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"Introduced to that doil?" said Bell, whe e came up to them, at the secretary's, proposing the introduction. Belle was the married sister: Helen was unmarried, and a lit tle passee, but a person of dignity. "Why, does she talk ?"

"Quite a pretty piece of mechanism, aid his aunt "Very well put together." Lefebyre looked at them in amazemen and indignation. "Really," said he, "it onderful what women are made of."

"Not this one," said Helen, deliberately outting up her glass. "She is false from the rown of her head to the sole of her foot How can you be so taken in? I don't know what you are made of, Lucian, to think of introducing such a creature to your sisters nor how she made her way here." He was just turning on his heel in speech

ess anger' but remembering he had left the side of the lady in dispute for the avowed purpose of brin-ing his sisters to her, he exlaimed: "Whatever she is, some of you must come with me and be presented to her as I am here for that purpose, and I will not have her insulted.' "Indeed!" said Helen, looking over the

op of her fan into infinite space, but no tirring. "I will go, Lucian," said Laura, who had not spoken. "Come, Bell, help me

"Well Laura for a little goose! How ever I will never desert a companion in arms. Do you suppose she has observed our coun cil of war ?" as they moved off beside Luci an, with his chin well in the air "She is a fine picture. A person should go on the stage that can make up as well as that. should like to see her in the privacy of her midnight retirement. How old should you think? Forty ?"

"Forty!" cried Lucian, "I heard her avself arranging for a picnic on her twenty third birthday. How touching! In the life to come. Her

twenty-third! She'll never see her fortythird again in this life." "Belle !"

"Oh yes, Lucian; if you choose to force unwelcome acquaintance on your family, at least they must enjoy freedom of opinion concerning it. The very set the woman is with speaks for her good evening, general. What a crush! All because of this young Russian hero-a beauty, isn't he? Ah, you too are making for the cynosure, I see; all the world is being presented. It will never do not to follow the fashion."

And directly Lucian was presenting his sister, Mrs. Garnier, and his cousin, Miss Laura Nelson; and Miss Nelson had be paved exactly as Lucian wished; and al hough he could never have said what was wanting in Mrs. Garnier's behavior, he knew that a challenge of defiance was in her very air, and that her mere manner had told the other woman what she thought of her. Per haps Bell presumed that that was the way to manage him. He would shortly let her

Colonel Lefebvre came clattering down stars next morning, his horse waiting at the "Whither bound, Lucian?" cried Helen,

from the library. "To ride with Mrs. De Berrian." "Oh, your new widow," she said, gayly. "Have you called yet? No? How very

accommodating in her to ride with you "She is not a punctilious fool,"he mutter ed, drawing on his glove.

"Certain proctilios," put in Aunt Susan, are only self respect." "If you will go and call with me, Nell, said Lucian, "I've no doubt she will post pone the ride."

"Now, Lucian dear, you know I hate no to gratify you," said Helen. "But really the last thing Belle said was that it would not do. She should not call, nor, could I, if for nothing else, for little Laura's sake, who is too young and innocent to have anything

to do-" "Just as you please," he said, angrily, and had slammed the door behind him. You can imagine his surprise when, as he reine his horse up at the steps of the house wher Mrs.De Berrian was visiting, he saw hi cousin Laura coming down with Mos Vaughn, a leader of the fashions, with whom she sometimes went out; for Laura was an heiress, and but little gain said in her

"I thought you would like to have me, Laura said, timidly looking up with he brown eyes, as he dismounted. She nevel did have any spirit. "It is just like you, Laura," he said fer

vently. "-I don't think you will admire her s

much by daylight," she said, again timidly and he had laughed and handed her into the carriage and disappeared before she knew she had ventured to say so much. But a more judicious curtain had been

fropped within the drawing-room; and as Mrs. DeBerrian sat pensively leaning her head on her hand that bore a gleaming sapphire, a dark curl straying over the contour the damask shadow of a great vasc of roses Spices of all kinds, Glass & Queensware on the table, taller than herself, falling round her, Colonel Lefebvre thought that he did admire Mrs. DeBerrain quite as much ov daylight-although it occurred to him later that Belle would have called it rose-light or curtain-light instead. He was confirmed n his admiration before he left her. He Mrs. DeBerrian again he should be really in love with her. And his little cousin Laura? less his should he choose to take possession-Well, thank Heaven, he could afford to mar-

ry where he chose. She was rather an enchanting woman said Laura to her cousins, when she had ken on with himself. such a look as Bell's. She was charmingly he made up her own.

