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rich merchant, had humored every whim was to be introduced under the most flatter- The sound of Mr. Lacy's voice recalled me suspices; I was half wild with excitement, to a sense of my duty to him; it was wrong him. Never before had our drawing room him. Disappointment had made life an ear to dream of such girlish possibilities now. flew down stairs to show myself to father. who was not going with me, as at first arranged, being prevented, he said, by sudden case. I supposed he had asked him it he penalty interrupting him with irrevalent. bings of my happy heart. I had no. at first and minute attentions could win a heart, noticed, in my eagerness, that the table was mine would have been won, and I thought covered with papers, and that my father was it was, and reposed on the idea. not alone. Mr. Lacy, barrister at law, his friend and mine-for I had known him from plunge into the gay world, postponed for a were the faces of both.

"What is the matter?" I asked, laying my hand caressingly on my father's shoulder. He looked at me fondly, till I saw the tea brim his eyes.

'My darling!' he said, in an abrupt, pasionate way. 'We will not tell her, Lacyit would be cruel. Let her have at least a | zest into the pleasures of life. His grave few more happy hours. She need not know smile, in the height of my enjoyment, used to-night. How will she bear it?" Mr. Lacy looked increasingly grave.

had become very grave, too; my childish excitement seemed to have given place to a carnest schears of practical benevolence, or sudden and almost womanly seriousness, 'It is no use hiding anything from me, from head to foot in vague foreboding. 'I and widest bearings. He liked to talk to

his hands before it, as if the sight of me was call to such co-operation an honor in which

could bear it no longer, earnest and kindly him. though tearful, one.

and well!"

A peculiar expression passed over Mr. afraid of becoming unworthy of you.' Lacy's face. He seemed hesitating whether through the room.

never being able to conceal? Well, I will Mr. Lacy.

had speculated less on these points than mistrust was a sourc. most girls of my age. I had vague theories, burning and my eyes full of tears.

might be to me!"

layed even till morning." I was eager to engagement was known, and he had the obey and be alone to think, and I left the most implicit confidence in his nephew's room without a backward glance.

whole being. I was a child no longer. I I was weak. In short, I loved Frank. locked my bedroom door to give way to all my tumultuous motions of a woman. Sued Mr. Lacy's return roused me to the convic- I ran once more to the solitude of my mand. In 1875 the wool clip of the count to support the animal; we then should add for as a wife - engaged ! I looked at myself tion of the truth. I carried it up to my chamber. I felt abandoned-prostrate, 1 try was nearly 200,000,000 pounds, while in a little oatmeal or lineced, but care should in the glass, and wondered that a man like room, looked the door, and fell on my knees. Hong myself on the bed in a transport of de- 1860 it was only 5,000,000.

Mr. Lacy could love such a young, unformed What should I do? Should I keep my s . spair. Why, I had lost all! Had I been so creature as I appeared. There was an incongruity in it that struck me painfully. ing one I did not love? Surely that were 'An, Frank!' I cried, 'how I have loved Still there was a distinction in his regard the worst crime of the two. What was left you-what life might have been !' Then I that flattered me. I had a very high esteem me, then, but to wound a noble heart, belie reflected, if Mr. Lacy loved me as I love for him. I was warding off a calamity from my promise, inculpate my father. It seem my cousin, what a fine spirit and nature he my father. I loved no one else—no doubt I ed a dreadful alternative. After many had shown; what a rare gift such a heart should be very happy. I sat down on the hours of agenized casuistry I could not deedge of the bed and leaned my head upon cide, but determined to leave the i-sue to misery to think that I was the cause of his. my hand. Unaccustomed to dream, at that chance. Did Frank love me? Strange that I was very ill after these events, and fears moment an involuntary dream rose be- I took that fact for granted, toraging my- for my health quite absorbed any anger my of human beings. My widowed father, a fore thy imagination. Instead of this strange self with the idea of what he would soffer—father might have felt at the disappoin compact, the wooing of a youthful lover; he, with his young, strong capacity for sor- of a cherished desire, or perhaps Mr. Lacy from infancy, and asked nothing of me in instead of mere consent on my part, the dereturn but light-heartedness and affection. It is instead of mere consent on my part, the dereturn but light-heartedness and affection. It is instead of mere consent on my part, the dereturn but light-heartedness and affection. It is not to be a long story, so I by his representations, had shielded me must not stay to analyze the state of my against it. When I recovered people said I active pression. Might I not have been thus? mind that claused before Mr. Lacy's return. was very much altered; and so I was. The shadows and sorrows of life, or have been If beauty won love, I was fair enough ; if A criminal awaiting a sure consummation, flush of youth was passed; I was not 20, but more childishly occupied in the present. It freshness and strength of heart were needed, and that, approved by his own aching conwas the night of my first ball, to which I how mine throbbed under the ideal bliss! science, would understand my feelings.

