und; Butfor peace her soul was yearning, And now peace laps her round,

"Her cabined, ample spirit, It fluttered and failed for breath; To-night it do hinherit The vasty hall of death."

THE END.

Good Flour. - In selecting flour first look to the color. If it is white with a yellowish straw-color tint, buy it. Next examine its adhesiveness. Wet and examine its adhesiveness. Wet and knead a little of it between your fingers; if it works soft and sticky, it is poor. Then throw a little lump of dried floor against a smooth surface; if it falls like dried powder, it is bad. Lastly, squeeze dried powder, it is bad. Lastly, squeeze some of the flour tightly in your hands if it retains the shape given by the pres-sure that, too, is a bad sign. It is safe to buy flour that will stand all these tests. These modes are given by all old flour dealers, and they pertain to a matter that



RECEPTION DRESS AND BRIDAL TOILET.

Fig. 1.—A handsome reception toilet' representing the "Orinda" basque and "Vestigia" skirt in combination. The materials used are ruby velvet and satin Rhadames, and the garniture passementerie in a leaf composed of the iridescent beads in which ruby beads predominate, making it in perfect harmony with the materials. The basque is made of the velvet, ornamented in front with a vestplastron of cream-colored Mechlin lace, plastron of cream-colored Mechlin lace, confined at the throat and waist-line by bows of pale blue velvet ribbon, and trimming lace to match is carried over the hips and terminates at the sides of the full postilion at the back. A dog-collar of pierced gold is worn outside the velvet collar, and a full frill of Mechlin lace finishes the neck. The sleeves are trimmed to match. The front and back of the skirt are made of velvet, the extra width in the back giving agraceful fullness. The in the back giving agraceful fullness. The sides of the skirt are composed of plaited panels of Rhadames on which the trimpanels of Rhadames on which the trimming is very effective. The drapery is of

lace arranged en jabot, and delicate festoons of orange blossoms are arranged made up over ruby velvet, and has a full frill of the lace forming the brim and describing a decided point in front. The trimming consists of pale pink roses and a blue aigrette. Long, tan-colored kid gloves complete the toilet. Both the basque and skirt are illustrated separately unheromed. basque and skirt are illustrated separately

basque and skirt are illustrated separately elsewhere and estimates given of the quantity of material required for each Price of skirt pattern, thirty cents. Basque patterns, twenty-five cents each. Fig. 2.—The "Euphrasia" toilet here shown clearly illustrates the prevailing fashion for bridal dresses, and is represented made in a combination of creamphite ratin embessed valvet and Portuwhite satin, embossed velvet and Portugese point lace. The basque and train of the toilet are made of satin. The panels and vest are of brocaded velvet having large rose designs in cut and un

the Rhadames caught up high in front cut velvet strewn on a satin ground. The with a bow of blue velvet ribbon and forming paniers at the sides, and the lace arranged en jabot, and delicate fesvest is outlined with Portugese trimming lace arranged en jabot, and delicate festoons of orange blossoms are arranged across it; the lace is carried flatly around unhemmed, and arranged with a half wreath of orange blossoms, and falls gracefully to the lower edge of the skirt, leaving the face and hands free. This design is suitable for to be used for the most ceremonious occasions, and when combinations of harmonious tints are selected, a toilet sufficiently handsome to please the most exacting taste will be the result. The double illustration is given among the separate fashions. Price of patterns, thirty cents each size.

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Fichus of lace in various shapes are much worn.

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There are no old ladies' bonne's this ers, dress boots; for topers, tight boots for cattle dealers, calf boots; for upholsterers, carpet slippers.

AMr. Henry M. Stanley, the eminent frican explorer, is one of the most im-ortant of the technical advisers before the Congo Conference at Berlin. Probably no man possesses so thorough a knowledge of the Congo and of the vast territors through which it flows as the au-

thor of Through the Dark Continent, published by Harper & Brothers, in which Mr. Stanley narrates the adventures that attended his exploration of that mighty river.

Never, young man, marry a girl who insits on opening the car window on a cold day. She not only lacks judgement cold day. She not only lacks judgement in the matter of caring for her own health but has no consideration for others.



DARIA POLONAISE.

Although characterized by simplicity, this design is very dressy and stylish. It is tight-fitting, with two darts in each front, one in the usual place and the other under the arm, side forms rounding to the armholes, and a seam down the middle of the back. The fronts fall in points at the sides, and the upper edge of the back is laid in a wide plait in the centre, and attached to the body portion just below the waist line, while the front edges of the same piece are looped high, giving the effect of a graceful bow. Soutache braid is placed on the front in vest shape, and the cuffs are also ornameuted with braid. The model is adapted to all classes of dress goods, and may be trimmed in any way that taste may suggest. The size for fourteen years will require six yards and one-eighth of goods twenty-four inches wide, and six yards of braid to trim as illustrated. Patterns in braid to trim as illustrated. Patterns in sizes for fourteen and sixteen years. Price, twenty-five cents each.

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Mr. Matthew Arnold will soon his position as Inspector of Schools, in this Mr. Matthew Arnold will soon . sign order to make an extended tour in country.

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Mr. Andrew Lang writes that when a by somebody gave him a copy of Edgar A. Poe's lurid tales, which greatly frightened him. "Every night I expected to wake up in my coffin, having been prematurely buried; or to hear sighs in the area, followed by light, unsteady footness, the states of the sight of steps on the stairs, and then to see a lady all in a white shroud, stained with blood and clay, stagger into my room. I had as bad a time of it in the night watches as any happy British child has survived."

Professor Tyndall claims to be a descendant of Tyndale the translator of the Bible, and to have a yearly income of only \$6,000. Six years after he left school he was a civil engineer's assistant at a salary of five dollars a week. "I have often wondered since," he says, "at the amount of genuine happiness which a young fellow of regular habits, not caring for pipe or mug, may extract from pay like that." Subsequently when studying at Marburg, Germany, he "worked without weariness sixteer hours a day."

REVIEW OF FASHIONS.

Inone of the windows of a N. N. uptown dry goods store a very gorgeous cloak is exhibited. It is of gold and cardinal and cream brocade, with swan's-down trimming, and quilted, pale gold satin lining. It is such a departure from all the received canons tonching orthodox cloaks, so rich in color and striking in effect, that it at once attracted attention and served as the basis for a universal announcement of the new departure in cloaks, and the employment of magnificent gold brocades instead of the plain black cloth, silk, velvet, and plush, which have heretofore done duty for those who could not afford sealskin. But the gold brocaded cloak hangs in the window still, and there is only one of it; while the crowds of women on the thoroughfares and elsewhere still pursue their way in the selfsame dark, plain cloaks of cloth and silk, and plush and velvet-very few of the latter, for plush has taken its place.