dressed. She is visiting people just on the verge of society, Mrs. Vauglen, says, but she doesn't seem to belong to them. It is my belief that she has had money, run through nearly all of it, and that is her last throw or station and a husband."

"Laurs, where in the world," cried her ispleased aunt, "did you pick up such"-"French novels," said Belle, who had run ver. "I must say, Laura, I think you took a great deal on yourself. Now she will re-

turn 'he call." "She-she would like to be respectable," stammered Laura. "And you know very well that if you want Lucian to go and mar ry such a woman out of hand, you have only to persecute her." "Persecute her! You do use select terms.

We let her alone-which you had better have done." "I-I didn't want Lucian to be morti-

"So you mortify us." And by the time Lucian came hon aura was in a flood of tears, and sobbed ut, in reply to his amazed inquiry : "Oh,

they are abusing me so!" And then every one laughed at the idea of their abusing little Lanes, the dueling of the house. "Well well Laura" said he "Pil no abuse you. I invite you to our picnic tomorrow to Great Falls. Mrs. DeBerrian will chaperon you."

"Mrs DeBerrian !" rose the chorus "Madam Arroyo, the Spanish minister" ife, invites her.'

"Well, to be sure," said Belle catching he spended breath, "nobody knows anything out her either an adventuress, all the legation say." "The Count Zara escorts her. I suppo

obody knows anything about him." The Austrian attache-yes, be hit Nel ard then, he thought, "And the young Russian duke that enchanted you so-"Oh, men, all of them !"

"Very fine men, and some of the fine adies at the capital. I'll take care of you aura, if you'll go." "I'll go, Lucian."

"Perhaps she'd best," said Belle to Helen the door. "I shouldn't let him out of my ight, if I were she." It was a month later when Belle ran over

one evening, as usual, now the gayeties were o few, and sat talking gloomily with Hel-"I never would have believed it of ou Lucian," said she. "All but engaged, as he

was, Laura, and with her fortune, that would have just doubled bis own, and she so gentle -and now perfectly lost and infatuated over this French doll." "I can't imagine that it is the same broth

r who turned pale when we came down with carmine on our cheeks the day after we first saw the French play, and who expostulated with us so."

"Our turn now." "He would have made Laura such a good susband," said one-

"But now this demoralizing woman."-And while they were bemoaning his delipe and fall, the subject of their complaint was whirling away in a palace-car, surrounded by wraps and rugs and lunch basket and Berrian, the wax-lights shining softly down rom above on the charming picture e lady made, as, having removed her hat he leaned back among her cushions under he shelter of the rose-colored scarf passed ver her dark curls. Mrs. De Berrian had een summoned to New York on important usiness : Colonel Lefebyre had suddenly ound that he had business there too. Mrs. De Berrian perhaps meant to give him some usiness before he returned. Neither o hem was aware that behind the curtains o neighboring section, whose berths had

een made up and occupied just as the train

tarted, reposed one of his aunts and his cousin Laura. If simply an infatuation over mere beauty were in case, no one could marvel at Coloel Lefebyre's intatuation. By candle-ligh at night, behind a vei! out doors, in the dim deep-curtained drawing-room, Mrs De Berrian was worthy a painter's pencil-delicate trial was convicted in the third degree. -hadowy hair-beauty could hardly be bet- an engagement of marriage with a wellmight tire of it, and of the set, unvarying marriage was set for he encountered a formed his mind a suspicion that its owner was for high principle, it did not hinder his own hanged for the fixed and solid station of a wealth and rank, their respectability, consid-