and insurmountable engagements. Well I would not wish to bid me good-night, for I remarks. I set near the teatable, for a cerremember how impatiently I burst open the heard him answer: "No; she would not tain how had been fixed, and we waited for dinning room door, and with what a bound wish to be disturbed-I fear to weary her, our guest before we began our lavorite meal. of elation I sprang forward the spot where God forgive me if I am acting a selfish part? I had a book to hide the sudden changes of he stood, spreading out my my beautiful I rose up resolutely; no more such weakness my connectance. Had I doubted my consdress and making before him a sweeping as that of the last hour; he was worthy of a lo's love before, I should have doubted it no courtesy. I seem to hear now the soi tastle woman's love and honor, and I would give of lace and ratin; to feel the glow that it. The next two months passed in a state looked at me how grave and sad he apburned on my cheeks, and the quick threb- of tranquil happiness. It minly delicate peared.

Mr. Lacy made no attempt to prevent my glance showed me how grave and anxious and then he would go with me to a ball or opera, but it was in the character of protector or inspector, not as participant, and I felt his presence a restraint. I strove to bear always in mind that I was his affianced wife; but I was only 13, ardent in temperament with high animal spirits, very much coursed and admired, and I did enter with a keer

to fall like a weight on my heart, He himself, holding an important and i fluential position in the world, was full of professional reform. He seemed to think, labor and write mainly with an eye to other I said, trying to smile, though I trembled men's interests, and the 2 in their highest could not go to the ball now; tell me what me of these things and excite my moral enhas happened.' The expression on my thusiasm, and while I listened he carried father's face deepened to anguish. He put heart and conviction with him, and I felt a

too painful to bear. I turned to Mr. Lacy. sacrifice could have no part. Then his look Do tell me! I implored. Mr. Lacy fixed of intense affection and happiness, as he apon me the fine, searching eyes, whose re- kissed the cheek to which his words had hitherto, and kept up the scrutiny till I left no doubt on my mind that I loved ring that period. Looking in my glass, I way to the hall. 'Mildred,' he said, 'I was as it was, I knelt on a cushion before him, At the end of two months Mr. Lacy left

the giddy child you think me. Besides, it morbid dread of the effect of his absence. cannot be so dreadful-you are both alive Don't leave me!' I cried, clinging weep-

'How, Mildred ?' was his answer. 'If you to draw me into his arms or to push me from mean you will torget me, or discover you are him. He did neither, but rose up suddenly mistaken in toinking you love me, it will putting me gently back, and took a few turns save us both a life-long misery-me, at least, a life-long remorse."

'Halford,' he said presently, and in agitaFor a week or two at other left me I hardusual arrival. Here was the desired opporones, 'once more I renew my offer. Of what ly went into society, but my father and tunity, but I trembted to avail myself of it, ise is wealth like mine to a lonely man? friends brughed at my play og the widow, as He forestalled me. with the help I can give you may keep your they called it, and I soon resumed my form-