It is strange there is so little recognition of the real and growing permanency of the essential facts in the dress of women, and the necessity which is felt that novel ideas have some basis in what is true and useful to be widely circulated. Women themselves, more and more generally, begin to see and act upon this principle; and it is so vital to healthful progress that it is of the greatest importance that it should receive recognition and encouragement. Usefulness is the great law of life, and the eternal succession of useful little elements, changes, departures, fancies, and ignorant and unauthorised dictatorship, have burdened and muddled the whole question almost beyond the hope of extrication. But there is a divinity doubtless, that steps in occasionally and gui les our destinies, even in regard to dress; and it is no mythical or capricious goddess, but one whose laws are immutable and eternal. This divinity, whose decrees we are rca'ly obliged to accept whether we will or no, works partly through modern machinery, whose costly parts and conditions cannot be changed except for good and sufficient reasons. The weekly, monthly, quarterly, or even yearly disturbances in fashion, must therefore be imited to difference in design largely, and the original ideas of handworkers which have always a value in proportion to their merit and afford fields of remuper tive effort to both men and women. Whatever is made by machinery must be made for the million, or it would not pay for the cost of the force that produces it. It is not limited production that pays the profit to the world's workers, but that which addresses itself to the greatest number; just as it is the "third class" which is said to pay the dividends on English railways. But machinery is a very fixed fact, it cannot change its methods, its productions must be repeated, and repeated, until the machine is worn out. Yet so marvelous is the ork done by these steel and iron fingers that the most fastidious cannot afford to disregard it, and so it is accepted, like the air and the sunshine.

It is rather curious that it is to this ers—one thousand more than the Ex

generation we owe much that now renders dress easy, healthful, and economical. It was Queen Victoria that gave us thick walking boots in place of "paper soled" slippers, and low shoes, and the "Balmoral" skirt, which paved the way for the walking dress which has stood all the shocks and assaults of the past twenty-five years, and is now impregnable. We hesitate to mention that in which we were the pioneers, but there is nothing that has exercised so wide, so formative, so moralizing an influence upon popular dress as the modern paper pattern. Can any of us realize a time when they did not exist? Is it not to these is due the fact that the American girl, the American woman everywhere, is the neatest and most tastefully dressed of her sex, from Maine to California, and from the South Sea coast to the wilds of the Rocky Mountains. It is not too much to claim the paper pattern as a great civilizer, as a great industrial and economic agent. With a paper pattern, and few yards of home-made cotton or wool, no woman need be ill-dressed-nor is she.

Almost the only advantage which the rich woman has over the poor woman nowadays, is the power to have made by hand what is ordinarly made by machine, and thus adapt it, if she has a sufficiently cultivated taste, to her own personality; but the poor woman can easily do for herself, if she is trained and skilled, what the rich woman must pay some one to do for her. Industry is the key that unlocks the world, and women are beginning to finditout—even wealth canno's o certainly enter its inner portals, or discover its hidden treasures, as the successful worker.

It is to this new gospel of use—this trained industry-that the dress of American women is adapting itself. It has had to work itself out of the old, awkward, clumsy, ill-fitting, and monotonous dress of the working poor, and the capricious, luxurious, fantastic, and ever-varying attire of the rich. It must be graceful yet economical; it must satisfy taste yet afford freedom; it must be diversified yet permanent-no interfering with the requirements of the worker, yet disguising nothing of the lady beneath. Is it too much to say that these ends have been measurably achieved?-that the best dress of to-day-light, warm, pliant, sanitary with its even surfaces over the bodyits few parts, its pure materials, its artistic outlines and soft tints, is superior to any that has existed here ofore, and shows a most hopefully progressive, not backward, tendency.

The workers among women are now no longer confined to the poor. The women's Exchanges throughout the country, all of recent origin, have developed the unexampled need among women supposed to be well off, for active work, and that which paid work brings, and quickly gather a list of many thousands of consigners, all of whom are workers at home—many of them women know in society—but all of them compelled, and generally glad to adapt their dress to the new purposes of their lives. The Woman's Exchange in New Orleans has upwards of thirty thousand ladies on its list of work-

change in New York, which has done so much to maintain the integrity of many suffering and despendent families. And all these Associations tell the same story. Under these it is a sin to be the mouthpiece of a few, and the most frivolous portion of womankind, when the great army of women everywhere are making such heroic efforts-when so much that they do is misunderstood-and the mere echo of commonplaces which have not even the merit of being true. Women cannot trayel faster than the train of public opinion will take them; and that they have made "good time" for the past twenty-five years, no one will venture to deny, and their dress has certainly kept pace with their advance in other direc tions-the revival of low necks by twenty five or thirty women out of a million, notwithstanding.

THE BABY, YOUR BABY ANY ONE'S BABY.

Mamma's darling, papa's pet. What would you take for her? When you offer-ed her for \$40 you would not have taken a farm. Then she was only a little bit of a thing and lay in the cradle and slept all day and used only once in a while to look up at you with wondering eyes. After a while longer she began to talk baby talk to you and smile at you and the little fingers would close about your big one and pull it and you felt the pressure of baby hands, your baby's hand, and you said baby was worth \$50; not a cent less would buy her. The days and weeks roll on and baby begins to sit up in mamma's lap. She knows you and when you come in and say "hooty-tooty" baby's eyes sparkle and she laughs and flops her little arms up and down, and you take baby for a romp about the room and she likes it and begins to seem to know something. She crows when she sees herself in the looking glass. She reaches for this and that. She pulls your nose and sticks her finger in your eyes, but baby is queer. You are apt to kiss her. You tell mamma that you think baby is worth \$75, and at the same time you would die for her at that very minute. How willingly you pay for baby's picture in short clothes and for all the little things she may need. And if she gets sick away goes your appetite, away goes your rest. think of nothing but the little sufferer. How gladly you would take her place. You would give all you have to see her well again. We are talking of your baby now, you know. She is to you the poor, sweet innocent little thing. Papa's pet, papa's life. A little later and she sits on the floor at the door and when she sees you coming commences to crow and stretch her little hands for you, and you see the light of recognition in her eyes. She clings to you. She trust you. Baby is worth \$100 - to anybody—and a campaign fund would not get her from you. No, you wouldn't take all the world for her. But may be yours is a boy. No her. But may be yours is a boy. No difference, the price is the same. God blessall the babies of the land.