be-why then she meant to show the women n that family who she was ! It came near being a settled fact that night as they rolled comfortably along, almost all the rest of the car behind their curtains, the soft light, half gloom, half light, falling softly on the lovely face, a setting moon traveling with them and looking in at the window at every turn. Colonel Lafebvre had changed his seat for one at the lady's side, that the sleepers might not be troubled by their voices-his voice, rather, for it was of the white hand set in its lace ruff, and he that talked ; she listened, with the lovely smile, the musical word. His arm lay along the back of the seat, his face was bending over hers; her great eyes were cast up a him in the dim light; her lips seemed to tremble. He was noting the gentle rise and fall of her breath, the charm of every out line of the beautiful bead resting on tha hand with its gleaming sapphire, aware of a was not sure but that by the time be saw strange quick throb with the thought, half a certainty, balf a fear, that all this was doubt-

eration and friends. And when it should

"Tickets !" said some one at his elbowthe conductor, who had come aboard at ondured their reproaches. "She makes it a It broke the spell for that night. Colonel

vital point to please-in her person, her Lefebvre started to find how tate it was, and manner, her voice. Her face can only af | went away to his birth, leaving Mrs. Deberford smiles, so she never resents, not even rian, ill pleased, to order the porter about as

next morning from his fitful slumber, rest-less with feeling and with heat, and looking from his window, saw that they were rolling along the green flats of New Jersey. Then he half parted his curtains, and took an ob-

see plainty, with all the obstruction of dra-Good gracious! was that his cousin Laura? ne came rustling by his closed curtains-a stopped short; the person did not go on. Instinctively Colonel Lefebvre glanced through the crack of his curtians. A netting of the lady's fringe had caught on the hook of some projected valise-the porter of woman. One uplifted hand grasped the curtain for support; upon it shoue a gleaming sapphire. The drops started out on his orehead. Was it-Impossible! He sat up little dressing room. There was the same bronze green luster silk, the same black lace about the throat, the lapel of the same rosy scarf of woolen gauze had been that instant brown up from her face. But that face! No; it was an absurdity. And yet-It had been a horridly hot night; the best of paint would run; the best of powder would cake and roll off: the penciling of brows would rub all about; the pigment that so darkened and increased the eye would smear here and

there raggedly. What had happened to that nouth? Or was there no mouth there. There were no teeth there; they were in her and. The dimples-they were two long furrows; the scarlet of the mouth had somehow streaked them. And as for the dropping urls-they were dropping off. The beautiful Adelad De Berrian had gone out like the blown flame of a candle, and left only the ashes-had left only a worn and withered woman with white lips, and a wrinkled pallor that was blotched and bleared, whose face had a mask, whose mother was her

" False from the crown of herhead to the sole of her foot," he repeated, in Helen's words, and shut his eyes; and there sat Laura, brown-eyed and fair, with her smooth hair, a little Madonna of a face as he opened them again. An hour afterward, the other women of the car having clamored in vain the last third of that time for admittance, an elegant lady issued from the dressing room, crimped and curled and powdered, a blooming, smiling picture, seated herself in her re-arranged section, and awaited her cavalier. She waited a long while

While she was in the dressing-room that cay-

alier had stepped off the train at Elizabeth As Colonel Lefebvre sat in his aunt's room in the Brevoort that night, he replied to her query concerning his gloom: "Let me be. I have a right to be a little disturbed. I have lost a friend. I have escaped a terrible danger. I have found an invaluable possession that I had mislaid. What did you bring Laura here for? Her summer finery? I am going to take her a long drive periodicals and French candy and Mrs. De in the park to-morrow morning. Say, Aunt Maria, don't you make any purchases till we come back. And, Annt Maria, don't you think it would be stealing a fine march on them all at home if Laura and I went back

on one ticket"-"One ticket?" "Well, no, not exactly. Husbands and wives are not one financially, are they? Railways haven't any sentiment."-Harper's

Paul Schoeppe in a New Role.