change places with you. Give me in return At length the templation beset me of -that is, if I can win her consent-your which I seemed to have a vague presentdaughter is my wite!" My father looked me it is the first evening of Mr. Lacv's up with literal gasp of astonishment. Mr. offer, and is be on me under its most insidi- he spotte: Lacy went on without beeding him. 'I am one form. My fache's sister and neptiew This day, six months ago, Miblied, I me. For the last two years I have felt from ture myself with doubts as to the issue of engage ment you made with me. You are the depth of my heart that she was a wo- this intercourse. As colliden Franc Ingram not cappy. I suspected the truth from your man. I have fought against the insape wish and I had spent balf our one together, and letters—those nato(p) leners—and I saw i to win her for my wife. My are,my past re- as children bad piedned ourselves to each confirmed the first night of my arrival. The lations with her seemed to make it a crime, other. Five years had passed since we had expression of your face, the tone of your Now I have spoken, God knows as much to met, for he had been studying medicine voice when you stake it your consin, would save you from the disgrace you are so obsti- abroad, but an nabroken, though seasing have set the scongest donors at rest, killed nately bent on meeting, and her from the correspond see had always been kept up be- the most periousings hope. He passed a poverty that would crush her youth, as to tween the two families. Frank had been my moment, then went on as calmig as before satisfy my own feelings. What she is to me ideal as a child. If I found him still so-if 'I acquit you of all blane, Mildred; it was words cannot say; how I will guard and I were from to tore him !-if, when he came I that acced the numeral part, taking nolove her my love only could prove. Mildred he brought with bim that future about manly advantage of my power to help your He paused opposite me and took my hand. There was something morbid in this slace of were not now the only sufferer, I could was like one in a dream. Love! Mar- mind, but the idea had fastened upon me, scarcely bear the retrospect; but 1 am, risge! Brought up as I had been at home, and I could not shake it off. My very self- thank God! As for your father, our fears

ence as one of the best and wisest of the race beauty or his logecious graces of manner, could win a young girl's heart" did not seem to correspond with them. I was I could have with a oud these, though I had unworthy of the honor-incapable of ful- a very keen appreciation of them. But he abruptly away to hide his emotion, filling the office of wife to such a man. Wife! was as full of disinteresced arder in his pro-It seemed almost blasphemous to mention fession as Mr. Lucy in his; had the same back from him toward my father, my cheeks only he unfolded them with such a winning self mistrust as if he doubted his worthiness 'You refuse me, Mildred?' said he, 'I for the high vocation of benevolence until should be a villain to take advantage of my be warmed into enthusiasm, and then the thy of you after all position and urge you. Yet in my heart I passion of his speech, the very extravagance believe I could make you happy. What of his youthful hopes thrilled me with a your ever being offered again a strong, hon- join hands with him in his life journey, and man could love as I do. Mildred, what you with a fever of desire never known before. Lesser things lent their aid. He was a both,' I will kiss you for the last time. 'It I were less a child,' I said, blushing fine musician and an enthusias in the art. and trembling, 'If I were more your equal.' We practiced constantly together. He me in his arms. 'Child!' he said passionate- positions he had introduced to me. I do not

It was enough, he drew near me and clasped taught me to play and sing the German com- of conflict and misery I passed! ly, 'my love my wife !' Then releasing me wish to dwell on details; but who does not vate sitting room and knocked for admit- gretted me -you love me ?' and gazing at me seriously, 'You give your- know how subtle a medium of love a kindred tance. He held a letter to his hand; his self willingly, Mildred, but I will not bind pursuit and enjoyment of music is?-and fine eyes were suffused with happiness, you. Six months hence I will give you Mr. Lacy never cared for music. Then 'Sympathize with me, Mildred,' he said, youd friendship. I feel I have found my back your freedom if you are not happy, and again he was my perpetual companion. At you will find it hard to deceive a love like breakfast his clear eyes and welcoming voice never talked to you about her, for I could opened the day, and after its long hours of not trust myself with the subject while a My father rose and grasped his hand in delightful intercourse his band was the last doubt remained. Now I will tell you about silence, 'God bless you!' he said at length; clasped at night. No attempt was made to my darling; she is as worthy of a true man's 'I would have borne much to secure such a put any restraint upon this dangerous com. beart -as Mr. Lacy is of yours. By the 000,000 for woolen goods, and \$11,000,000 the cows, often suffered in [consequence, los protector for my child. Leave me Mildred, paniouship. My father looked upon us as a way, Mildred, I was very anxloos about you for unmanufactured goods. When we have ing more or less from staggers, the stomach to arrange some matters that cannot be de brother and sis er. D ides, the fact of my that night he came home, for your manner in the country 20,000,000 more sheep than after death revealing its engorgement with honor. He never considered my danger, yet form a woman's caprice takes with you, I on earth where sheep could be raised so That half-hour had revolutionized my it was the greater. He might be strong, but have concluded. As for loving him at bot- profitable us in the United States. But we