Fifty years ago Meissonier's pictures fetched from five to eight dollars apiece, and while making them he was so poor that his luncheon consisted of a raw apple, and his dinner of soup, bread and fried potatoes, his total living expenses for six months being ten dollars.

Some time ago General Di Cesnola presented a cast of an original Babylonian cylinder to Mr. J. F. X. O'Conor, an American pupil of Professor Haupt. The cylinder contained an inscription in Assyrian cuneiform letter, which Mr. O'Conor has translated, are which refers to N. chadnezzar a the magnificent buildin Babylo

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Although the newspapers have announced that Madame Patti has bought a handsome billiard table and sent it to her castle in Wales, it is not she who plays the game: but Nicolini.

Sir William Thomson, of the University of Edinburgh, is one of the directors of the railroad at the Giant's Causeway, where electricity is successfully used as a motive power. At Mr. Cyrus W. Field's request, he recently made an examination of the New York elevated roads, and reported that the same motive power could be a led to them with a great saving in the of running. The experiment will control that the same motive power could be a led to them with a great saving in the total running.

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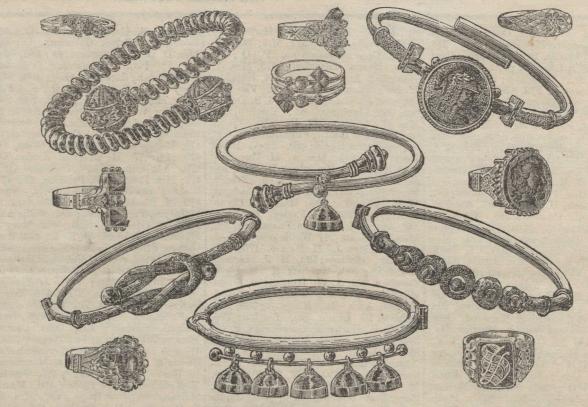
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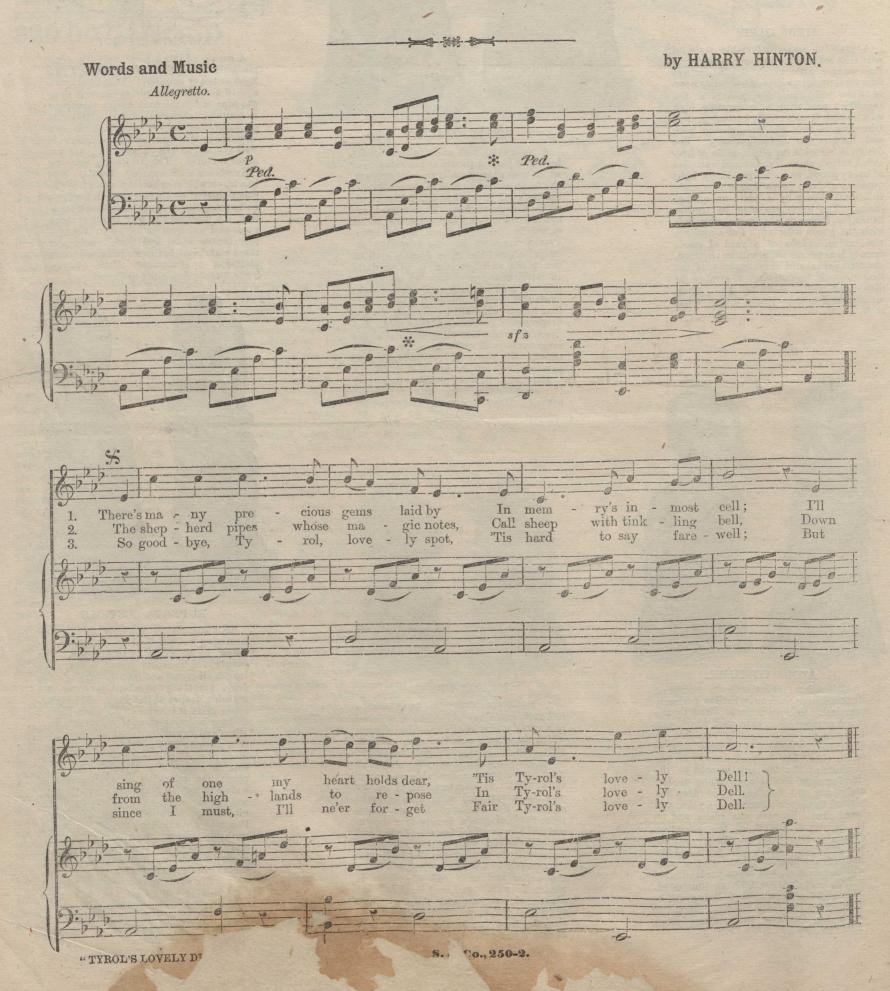