The Cincinnati Commercial of a recen date publishes the following paragraph, un der the caption of "Adventures of a Bogus Count :" Many will remember the then notorious case, several years ago, of Paul herdsman of other countries. These are all, murder in the first degree, and on the third features, scarlet lips, deep pimples, penciled Through the influence of friends he was brows, the sparkle of teeth, the soft dark soon pardoned out of prison. Subsequently the hurricane, the avalanche, the snowglow of great eyes, the snowiness of the he came to Cincinnati, and under the name brehead under multitudinous waves of and title of Count Schulenburg figured in the wilds of the Antipodes, or on the praiter imaged forth, although possibly one known German actress. On the day the smile, for all its sweetness. Lucian had not er eastern acquaintance, who recognized tired of it yet; once or twice there had cross- him, whereupon he immediately fled. Under the same name he was convicted not altogether a woman of high principle, of forgery in Chicago and served two years but whether he had put the thought away in the Joliet penitentiary. Afterwards he as treasonable, or had felt with a not unusu- obtained a position as a German writer on al masculine vanity that he could change the Courier newspaper in St. Louis, but was all that, or had not just then cared so much soon identified and dismissed. Thence he went to New York city, where he was known olor from mounting when he looked at as Count Schmettow. As Count Schmettow ers, or his pulse from quickening when he recently applied for by letter and obhis woman touched his hand. As for Mrs. tained a position on the editorial staff of one De Berrian, she was beginning to feel a tol- of the Cincinnati morning dailies. Recenterable assurance that at last her pendulous ly he arrived there. He was not long in sition on "the verge of society" was to be the city before he met an old St. Louis ac quaintance who threatened to expose him nember of the Lefebvre family, with all their The last known of the count he was taking an afternoon train for the west.

He Couldn't Drink Wine.

There was a noble youth who, on being urged to take wine at the table of a famous statesman in Washington, had the moral courage to refuse. He was a poor young man, just beginning the struggle of life. He brought letters to the great statesman, who kindly invited him home to dinner.

"Not take a glass of wine?" said the gree statesman, in wonderment and surprise. "Not one single glass of wine?" echoed the statesman's beautiful and fascinating gust the search for plover's eggs in the wife, as she rose, glass in hand, and, with a grace that would have charmed an anchorite endeavored to press it upon him. "No," replied the heroic youth, resolutely

ently repelling the proffered glass. What a picture of moral grandeur was that! A poor, friendless youth refusing wine at the table of a wealthy and famous statesman, even though proffered by the fair

hands of a beautiful lady. the last station, and who mistook them for ened himself up and his words grew firmer) It is supposed that he was murdered and about or to lie coiled up in the pantry. after her kind. "I will tell you about her," a portion of the gay party that had been ta- if you have got a little good old rye whisky, placed there. No money was found on him Sometimes this interesting member of the

> General N. Bedford Forrest, the great conederate cavalry officer, died at 7:30 Monday evening, at the residence of his brother, over 8,000,000 tons as compared with ship-Colonel Jesse Forrest

Colonel Lefebvre woke very early on the Corsican Funeral Rites. In Corsica wailing and chanting is kept up, off and on, from the hour of burial. The news that the head of a family has expired is quickly communicated to his relations servation down the car. Some one was up and friends in the surrounding hamlets, who before him-some young girl; he could not hasten to form themselves into a troop or band, that are locally called the Scirrata, and pery. There was a familiar fling of a scarf. thus advance in procession toward the house The sight of her made him fall back on his violence, the scirrata makes a halt when it of mourning. If the death was caused by pillow and begin to recall the events of the arrives in sight of the village, and then it is evening before. It was just then that some that the Corsican women tear their hair and scratch their faces till the blood flows, just the rest of the car was astir. The sound as do their sisters in Dalmatia and Montene gro. The widow awaits the scirrata by the door of the house, and, as it draws near, ibleader steps forth and throws a black veil over her head to symbolize her widowhood the term of which must offer a dreary pros was disengaging it—an oldish, frowzy sort lose her husband while she is still in the pect to a woman who has the misfortune to prime of life, for public opinion insists that she remain for years in almost total seclusion. The mourners and as many as can and glared at her. She held a toilette-case which lies stretched on a table of plank supported by benches; it is draped in a long mantle, or it is clothed in the dead man's best suit. Now begins the dirge or Vocero Two persons will perhaps start off singing

