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her felt deep sympathy for one so young and so bitterly bereaved. Vainly had her own parents sought to draw her from her solitude. Two years passed, and after many fruitless efforts they at length succeeded in obtaining a promise of a visit

from her at the annual re-union of their family at Christmas, for that season is still held as a festival in many parts of Virginia.

to which she had doomed herself. They

surrounded her with agreeable company,

sought to amuse her mind and draw it from

"Ellen, my darling," said her father,

no, my father, never ask me to break that yow-it is a hallowed one."

"Well, my darling, let it be as you wish.

Ellen was once more beneath the roof of filled his heart, yet its very hopelessness

Yet how speak of love to one who yet among the vapors in the air, which has bewore the deepest mourning-who never come a great reservoir of light, and transmit point about half or midway between the stem joined in the mirth of the light hearted? it to the earth in various directions. Even on of the tree, and the tip ends of its limbs, all It would seem almost like sactilege to the clearest day, a great portion of the light the shoots of the last years growth (if done breathe into her ear the wild pass in that from the sun is diffused by the vapors of the in the fall or February, and of the present

whom his heart could bow to with the ceive on cloudy days, instead of coming in month of July. The best mode of prinning parallel rays directly from the sun, is diffused the peach, apricot and nectarine is annually to cut off close above a wood bud and at a

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Twilight was darkening into night, the first faint star of evening gleamed from the far blue Heavens, and the hush and repose of nature seemed too holy to be broken by the strife of human passions; yet how painfully did the quiet of that evening scene contrast with the passionate grief of a young heart, mourning over its first sorrow. Ellen Sinclair was a newly wedded bride. She was but seventeen ; the youngest daughter of her father's house, and the spoiled pet of the whole family, her life captivating. had passed as one long bright day of sunshine and flowers. She had been woed by ple who could not bear that their fair one she had known from childhood, and daughter should pass her life in the solitude

with the consent of their mutual friends they were united. The day after their marriage the bridal

pair lett her father's house for the residence the contemplation of the terrible calamity of Mr. Sinclair in one of the interior coun- which had destroyed her dawning hopes of happiness, and they succeeded sufficiently ties of Virginia. A few happy weeks, passed, when Sinclair proposed to his bride to implant in her mind a distaste to the to visit a gorge in the neighboring mounidea of returning to her late abode. tains, from which the rising sun frequently presents the singular spectacle of the loomwere numbered, and she began to think it ing of the mountains-the same phenomeher duty to remain with her parents. She was their youngest child, and the only one non which is witnessed in the Straits of Messina, and known by the more poetic without ties which severed them in a meaname of Eata Morgana, or the castles of sure from the paternal roof. the fairy Morgana. Ellen was delighted with the proposed excursion, and snatched when she spoke of returning home, "you

every book in the house which afforded will not again forsake us ! We are old, and any information on the subject.

you are the only child who is free to re-This excursion, which promised so much main with us. You must live here-I pleasure, ended in despair and death .-- | cannot think of permitting you to return to They reached the desired spot, in safety .-that lonely home of yours. "It is lonely," replied Ellen ; "and I The morning was favorable to their wishes lear that, after breaking through my usual the ascending vapors caught the rays of the rising sun and formed themselves into habits, I shall find it difficult and wearisome the most gorgeous and fantastic scenes .--to resume them. Yet, my dear father, if I consent to remain, there is one request I Ellen was so much absorbed in this wonder-

ful and magnificent spectacle, that she for- must make." got the caution Sinclair had given her at "What is it, my daughter-are ever mindful of your wishes ?"

the moment of mounting her spirited steed. "Ah, yes, dear father, more mindful than to the servant who followed : the movedeserve. But (and her voice sank to a low agitated whisper,) there must be no ment startled her horse; the rein was lying loose on his neck, and feeling himself looking forward to a second marriage for free from a guiding hand, he dashed off at full speed. Sinclair and the servant both subject. I have made a vow to the dead, followed, but were unable to overtake her. and it must be held sacred." "What !" exclaimed her father, Fortunately she met a gentleman who suc-Sinclair ungenerous enough to exact from and inexperienced as you were, too " that he might express his thanks to her preserver. The animal reared and threw him "Ah! no, father, wrong him not-he with great violence. He was conveyed was too kind, too noble. He asked no promise-I made it voluntarily-and as the

home in a senseless state, and surgical assistance hastily summoned, but the force of the fall had inflicted some internal injury which baffled the skill of the physician. It was beside his bed, in that calm twi-

light, that the young wife knelt with scarce I shall prefer keeping you with us; but at a hue of life upon her teatures. the same time, if you should ever meet with one you can love, and who is worthy

"Oh, Ellen, my beloved, calm yourself -this sorrow unmans me," murmured the of you, it will be very silly to suffer a few dying man, passing his hands caressingly words, uttered when you are scarcely conover the head which was bowed upon his pillow.

A deep suffocated sob was the only reply to his words. "'t is hard to die," he continued, "when

I was looking forward to years of such feelings into ice at that age ?

her father, and many and painful were the appeared to add to its fervor.

homage of affection.