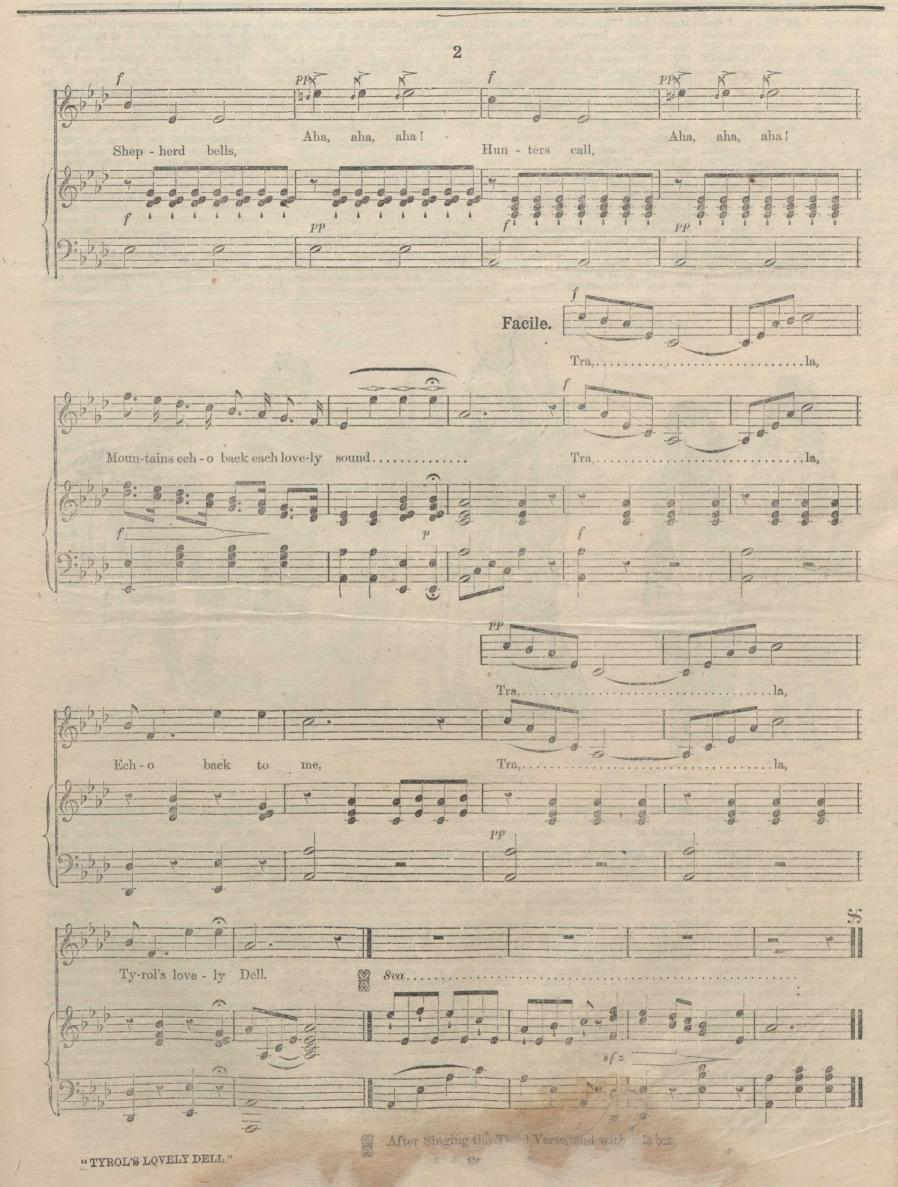
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with rabbit fur. Hat or red vervet embroidered with gold, from the top of which depend two long ribbon streamers. Gold necklace and cross.

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quins. Long pointed sleeves of the same white woolen, trimmed with rows of plak material as the trousers. Round cap of satin ribbon. Full train of pink and white red velvet, bordered with sequins. Veil of gold-embroidered Turkish muslin. The same goods laced in front with blue ribbon over a plain white chemisette.

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No. 5.—MOONLIGHT.—Short skirt of

gray-blue satin, trimmed on the bottom with a row of pale blue chenille fringe. Overskirt of dark blue velvet, having a draped apron trimmed with two rows of light blue cheaille fringe, and falling in the back in deep plaits to the top of the fringe on the underskirt. Pointed basque rom the top of the crown depends a five veil of white net or mull. Gold sleeves or epaulets of gray tulle, the one at the left fastened with a silver half-moon. At the left of the skirt is a panel

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DEAR SIR,-Please accept my thanks for the watch I received, awarded me in Competition No. 7, with which I am highly pleased.

> Yours truly, MARY M. MILLS.

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DEAR SIR,—Received this evening the beautiful little silver watch awarded me in Ladies' Journal Competition No. 7, for which please accept my sincere thanks.

Yours truly,

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Yours truly, ANNIE DRAISEY.

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Yours truly, WALTER STINSON.

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Yours truly, M. E. McKAY.

CACHE CREEK, B. C., Nov. 5th, 1884. MR. S. F. WILSON.

DEAR SIR,-I hasten to acknowledge receipt of the sateen dress which I won in Competition No. 10. Accept many thanks for same,

> Yours truly, MRS. L. M. ADAM.

482 King st. w., TORONTO, Dec. 9, 1884. EDITOR LADIES' JOURNAL.

DEAR SIR, -Received the Cyclopædia won by me in Competition No. 7. Please accept my sincere thanks. It is a splendid book and I am much pleased with it.

Yours truly, M. Hoskins.

BLENHEIM, Nov. 26th, 1884. To Editor Ladies' Journal:

DEAR SIR,—Received to-day by mail volume of World's Cyclopedia, awarded me in Ladies' Journal competition No. 7. It is a very useful book. I am very much pleased with it, Many thanks. Wishing you every success,

Yours truly, WM, ANDER ON.

HURDLAND, Knox Co., Mo. Nov. 7th, 1884.

PROPRIETOR LADIES' JOURNAL:

I received the nice butter knife I received as a reward in your Bible competition. I forgot the number of the competition, but I am very much obliged to you, I think it is very nice. I receive the LADIES' JOURNAL regularly and like it real well.

Yours respectfully, LAURA E. MURREY.

Among the winners of prizes under the Ladies' Journal competition are: J. Galloway, Jennie Galloway, E. Wilson, the Ladies' Journal competition are: J. Galloway, Jennie Galloway, E. Wilson, Mrs. W. Small, E. M. Wiley, Kingston; Stanley Chant, Collinsby; Viola Hunt, Birmingham; Jennie Price, Newburg. Only the first third of the premiums has been announced.—[Kingston Whig.

TORONTO DEC. 6th, 1884. MR. S. F. WILSON.

DEAR SIR,—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of the beautiful cake basket award ed me in the LADIE'S JOURNAL Competition No. 7. I am very much pleased with my prize and wish you every success.

Yours truly, NELLIE W. CAMPBELL. per S. Coleman.

HIGHLAND CREEK, Nov. 28th, 1884. S. F. WILSON Esq.

DEAR SIR, -With many thanks permit me to acknowledge the receipt a of Williams' sewing machine as one of the successful competitors in Ladies Journal Competition No. 7. I am much pleased with it and so are my friends who have seen it. I amdoubly pleased, first in being successful, and secondly to let some of my friends know they were mittaken into friends know they were mistaken in their opinion of the prizes being a fraud. Wishing LADIES JOURNAL all success, I remain

Yours truly, MRS. LEWIS LEWIS.

Sign of good breeding. - Gatting the MRS. THOMAS. prize at a dog show.

MISS RIVERS' REVENGE.