together, and in that case the words cannot be distinguished, but more often only one gets up at a time. She will open her song with a quietly-delivered eulogy of the virtues of the dead, and a few pointed allusions to the most simportant events of his life but before long she warms to her work, and pours forth volleys of rythmic lamentation with a fire and animation that stirs up the women present into a frenzied delirium of grief, in which as the prætor pauses to take breath, they howl, dig their nails into their flesh, throw themselves on the ground sometimes cover their heads with ashes. When the dirge is ended they join their hands and dance frantically round the plank on which the body lies. More singing takes place on the way to the church and thence to the graveyard. After the funeral the men do not shave for weeks, and the women let their hair go loose and occasionally cut it off at the grave-cutting off the hair by the way, if a universal sign of female mourning; it was done by the women of ancient Greece and it was done by the women of India. A good deal of eating and drinking brings the ceremonials to a close. If the funeral feast comes short of that recorded of the funeral feast of Si John Paston, of Barton, when 1,300 eggs, 41 pigs, 40 calves and 10 sheep were but a few items-nevertheless the Corsican baked meats fall heavily upon the pockets of fami lies as deem themselves bound to "keep up a position." Sixty persons is not an extraordinary number to be entertained at a banquet, and there is, over and above, a gener al distribution of bread and meat to poor er neighbors. Mutton in summer, and port in winter, are estimated the viands proper to the occasion. In happy contrast to all this lugubrious feasting is the simple cup of

milk drawn by each kinsman of the shepherd who dies in the mountains : in which case the body is laid out, like Robin Hood's, in the open air, a green sod under his head, his loins begirt with the pistol belt, his gun the superstitions of the Corsican shepherds touching death. The dead, they say, call the living in the night time, and he who answers will soon follow them; they believe too that if you listen attentively after dark, you may hear at times the low beating of a drum, which announces that a soul has

passed .- Cornhill Magazine, Shepherds on the Bowns.

The English shepherds generally-certainesembling in nowise, save in name the against the stupendous forces of natureries of the American continent is usually as he drives his enormous flocks over leagues even as we know him in Bible records frequently a warrior, potentate, chieftain and leader of his tribe. But yonder weatherbeaten, elderly man, with whom we see in tirely apart from all these; he has proba- gone, and take what is left and depart. did his ancestors; they touch not his occupation, for, if that be not peaceful, it is nothing, it is gone. For the greater part of his time he may sit as Shakespeare says

"Carve out duals quaintly, point by poin.,
There to see the minutes how they run;" And he may say,

"When this is known, then to divide the times : So many hours must I tend my flock ; So many hours must I take my rest; So many hours must I contemplate so many hours must I sport myself.

Little enough forsooth, however, can be is sport. Beyond the trapping of a few dozen wheaters with springs set in the turf. between the middle of July and end of Auspring, the marking of the hare in her form or the mole and rabbit in their burrows, his delasaments do not go; yet he is content to spend his days in that narrow world, which arched by the gray English sky, is bounded outhward by the straight horrizon of the ses, and east, west and north by rolling downs, -London Society.

SUPPOSED MURDERED .- Jas. Lahov was "No," said the noble young man, his found dead on the Lehigh Valley road Sunvoice trembling a little and his check flashed day morning near Pittston. Three trains had "I never drink wine; but (here he straight passed over him and he was terribly mangled good Dutch housekeepers allowed it to crawl and he had just been paid.

> Shipments of anthracite and bituminous soal for the present year show a decrease of hospitality,-Dr. Field, in the Evangelist. ments for the same period in 1676.

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A little doll with flaxen bair A little willow rocking-chair, A little dress of richest hue, A little pair of galters blue

TV. A little school day after day A "little schoolma'am" to obey. A little study - soon 't is past, A little graduate at last.

A little muff for winter weather A little tockey-hat and feather. A little sack with funny pockets. little chain, a ring, and lockets

A little while to dance and bow, A little escort homeward now A little party, somewhat late, A little lingering at the gate.