A letter announcing the probable day of

worn a more happy, home-like character, next thing to me, and taught by its discip-He are going away, and my father had M father read the newspaper at ease in his line the character of my former love rose it onger; how excuestly and searchingly be

The knock came. It was natoral I should start; but it was hard to smile naturally at my anat's raiders. Mr. Lacy came in ; he was one of those whose seif governed, serene manner precludes flutter of emba-rassment my cradle-sat opposite to him, and a second while by the late strange incidents. Now in orners. The gentle friendliness of his greeting reassured me for the moment; under it I could hardly imagine the strong, impassionate current to exist that sometimes broke its bounds.

The evening passed smoothly and pleas- ner party I unexpectedly met Mr. Lacy. He antly to all externals. Mr. Lacy was grave; came to me at once, spoke kindly and gentbut then it was expected of a son who had by as in long past time; but there was nothjust left his father's death bed; and my log to lead to the idea that he still loved aunt's animated tongoe filled up the inter- me-no hestation in the well-known voice, Frank and I sat together at my fathers's re- I could not hear it, and wished he would quest, for I fewed to seem unwilling; be- leave me to myself and not torture me with side-, it precluded the necessity of execting that ero those diship. At my first opportu-

Let him but free me, and I would live ua- you?" married forever; yes, though I must tak

It was the very evening of the day I had come to this decision that I chanced to meet Mr. Locy on the sinies at the hour of his

'Give me a quarter of an hoor alone, Mil-

long gone by when Mildred was a child to even before they a level I had be un to tor- you are not happy, I will free you from the southewhich I had dreamed-brought it in vain! father and your natried child's heart. If I magnified his danger; the little help I was My aunt and cousin duly arrived; and of able to give has re-established his position indeed, gathered from poets and novelists, Frank I must speak the cruth even if I am as firmly as before. He will repay me and my feelings for Mr. Lacy, a man 40 years accused of a wish to justify myself. Every you owe me nothing. I had a wild dream of age, who had known me as an infant, and charm a young man could have I think he but I am awake at less-awake enough to whom Iregarded with almost unlimited rever- possessed. I say nothing of his personal see it was a fool's idea that a man like me

He was calm no longer; but he turned

"Mr. Lacy," I cried trying to saide the conflict of my love. 'I would fain do cight, I the word to such a child as I was. I shrank | deep desire to be of use in his generation; have a deep esseem for you -I - 'I broke off. 'Give me a little time,' I added, passionately renewing the effort; I shall con- breath and fixed for a moment a gaze on my quer this love of mine - I will become wor-

'Conquer the parest feelings of a woman's heart! Offer yourself a sacrifice to my sel- and instinctively I held out my hand, 'That would you have but youth that I could not power far beyond the reasoned wisdom of fishness! No, no, Milfred, yours is the sea- was a child's love. What I want of the fugive you ? There are many chances against Mr. Lacy's enterprises. Oh! I longed to son of blessedness mine is already passed, ture is to be what the past once promised, Presently I will come back to you in my Mr. Lacy. est, undivided heart like mine. No young lend my aid to the working out of his Utopia old character, and be able to say with jess I stood erect and spoke audibly up to this difficulty than I do to-night, 'God bless you I saw none of my family that evening, for quick glance of searching astonishment, one I went at once to my room. What a night rapturous exclamation and I was folded in

The next morning Frank came to my pris

'I feel too much to bear it alone. I have ark of refuge.' would have satisfied me; but that is the wool we use; and yet there is no country tom I don't-date so to impogn my noble are coming every year nearer to supplying bly in some cases skimmed milk does not cousin's heart and understanding."

back was left. Frank was married, and M. The evening came on which we expected Lacy we never saw-at least I never saw

How was it that what I had though would be a life-long regret-my love for my which the traces grew daily feebler? Had I sacrificed my happiness to a passing fancy! Or was it that at my age one cannot long cling to the impossible? Little slanified the concraring of my heart - for the fact re mained-it I had never loved Mr. Lacy before, I loved him now. I thought perpetually of the lucidents of our brief engagement-every word of endearment, every em brace had its hold on my memory. I recall ed his opinious, framing my own surlagent ly by them, and followed his public career se far as I was able, aided by my deep knowl edge of the high principles and motives that accurated it.