CHAPTER II. - CONTINUED.

longer about it than usual, the weather dangerous. So much for nature. being too damp and drizzly to tempt us out of doors. Letters were being read with the last cup of tea. The squire sewith the last cop of tea. The squire selected one from his pile, and tossed it ever to his wife, remarking that she would be glad to hear the good news it contained. Then it went from hand to hand until I had the pleasure of reading:

"My DEAR SQUIRE. - I have just written the delightful word Finis at the hottom of a page, which is the last of my immortal (!) production. I will do no more work for weeks, but will take the train to morrowand come to Blaize House, in time, I hope, for dinner. I do not apologize for this short notice, knowing there is even more joy within your gates over the uninvited than the invited guest.

"Yours always "VINCENT HOPE."

Vincent Hope! It must be my enemy. The allusions to his literary pursuits put that beyond a doubt. My time had come! I could not have selected a fairer field on which to mete out the vengeance I had stored up. As I read that letter, I positively blushed with pleasure, so vividly that I feared people might jump at entirely wrong concusions. I thought of nothing all day but the way in which my enemy was delivered into my hands. The delight of saving at last the chance of paying out the critic for his criticism produced a frame of mind which seemed to urge me to go into quiet corners and laugh at my own thoughts. I had plenty of ume to mature my plans and draw soothing pictures of the effects of my revenge. I resolved to risk no chance meeting with the foe; and feeling that a good beginning would be half the battle, before six o'clock I went to my room to

m for the fray.

Remember, I am confessing, not jesting. I sent for my maid, and bade her take down my hair and brush it. If, as her deft fingers braided my locks to my satisfaction, I had thought the girl would have comprehended me, I might have quoted certain lines of Mrs. Browning's which kept singing through my head:

"Comb it smooth, and crown it fair;
I would look in purple pall, from the lattice down the wall,

And throw scorn on any one that's there."

Anyway, she crowned it fair enough, and, by my express desire, i i me in my most becoming gear. Then few minutes be-fore the bell rang, 1 at her away, and stood alone before the cheval glass surveying myself with a contented smile For my plan of revenge had at least the merit of simplicity; it was to win that man's admiration—if possible his love Upon the day when he offered me that latter, and I coldly and scornfully rejected it, I should feel that I had squared all accounts between us in a manner highly satisfactory to myself.

How do women win men's love? I did not quite know; but I fancied, if conducted properly, the operation was not of a difficult nature. I hoped and believed I should succeed. Although my reso ution reads badly, and sounds even worse, I comforted myself by thicking that as I meant to refuse what I laid myself out to win, no one would dare to censure me or accuse me of very unbecoming conduct. Aud now what are my weapons with

which to conquer?

I look at myself in the glass. It may read like vanity, but I feel that old Mr. Ramsay's prediction is fairly verified. Although I blush as I appraise myself, I know I am no longer the alim school girl -but I am something not, perhaps, far off a beautiful woman. I am tall. My off a beautiful woman. I am tall. My figure is certainly good. My complexion will bear any test; and something tells

Breakfast was just over; we had been | m . I could, if I wished, make my eyes art, I have chosen the prettiest of many pretty gowns. and my gowns now have a knack of sitting well upon me; so I am not ashamed to walk gracefully across the room, and courtesying to myself in the glass, say approvingly to my double: "Yes, Heritage Rivers, you have grown into a very decent sort of a woman —a very de-cent sort!" Having refreshed my memory by the repetition of that peculiarly galling phrase, I gather up my skirts and

sally forth to victory.

Fortune favored me. As the greatest stranger and last arrival, it would have been in Vincent Hope's province to take our hostess into the dining-room had we not been favored that day by the presence of a county magnate, whose claim to precedence could not be lightly overlooked. It seemed but natural and part of the plot that the squire should present Mr. Vincent Hope to Miss Rivers, and for the second time in their lives these two should be seated side by side sipping their soup in unison—but this time, if wounded vanity was to be the result of the contiguity, Miss Rivers would not be

So I began:

"You have come straight from town, Mr. - Vincent-I fancied the squire said? We call him squire, you know.

Oh yes. He is an old friend of mine. But he called me Vincent Hope, I sus-

This gave me what I wanted, an excuse for looking him full in the face-an act which, besides being a fitting tribute to his fame, enabled me to observe how time had treated him. So I lifted my lashes and looked straight at him. If time had not been quite idle with him, it had treated him kindly. He was handsome as ever. The hair near his temples being just flecked with gray did not detract from his good looks. I thought his featfrom his good looks. I thought his features looked more marked, and the whole expression of his face more confident and powerful even than of old. He had won success, and, no doubt, fully realized and enjoyed the fact.
"Vincent Hope!" I echoed. "Not the

Vincent Hope?'

I guessed instinctively that flattery was not a bad gun with which to open fire. By this time his name was so well known that it would have been affectation to appear to misunderstand me. He bowed and smiled.

"How delightful!" I exclaimed, my look, I am ash med to say, confirming my words. 'Now, tell me how I should talk to you. Ought I to give you my opinion about all the characters in your books; or ought I to sit silent and awed, treasuring up every word of wit and wisdom you

may let fall?"

Neither, I must beg. I have just thrown off the harness, and come down to enjoy the squire's clover. I am trying to forget there is such a thing as work in the world

"Very well. I shall take you at your word, after, as in duty bound, saying I have read all you have written, so far as I know" I know.

His wish to avoid the topic of his own achievements may have been a genuine one, but, nevertheless, he seemed pleased with my remark, and looking at me with a smile, said:

a smile, said:

"Exchange is but fair. I scarcely heard what the squire called you."

"Rivers—Heritage Rivers," he echoed musingly. "It is an uncommon name; but I fancy I have heard it before.

He laughed.

"Many are, I fear. But you are trespassing on forbidden ground. Let us seek fresh pastures."

We did so. We talked all dinner-time. I think we talked about everything under the sun-talked, moreover, almost like old friends. When he differed from my opinions, he told me in well-chosen words why he differed. And as he spoke, I whispered ever and anon to myself: "Raw and awkward-a decent sort of a woman. Yet now Mr. Hope was condescending enough not only to listen attentively to my words, but to reply to them as if they had weight with him. All this was very de ightful. The first steps to revenge were smooth and pleasant ones; for there is no need to say that I hated him as much, and felt as vindictive, as over.