But ere long a new hope dawned on emotions which struggled in her bosom when she looked around and remembered him. Ellen was surrounded by the gay and the joyous of her own age. Her disthat the last time she stood beside her native hearth, she was a gay and happy bride. position was naturally buoyant ; her spirits rose; the chord she had believed forever Those who looked on her could not avoid remarking the change which two years had snapped again thrilled to the touch of joy. When the bonds of grief were once severwrought in her appearance. The girl just udding into maturity had expanded into the beautiful and self-possessed woman, reverenced the memory of her first love, with a quiet grace of manner, and an nir and it her heart had whispered that she of pensive reserve which was extremely could ever be faithless to his ashes, she blue than we ever behold at in this country ; Her parents were worldly-minded peo-

horror at the thought. The possibility of breaking that solemn promise had never occurred to her-but time teaches many strange lessons.

Peyton lingered in the neighborhood, a constant visitor at Wycombe, but his attentions were not sufficiently marked to attract the observations of others. Her own

Week after week passed until months, Peyton won his own way slowly but spread a genial twilight throughout the night. The fair widow began unconsurely sciously to regret the yow which had ascended to heaven with the spirit of her dead husband. At length he spoke of love,

and she listened with trembling awe to the outpouring of a spirit which was too noble to be trifled with, and too highly appreciated to be given up without a pang.

He drew from her quivering lips the hisory of her yow, and divested of every feelng of superstition himself, he could not hle and imaginative temperament of the beevidence of her own feelings.

Her parents agreed with the lover in his view of the case, and urged on all sides, her own heart a traitor. Ellen vielded to their wishes and betrothed herself to Pevme-no attempt to alter my views on that ton. As the day appointed for her marriage drew near the words of her vow appeared to be ever ringing in her ears .--"was | With restless and fearful spirits she saw the hour approach which was to witness her you a promise not to marry again-young second espousal.

Preparations were made for a splendid torally to "deplore," is the loss of the old bridal. All the members of her family assembled beneath the paternal roof, and eve- falo Courier. ry effort was made to divert her mind from

words left my lips, his spirit departed. Oh, dwelling on the phantasy that possessed it. The appointed evening arrived, and the ceremony which made her the bride of

another was performed, Several hours passed in dance and song. It was near midnight when Ellen found herself standing on the portico, in the bright moonlight. with Peyton by her side. The gay throng within were still dancing, and the sound of scious of their meaning to prevent you merry voices mingled with the burst of

from making the home of an honorable man music that swept by on the dewy and frahappy. Why, child, you are only nine- grant air. Ellen started, as Peyton spoke one person, however dear, can chill your hours the recollection of her fatal vow intruded on her mind.

sky. Were the air to be perfectly transparent of the tree, for these trees bear their fruit the sky would appear almost black ; because only or principally on the spurs on the young as the rays of light are invisible, except when shoots of the previous summer's growth; and they strike directly upon the eye, if there this system of pruning, called "the shorteningwere nothing above us that could reflect in-system" not only confines the tree to a them, no light could be perceived, and the ed, the reaction was complete. She still sun himself would appear like a brilllant orb the number of its young shoots and of course surrounded by the datkness of night. In a fruit-bearing spurs or buds, and brings the fine dry climate the sky is of much deeper tree into a rounded beautiful and bushy head would have shuddered with superstitious and at the tops of high mountains, above the foliage, and the largest and finest flavored misty exhabitions of the earth, the sky appears of a still deeper color. It is to the dif. fosion of light, by the vapors of the atmosphere, that we are indebted for the twilight that ushers in the day, and cheers its depar- spurs remain fruitful for many years these ture. In a perfectly transparent atmosphere we should be left in darkness the instant the

amily were too desirous of the match to sun was set, but the clouds and vapors reflect hazard the final success of the lover by al- the sun's diffused light long after he is below oding in any manner to his passion for her. the horizon, and during the summer months

FALLING OF TABLE ROCK.

The falling of Table Rock, at Niagara Falls on Saturday last, was an event which has been prognosticated from time immemorial, though the precise period at which the affair would "come off" was not designated. The portion that fell was from 150 to 200 feet long and from 30 to 70 feet broad, making an ir regular semi-circle, the general conformation conceive that a few words uttered in a mo- of which is probably well remembered by ment of excited and agonized feeling should those who have been on the spot. It was stand between him and his hopes of happi- the favorite point for observation. " The noise ness. He did not understand the impressi- occasioned by the clash was heard at the distance of three miles, though many in the ing who listened to his reasoning, willing, village on the American side heard nothing nay, anxious to be convinced against the of it. It is a very fortunate circumstance that the event took place just at dinner time, when most of the visitors were at the hotels. No lives were lost. A carriage from which the horses had been detached stood upon the rock, and a boy was seated inside. He telt the rock giving way, and had barely time to get out and rush to the edge that did not fall before the whole immense mass was precipitated into the chasm below. The only thing; therefore, which we are called on edi-

Some SETS OF HARNESS lately ordered in

some hundred thousand francs.