My chance came at last. At a large dis-

to make a point of seeking Frank's society, lility from him without betraying myself. release me from an engagement that became me that to ask permission now seems super-

feet and sobbed out the truth I might have been blessed for life, but that would have exact from a woman's pride.

from an obligation there is a chance of your straint and mode ation which I felt due to ed to have a few private words with you for Mildred, for what may seem to be an unmanthere is any chance of fut tre frieadship bethe fire and closed the door carefully, and tween us. It was hard work to give you up;

> ose up baselly from the seat I had taken. cannot bear it,' I said rashly; 'the past ars been cruel enough, but that is worse an all. Oh. I am miserable! Friends we an never he-le, me go home!' I spoke

old that the gentleman I saw with you this vening, Mr. Bransom, was your accepted over. I know him well; he deserves you Mildred. I rejoiced to see you bright and animated, as you used to be, in his societyto think there was no blight on the future or you at least. What can you mean? You will not risk, surety, the happiness of both ? Pardon me,' he added, coloring, 'I forgot, I have not even a friend's right to warn." On the brink of one's fate, to delibereate is to lose all.

'Mr. Bransom is nothing to me,' I said, white and trembling, and will never be more. The past will not let itself be so forgotten.' My tone seemed to excite him, 'Mildred!' he exclaimed, passionately, did you then love him so much? Ah, had mine been the power! He drew a long

the last barrier.

'Frank has long been forgotten,' I said,

point, but here my head drooped, my cheeks burned, yet from no ignoble shame. One his arms.

'Mildred forgive my doubt. You have re-

'Beyond what you have asked,' I stammered, hiding my face on his shoulder, 'be-

More Sheep. Last year we paid foreign countries \$50. was not-pot what, were It in his place, we have now, we shall only produce the our own markets with the wool they de

## Poetical.

EXPLANATIONS. At church I sat within her pew-O pew ! But there I heard No pious word saw alone her eyes of time I raw her bow her head so gracious The organ rang, and seemed to fill the building spacious.

I cor'd not hear the gospel i or -Was at my side ; I for id r leise a mighty hore, And when pealed forth the organ's threader-

O thunder ! I fixed my eyes In mute surprise On her whose beauty was a wonder To me that maiden was most dear-And she was mine -

For human words to picture here ! Her love seemed like a prayer to bless me-Before she came My life was time; My rarest joy could not oppress me, The set, he was done, we sought the shore-O shore ; And here we walked, And sadly talked More and a talked than e'er before.

I thought she was a type of goodness -O goodness! But on that day I heard her say Plain wor.s, whose very tone was radeness. We strayed beyond the tide-mi"s dam-O dam! She jilted me, And now I see

Trees for the Booryard.