He was walking atraight to his fate. 1 felt it, when, just before Mrs. Lighton gave the signal for departure, he dropped his voice almost to a whisper, and good enough so say that, to him, the peculiar charm of this particular dinner was that such an agreeable interchange of ideas would not be ended with the night, but might be resumed to-morrow. Coming as it did from such a famous person, I could only glance my thanks, blush and look pleased at the compliment

when with the rest of my sex, I rose and walked to the door, I knew that his eyes were following me; and I knew also that, although clever, captious, critical those eyes might be, they could find little fault with my bearing or general de-

meanor.

At Blaize House it was understood the gentlemen, especially the younger ones, were not allowed to linger long over the wine. When they entered the drawing room, I was sitting, almost hidden from sight, in a recess near the window. I noticed that Mr. Hope, as he came through the door, looked around, as if in search of some one; and as, when at last he discovered my retreat, his search seemed at an end, I could only think the some one was myself. However, we had little more to say to each other this even-ing. All the children of the house were his friends, and had many questions to ask him. We had music and singing as usual; but I made some conventional excuse, and did not take any share in them. Before we parted for the night, Vincent Hope came to my side.
"Surely you sing, Miss Rivers?" he

"A little. But I'm not in the mood to sing to-night."

He pressed me to make the attempt, but I refused. Thinking I had done quite enough for the first evening, I kept my voice in reserve. But I talked to him for a short time about music, and found him well versed in the art, and, of course, an unsparing critic. He was very hard an unsparing critic. He was very hard on the ordinary drawing-room playing and singing, and by no means complimentary to the performers of the evening, I laughed, and told him how thankful I fet that something had warned not to show my poor skill to such an able but severe judge. My words led him to believe that my talent for music was a very third rate one. This was exactly what I wished him to think.

He was soon drawn away from my side, and we spoke no more until the general good night took place, and the men went iff to the billiard-room, and my own sex to their couches. Once more I curtesied to Miss Rivers in the cheval glass, and told her she had surpassed my most san guine expectations. Then, in a very happy state of mind, I went to bed.

CHAITER III.

Very promising, too, were the events of the next day. I felt that the man I hated was paying me attention above my "Oh, please don't say so, Mr. Hope loast of—my name. How would you like, after looking upon all your plots as original, to find them but plagiarisms?"

me, and told me, among other things, a great deal about his early life and struggles for success. He was quite interesting, so much so, that 1 wished I could check these confidences. I feared that his talk might awaken a suspicion of sympathy in my mind, which would grievously interfere with my vendetta.

That evening, he repeated his request that I should sing; but after the way I had misled him, I knew he only asked me for the sake of politeness. I began with one of those little balleds which he so much disliked; an easy, simple little thing, which could only be borne out of the commenplace by feeling on the part of the singer. I glanced at him as I ished the song. He thanked me quietly, but I saw he looked puzzled. Then I placed Beetheven's "Adelaide" before me, and sung it as I had seldem or never sung it—entirely to my own satisfaction. I rose from the piano, and our eyes met. He did not join in the chorus of thanks; but I knew he was more than moved; and as he followed me to my chair, I ex-

in my armory had atruck well home.
"Miss Rivers," he said, "I thought no amateur in England could sing that song to her own accompaniment as you sing it. I can only congratulate you whilst blaming you for deceiving me so last night."

ulted, as I thought that the pet weapon

I thanked him for his compliment; and for the rest of the evening Mr. Hope

talked little except to me.

There!—I will write no more about it. Now, I am utterly ashamed of it all. Had it not been for my resolve to reject it when offered, I would have stooped to win no man's love—not even Vincent Hope's. But in five days I knew that my work was done, and fully done-so fully, that I decaded the result of it, and began to wish that I had not been ar vindi tive. Worse than all, friends—as friends will—were exchanging knewing glances, and commenting on the relations which appeared to exist between my foe and my-

Could I have conquered my nature, and decided to forego my revenge, it was now impossible to do so. For my own sake, matters must come to a climax, that all might see how little I cared for the

One night, as I sat in my dressing-gown over the fire, trying to make up my mind to tear myself from the pleasant glow and get into bed, Mabel Lighton entered my room. She was a good, true girl, who spoke her mind freely, and at times lectured even me.

"Heritage," she said abruptly, "what do you mean to do with Vincent Hepe?" I could not for the life of me help changing color, and was compelled to shield the cheek nearest Mabel with the fan which had been protecting my eyes from the firelight.
"Do with him! I don't know what you

mean.'

"Yes, you do," retorted my monitor.
"Had it been anyone but you, Heritage,
I should have called her a firt. But you are not a flirt, we know.

"What have I done, Mabel?" I asked. The screen was still between us.

Mabel quietly pushed it aside; then, placing her hands on my shoulders, scrutinized my face in an uncomfortable manner.

wonder at it? You have gained that young man's love entirely, But, although it seems so much unlike you, I believe you have brought him to your feet for remitted. Heritage her f et for vanity's sake. Heritage, he is a good man—a proud man. If you mean to give him nothing in return, I should say his life will be wrecked Do you love him, or are my fears well founded?"

In some fashion, I was bound to reply.

I sought refuge in levity.
"When I am moved to confess my sins, Mabel, it will not be to you, but to some nice ascetic High Church curate."
"Don't talk nonsense. 1 am in bitter

earn st. Vince at Hope will surely ask that no one might see how much I enyou to be his wife. You are rich, and he is comparatively poor; but I know that will not influence you. Only I say again, if you refuse, you are to blame for all that happens."

This must be stopped at any cost. Until now, I had always believed that hysterics and affectation were synonymous.

"Mabel," I said, "I hate Vincent Hope; but at this moment I think I hate you even more! Go to bed. I am too tired to say another word; so go away."

Therewish, I got into bed, turned my

face to the wall, and left Mabel to put out the candle and get back to her own

quarters when she thought fit.

I was annoyed and ashamed. nearly accused me of what I had in truth been guilty of-making love to my enemy. As people noticed my condu t, it became more and more necessary t at I should clear myself from all such imputations. This could be done in one

way only.
Perhaps I had the grace to avoid Vincent Hope somewhat during the next two days. Perhaps that very avoidance hastened the catastrophe. But on the third day, chance—pure chance, mind—left us together and alone. For a moment there was silence between us; then he drew near to me, and said in a quiet earnest

'Heritage, I love you. Will you be

my wife?" I could not answer. All I could do was to prevent myself breaking into hysterical laughter.