A little walk in leafy June A little talk while shines the moon A little reference to papa, A little planning with mama

VIII. A little ceremony grave A little struggle to be brave, A little cottage on a lawn, A little kiss-my girl was gone -St. Nicholas for November.

THE TEN LITTLE GRASSHOPPERS.

Two tittle grasshoppers Sitting on a vine, One ate too much green corn-

Nine little grasshoppers Just the size for bell, A little boy went fishing Then there were eight.

Eight little grashoppers Stayed out after leven, A little frost nipped one-Then there were seven

There came a hurrican

Then there were six.

Six little grasshoppers Found an old bee hive; One found a bumblebee— Then there were five.

Pive little grasshoppers Hopping on the floor; Pussy took one for a mouse. Then there were four. Four little grasshoppers

Had a fight about it-

Three little grasshoppers Signed for pastures new, Tried to cross the river-Then there were two.

Two little grasshoppers

Then there were three.

Sitting on a stone.

A turkey gobbler passed that way—
Then there was one. Chirped good-bye at the door Said he'd come next summer

With nine million more. Wild Men and Domesticated Snakes.

In the Island of Rhio the resident assured me there wild men were who lived in trees, had no language but cries; and in Sumatra the resident of Palembang said there were y he of the South Downs-is almost unique men who lived in the forests, with whom not only the Europeans, but even the Malays, could have no intercourse. He himself Schoeppe, who was tried in Pennsylvania more or less, brought into contact at times had never seen one. Yet, strange to say, for poisoning a Miss Steinecke, who was with the outer world. The Scotch shep- they, have a petty trafic with the outer very wealthy. He was twice convicted of herd's or drover's life is full of travel and world, yet not through the medium of speech. incident; the Swiss herdsman has, as it They live in the woods and live by the chase, were to be perpetually on the defense They hunt tigers, not with the gun, but with arrows which they blow out of a tube with such force, and which are so keen of drift, the torrent. He who tends sheep in point, and touched with such deadly poison, that a wound is almost immediately fatal These tiger skins or elephant tusks they their owner; they are his wealth and sub- bring for barter-not for sale-for they nevstance, and he must be prepared to do, and er sell anything, for money is the most useoften does, battle for his own life and theirs, less thing they could have. They cannot eat it, or drink it, or wear it. But as they of pathless waste, mounted and armed to have wants they exchange; yet they themhis teeth. The Oriental shepherd is still, selves are never seen. They bring what they have to the edge of the forest and leave it there, and the Malays come and place what they have to dispose of and retire. If the offer is satisfactory, when they our rambles over the Downs, is a being en- return again they find what they brought bly never, even in these days of railroads | not, they add a few trifles more to tempt the one twenty miles from that village in the eyes of these wild men of the woods, and so hollow where he was born. "Wars and ru- at last the exchange is effected, yet all the mors of wars" affect not him more than they | while the sellers keep themselves invisi-

> ble neighbors, there are others that are more so-the reptiles, which abound here as in India. But familiarity breeds contempt, or indifference. The people are not afract of them, and hardly notice them, has speak at them in an easy sort of way, as if they are the most harmless things in nature poor innocent creatures, which might almost be pets in the family, and allowed to run about the house at their will. Soberly, there are certain domestic snakes which are indulged with these liberties. Said Mr. K.: "I was once visiting in Sumatra, and spending the night at the house of a friend. I heard a no'se, and asked, "What is that?" Oh,nothing they said; "it's only the serpent." "What | do you keep a family snake ?" 'Yes' they said; "it was a large black snake which frequented the house, and as it did no mischief and hunted the rats they let it roam about where it liked." Thinking this rather a big story, with which our friend might practice on the credulity of a stranger, I turned to the resident of Palembang, who confirmed it. He said this domestication of serpents was not uncommon. There was a kind of a boa that was very useful as an exterminator of rats, and for this purpose the family was stretched out on the veranda to bask in the sun-a pleasant object to any stranger who might be invited to accept

But if these (elephants) are uncomfortic-

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