The New Humpshire prisoners who are under arrest for crimes in other States, not better than the soap for large trees with a bailable, are allowed many unusual privileges. Two who are charged with murder attend and walk out morning and evening, attended teen. Do you suppose that the death of beside her, and for the first time for several always by their keepers, board at the best trunk of each Peach tree about the close of ton, exclaimed, "what a clamor would they are unrestrained in the Court.

an old apple tree, for example, that has h atmosphere, It is this diffusion of the light year's growth only if done in July,) all over on the decline and is worth saving, cut or that produces the bright appearance of the the top and sides, and even inner branches shave off with a sharp knife or drawing knife all the old and rough, and dead or deadish bark on it late in the spring and you will find that you have given the tree much additional vigor. On smaller trees and shrubs, a good scraping with a trowel or hoe and an applicasmall space of ground, but greatly increases tion or wash as above recommeded will have the same effect. Those trees and shrubs and I may add vines, which are kept the degnest always bear the best because the pores of filled with healthy wood, large dark green their skin or bark, like those of the human body, then perform their proper functions kind of fruit, but will at the same time keep | with more vigor and success. Is not this a the tree healthy and productive for many rational views of the subject ? Who has not years. The Plum, Cherry and Pear tree, seen large forest trees whose old and exterior also bear their fruit on spurs but as the same | bark has through fire in the mountains been trees require but little praning.

MANURE FOR FRUIT TREES .- Downing says that the apparent decline of our choicest apple and pear trees, is not owing to their age but to the want of that food or nourishment essential to the production of healthy finit, viz : lime, potash and phosphates, the inorganic elements nevessary to the growth of fine fruit; and he and others assure us that to light and exhausted soils these elements can and a plentiful use of air-slacked lime, leached wood ashes, bone dust, blacksmith cinders, scap-suds, hog dung, refuse wool and woolen cloths, skins and leather, decomposed carrion, rubbish of old houses and earth that has long

berh under cover, and common manure. the best wash for the stems and branches of fruit trees is made by dissolving two pounds of potash in two gallons of water. This is applied with a brush at any season, but per- isgood way to keep them from being isodhaps with most success in the spring. One or at most two applications will rid the stem of trees of the bark louse and render it smooth | "about half a wheelbarrow full of manure ; and glossy. It is far more efficacious than whitewash as a preservative against the attacks of insects while it promotes the growth of the tree, and adds to the natural lively color of the bark. The wash of soft soup is also a very good one for many purposes, though not equal for general purposes to the potash wash, it is better for old trunks with thick and rigid bark as a portion of it remains hack. That can never be recovered .- Buf. upon the surface of the bark for some time and with the action of every rain is dissolved and thus penetrates into all the crevices

where insects may be lodged, destroying Patis for the Pacha of Egypt's state carriage, them and softening the bark iteelf," Downare covered with diamonds to the value of ing on Fruits. p. 550. A good strong ley made of wood ashes and water and applied on some dry clay between the middle and last of May, is said to be quite as good if not

rough bark. NSECTS, WORMS &C., ON FAULT TREES.concerts, lectures, circuses, go trout fishing, Downing says that a half a peyk of slacked into a hut where a company of she phased's hotels' sit at table with other bor rders, and May in each year, will effectually protect the have taised if they had caught me at such . tree from the ravages of the peach borer of | banquet !"

partly or nearly totally burnt off, yet grow more beautifully and vigorously by the next season than before ? and how can it be accounted for except on the principle above stated ? Paring off the old bark has been declared by one of the best practical men in Netherlands a never-failing method of greatly improving the size and quality of the truit on apple and pear trees and vines, and accordiog to London a similar practice prevails in England as to apple and pear trees and vines. only be restored or re-supplied by new earth No such debarking or straping, however, should be done on trees and vines whose exteriot rind is green and smooth, for they do not need it and would be injured by it. It is also well to run a strong and sharp pointed knife through the bark of the tree from its set of limbs down to the ground early in June. WASH FOR FRUIT TREES .- Downing says, as it keeps the tree from becoming "bark bounds" as it is called and gives the inner wood an opportunity of expanding. "So "when trees grow in grassy land, a pretty bound,' is to remove, in the fall, the sod two "or 3 feet around the tree, and on this torn the winter rains and snows will wash the strength of it to the fibrous roots. In the spring the manure may be scattered about under the trees, and in lieu of it, substitute leachfed ashes. This, beside being beneficial to "the tree, prevents the grass from approachding the stem of the tree during the summer ; "and what grass grows over the ashes is easi-"ly removed in the fall. Milton, Pa. J. F. WOLFINGER.

&c.-Persons who desire healthy and pro-

ductive fruit trees cannot pay too much at-

tention to the bark of their trees, for trees and

shrubs which have become enfeebled by age

r neglect, or both, can be re-juvenated or

made vigorous again by a proper attention to

their bark or exterior condition. If you have

An Irishman, who was lately reprieved, as he stated, the night before his execution, and who wished to get rid of his wife, wrote to her as follows-

I was vesterday hanged, and died like hero; do as I did; and bear it like a man."

How apt men are to condemn in others what they practice themselves without set as ple ! Pintarch tells of a wolf, who, per ping time or leached ashes heaped around the were reguling themselves with a joint of mut-