He tried to take my hand.

Heritage, my darling! I think I loved you the moment I saw you. Look up, and answer me. Say you love me, and will be my wife!"

His wife! After hating him for so long
—after Mabel's reproaches—after winning
his love in a way the thought of which
made me blush! Never, never, never!

So I steeled myself-drew myself up to every inch of my height—looked him full in the fac triumphed, and took my revenge. I hope and think I spoke compose ly, if not coldly.
"Mr. Hope, you honor me greatly, but it cannot be. Please never mention

it again."

His face was very pale; and when an expression of positive pain left it, grew stern, almost hard. My manner must have convinced him I was in earnest. No doubt, had I wished to do so, I could have made him fall at my feet and plead passionately. But then, unless one is an vindictiveness must be utter savage. imited. I had done enough.

Perhaps, under such trying circumstances, no man could have behaved in a more dignified manner than did Mr.

"I am to understand," he said calmly, but with a look in his eyes which I dered not meet-"I am to understand you-you do not love me?'

I bowed. "Please let me hear you say so," he

said.
"I do not. Let us say no more about it. I think I will go back to the house now. We walked in silence until we were close to the gates Then he said:

"Unless my presumption to-day makes my presence unbearable to you, I shall stay two days longer, as I promised Mr. Lighton. It is not worth while to set people inquiring as to the reason for a hasty departure.

"Certainly not," I answered. "Stay as long as you wish; or, if you prefer it, I

will leave

"That is out of the question," he replied, as we crossed the threshold and

I went to my room—to exult, of course, in my reverge. It was so full, so complete, so exactly as I planned it. And writers and poets say that revenge is he bade me adieu -a quiet, polite adieu, sweet. Oh, yes it was very, very sweet nothing more—not even coupled with the so sweet, that I double-locked my door, conventioal wish that we might meet again.

joyed it—so sweet, that I threw myself on my bed, and thought my heart must break as I sobbed and wept; for the truth must be told—I loved Vincent Hope, even as he said, and as I hoped he loved Yet, for the sake of vanity, I had to day rejected the love of a man, the best, the noblest, the cleverest in the world! I had hurled my hoarded stone, and right well is had fulfilled its mission; but its rebound had crushed me. Oh, ves, revenge is very sweet!

I rose, and walking up to the Heritage Rivers in the cheval glass, shook my fist at her violently. "You fool!" I said to her. "A nice mess you have made of life! R venge, indeed! Call it by its right name—folly! Go and clothe your stime and the court wour head with self in sackcloth-cover your head with ashes, and cry your eyes out for to-day's work." Then Mabel's words about a wrecked life came to my mind; and although I could not believe that the hap-piness of such a man as Vincent Hope be dependent upon an idiot like myself, I thought of that strange look I had seen in his eyes -that look which no resolution of mine could make me meet. So I went back to bed once more, and cried and abused myself. Ay, revenge, forsooth, revenge is sweet!

In spite of all, I determined to go down to dinner. I would do that much for his sake. It should not be suspected that anything had gone wrong between us and I know that, if I stayed away, Mabel, for one, would certainly guess what had occurred. This, if I could prevent it, should be known to no one. I smiled This, if I could prevent grimly as I thought that now my revenge must fail in this; that the world would never know what I had scorned and re-I made a great effort, dabbed my eyes with rose-water, and went down

stairs in passable trim.

To-night we were not side by side, but directly opposite to one another. Mabel was right-Vincent Hope was a proud man. His discomforture was no concern of the world's, so he showed no traces of it. All save one at that table would have said that his heart was gay and light. No one would have dreamed that, a few hours before, his love had been refused by an idiot of a girl. He lauuhed and jested; anecdote and witty repartee fell unceasingly from his lips. He held the whole talk, or every unit of the party talked to him. Yet, womanlike. I noticed that he drank more wine than was his usual custom, and at times there was a sharper, harder ring in his voice. Had it not been for this, and the remembrance of the look which still haunted me, I could have believed he had forgotten or brushed away from his mind the events of the day. Vincent Hope was the events of the day. Vincent Hope was a proud man, and Heritage Rivers a fool!

I would rather say nothing about the next two days I hated myself so much, that I wonder I have ever forgiven myself -peshaps I never have. All I care say is, that none even suspected what had happened; even Mabel began to think that the accusation of flirting should lie at Vincent Hope's door, not at mine; for although he talked to me when needful, it was easy to see that his manner was changed.

The morning of the third day came, and I knew that in a few hours we should shake hands, part, and there would be

the end of everything.

Blaize is fifteen miles from a railway station, and that station is so unimportant that very few trains stop at it. cent Hope, to reach town that evening, was obliged to start betimes. So after luncheon, Charlie Lighton and the dogcart were waiting to take him to the train; and after many expressions of regret from host and hostess, he took his seat and was ready to start. Of course, our hands met, as in common with every one else

Why should he wish to meet me again? Our encounters as yet had not been happy in their results to eigher! That accomplished whip, Charlie, gathered up the reins, and with a last, all-embracing goodbye, Vincent Hope was sped away along the winding carriage-drive, and, for the first time in her foolish life, Heritage Rivers knew that such things as broken hearts may be found outside romances.

Something was afoot that afternoonwalking party or skating party; for it was the middle of January, and bitterly cold. Now that the necessity of keeping up appearances for another's sake was at an Miss Rivers felt very much like breaking down and disgracing herself. She longed for solitude and made some excuse to stay at home As every one was bound on the expedition, she had the house practically to herself. After be-mouning her wickedness and folly for fome time in the sauctity of her own chamber, a strange craving came over her. She felt she must go down and sit in the little room which adjoins the library; and although censuring her own weakness, she yielded to the impulse.

Vincent Hope, in spite of his resolve to spend his time at Blaize House in wellearned idleness, had been unable to do so exactly. Ominous rolls of printed matter came by post-a sin of long standing, he said, which publishers insisted on dragging into daylight at once. So he did one or two hours' work each day, and grumbled at it in a very amusing manner. By tacit consent, the little room had been kept sacred to him; there when he chose, he worked without fear of interruption. was no doubt on account of this that Miss Rivers felt that uncontrollable desire to eit for a while in this particular room. The stupidity of her desire need not be commented upon, as her generally idiotic nature must have made itself manifest many pages back. She entered the room and closed the door softly. She sat down at the leather-covered table, and leaning her head on her hands, looked anything but a prosperous, healthy, comfortable young woman.

Presently she glanced stealthily around her, and from the bosom of her dress drew out a photograph of a very hand some, distinguished-looking man. Mr. Hope had given it to her, at her request, some days before. It was to go into her celebrity album, she told him. Laying is on the table between her elbows, Miss Rivers gazed at it long and earnestly, untill her foolish eyes became so misty with terrs that she could see it no One by one those tears began to fall, and soon came so fast that she gave in altogether-forgot where she was-forgot all risk of interruption; and laying her head on the table, presented the very picture of woe.

Her bewailings and beweepings were at their greatest height, when the door was suddenly thrown open and Mr. Hope stood before her! She sprung to her feet, and in her agitation brushed the photograph to the ground. Even in her photograph to the ground. Even in her dire c nfusion, the prayer that it might have fallen face downwards ramed itself. But she dared not look to see; she had to face the intruder as best she could. Yet he seemed for the moment taken even more aback than Miss Rivers. He stam mered out something about a shaft brok en three miles from home—impossibility of catching train—come back to write telegrams, etc. Then he looked on the ground, and what he saw there was enough to make him glance wonderingly at the shamefaced girl who stood before him with wet lashes and glowing cheeks

"Miss Rivers — Heritage!"
"tell me what this means." he said.

She made no reply, but endeavored to pass him He blocked the way, and by the exercise of some force, took both her tands in his. As they stood there, she could see on the ground between them that unlucky photograph lying face up.

"Let me go, Mr. Hope," she said "It is unkind to keep me against my will

Her appeal was vain. His strong hands held her yet more firmly. He seemed to be waiting until she chose to look up and meet his eyes. But that would never have been—not if they had stood there till the present moment.

At last he spoke; his voice was almost

"Heritage, I am very proud. I have always vowed I would ask no woman twice to be my wife; but I will ask you once more if you love me?"

Miss Rivers only bent her head lower

and lower.

"Answer me, Heritage!" he said, in a changed, passionate voice. 'My darling, answer me, and this time truthfully!"

It was no use. Had she wished to do so, she could fight no longer. She ventured to raise her eyes a little, and said, so timidly, so differently from her usual way of speaking:

"If I thought you would only forgive

me, I would try and show you what I can-not, will not tell you—how much I love you!

She was very, very humble in her new-

found happiness.
Then Vincent Hope loosened her hands a little, and Well, these things only happen once in the life of a true woman, she should never write nor speak about them. But when Charlie Lighton came to look for the telegram, not even written, nor, in the proposed form, to be written, Vincent Hope and Heritage Rivers were wondering, as every orthodox pair of lovers should wonder, why they were chosen out to be made the two very happiest people in the whole world.

So this was how I worked out my revenge. It was only after we were married that I

ventured to tell my husband that I had actually laid myself out to win his love and why, when won, I had is jected it. My confession, which was really seriously made, being complete, he looked at me

with mock severity.

"Heritage," he said, "had I known
this before, I might, even at the eleventh
hour, have thought better of the step I was taking in putting my future in the hands of such a vindictive young woman.

"And perhaps, sweet sir," I answered, "for the very fear of that, I have deferred my explanation until now.

THE END.

MUSHROOM TOAST.-Fry some mushrooms in butter, with a sprinkling of pepper and salt. Have some slices of buttered toast, and, as soon as the mushrooms are done lay them on the toast and send to table at once.

CREAM PIES -a cupful of sugar, a cupful of flour, sifted with a heaping teaspoonful of cream tartar, beat three eggs, add the sugar and flour, in three tablespoonsful of water with a small teaspoonful of soda dissolved in it; beat well and bake. Cream filling: A half cupful of sugar, mixed together, with two eggs, stir into a pint of boiling milk, let it cook and thicken, and flavor with lemon or vanilla; when cool, fill your pie. is a very delicious pie, can be made into two, by baking in two round, deep tins, and splitting them. When eggs are cheap, not expensive, as no butter is used.

Indian Chutney. — : salf a pound moist sugar, four ounces salt, two ounces garlic, four ounces powdered ginger. two ounces dri d chillies, four ounces mustard-seed, six ounces raisins (stoned), one bottle vinegar, fifteen large unripe apples, six ounces tomatoes. Boil the apples, sugar, and half the vinegar for one hour. Chop up the garlic, shallots, tomatoes, and rai-ins, and wash the mustard seed water and let it dry. Then add all to the apples and sugar, and boil slowly for an hour and a half. Add the other half bottle of vinegar; let it cool, and bottle off or cover in jars.

Vital Questions !!!!

Ask the most eminent physician Of any school, what is the best thing in the world for quieting and allaying all irritation of the nerves, and curing all forms of nervous complaints, giving natural, childlike refreshing sleep always

And they will tell you unhesitatingly "Some form of Hops!!!" CHAPTER I.

As any or all of the most eminent

physicians:
"What is the best and only remedy of the kidneys and urinary organs; such as Bright's disease, diabetes, retention, inability to retain urine, and all the diseases and ailmnets peculiar to men.

And they will tell you explicitly and emphatically "Buchu!!!"

Ask the same physicians "What is the most reliable and surest cure for all liver diseases or dyspepsia; constipation, indigestion, biliousness, malaria, fever, ague, &c , and they will tell you:

"Mandrake! or Dandelion!!!!"

Hence when these remedies are combined with others equally valuable,
And compounded into Hop Bitters, such a worderful and mysteriou curaive power is developed, which is so varied in its operations that no disease or il health can possibly exist or resist its power, and yet it is

Harm'ess for the most frail woman, weakest invalid or smallest child to use.

CHAPTER II.

"Patients

"Almost dead or nearly dying"

For wears, and given up by physicians.

For years, and given up by physicians, of Bright's and other kidney diseases. liver complaints, severe coughs, called consumption, have been cured.

Women gone nearly crazy!!!!!

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The late Earl of Malmesbury saw the ex emperor Napoleon the Third at Wilhelmshone, who, during half an hour, "conversed with me calmly as in the best days of his life, with a dignity and resignation which might be that of a fatalist, but could hardly be obtained from any other creed. When I saw him again I found him much more depressed at the destruction of Paris and at the anarchy prevailing over France than he was at his own misfortunes; and that the Communists should have committed such horrors in the presence of their enemies, the Prussian armies, appeared to him the very acme of humiliation and of national infamy.

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