-Hawkeye,

their houses they would aid a great deal to the market value of their places. The unvals when conversation would have flagged, no latent tenderness in the searching eyes, inviting sight of a farmhouse without a tree near it-often without a garden-is a very common one. Our woods furnish many trees of beautiful and varied foliage that myself to talk. Frank was very serious, and, nity I arred from him, and engaged myself | may be transplanted when quite large, with I thought, averse to sing with me, bu, at the in conversation with a gentleman who was due care. Samuel Parsons, in the Rural same time be never sung to more navantage, well know to be one of my suitors. It ap- New Yorker recommends, among others, the The ordeal was over at last. Mr. Lacy peared like esquetry, but it was the eager- following trees for lawn planting: "The book his leave without anything in his man-ness of self-in tinet. That evening seemed maples rank especially high, not only on ner to make me fear or perhaps hope that very long and insupportably painful. I had account of their vigorous and rapid growth my secret was discovered. A week passed; not known how tenaciously I had clung to and general health, but also from the varied he was constantly with us, showing me the hope until it failed me. When Mr. Lacy forms and color their leaves assume in the some tenderness as ever, somewhat graver, came forward to help me to my carriage I different varieties. These massed together but as certainly more gentle. He seemed too, felt I could hardly neceive the ordinary civ- or planted singly present rich and delicate hues quite unsurpassed in their way. The and spoke of him in high terms to my fath- I was surprised when he begged me to sugar maple is, perhaps, the best known and proof had been the sorest penalty of my life brought so deep a glow, stirred my soul and er. Oh! what a heavy heart I carried dumental character for its autumnal garb of thought with wonder of the change six going to ask you when we first met to-night, months can work in mind and body. At whether I might resume my old relation in way, with broad, shadowing follage, well and leaning my arms on his knees in a favor- me to attend a summons to his father's death the end of those seven days I came to a res- your family. Nearly two years have passed suited for single positions on the lawns, or te attitude, I returned his gaze with a steady bed. He expressed no fears as to the result obtains that nerved me with something like since we lest met, and I thought at least I for skirting the edges of other groups in of this separation, though I perceived a strength. I thought I would seek truth and coold bring you back the calm heart of a clusters of two or three. The scarlet is hon-"Try me,' I said ; 'perhaps I am more than deep secret anxiety. I shared it. I had a throw myself on his generosity. Let him friend. But you have so studiously shunned orably known for the unrivalled coloring of its robes in the fall. Both good in their every hour more intoterable to contemplate, fluors. What am I to think? Have you way, the silver-leaved and ash-leaved, with ing to his arm. I am afraid of myself- and I would consent to enter on no other. not forgiven me yet for the misery I cost their light or fresh looking foilage, have a minor degree of value for lawn planting, alhough still very useful in their way. B grouping these maples with the scarlet or pin oak and liquidambar most effective com binatious may be formed for the exhibition been too great a sacrifice for even love to of the autumnal coloring; and I only wouder that more attention is not given to this If the deepest sympathy in your disap- branch of lawn planting. I would like to pointment could entitle me the character of | dwell at length, did space but permit, on a friend -Mr. Lacy paused-'you would exquisite beauties of the Japenese maples, the redit and breast this storm. You shrink er gayeties, with, however, a certain re- dred in the library, he said 'I have wish- give me your band willingly. Pardon me, with their lacelike leaves, golden, purple and tri-colored. This much must be said ly affusion, but it is the best to make it-if for them, that no lawn can dispense with their hardy beauty any more than it can spare the peculiar fitness their dwarf nature the case up to me, standing before me as harder still to feel the secridce had been in gives them for certain portions near the vain. Had you been happily married, I path or house. The cut leaved and purple could have returned to you sooner; but suf- forms of the white birch have great value a fool, no doubt, he said, but the time has came to pay us a long-talked of visit, and made a possible I am going to redeem. If fering, and to feel I had no power to for the lawn planter, in the true sense of the word elegant, their white bark stands out among other trees with great prominence and the drooping, graceful foliage relieve the shores of takes or edges of woodland with great effectiveness. For sturdiness, for richness and massiveness nothing can much surpass the different varieties of beech, with the fretfulness of a child, he looked purple and glowing, cut-leaved, symmetrical and weeping with great regular sweeps of the branches, all habits seem to afford it new capacity for astonishing us by its noble and varied forms. Nor must we forget that the shade cast by the beech has been esteem-

> The sturdy qualities of the oaks also recommend them highly for lawn planting Their outlines and cariously formed branches and leaves render them always picturesque, and their longevity is almost unsurpassed. Maturity with them does not come early, but their grand and even elegant forms remain with us so comparatively unchanged that they seem at last part of ourselves, something that we have atways with us, like the "everlasting hills." Quite as much as other trees, they take on purple and golden, cut leaved or weeping forms Indeed querous concordin is one of the most permanent and best golden trees we have There are two purple forms of oaks; one, face that solved my last doubt, broke down nigricans, grows well and is hardy, but does not retain the purple strongly marked throughout the summer; the other, atropurpures, is rare, richly and permanently colored, of very slow growth, though not very hardy while young, in many sections of America. The scarlet oak is well known for its fine autumnal coloring.

ed specially delightful from early classical

## Raising Calevs by Hand.

In reply to a question as to the best way

to bring up calves by hand, the editor of the Massachusetts Ploughman gives his own experience and practice. He began by allowing the calf to suck for four or five days, until the meconium had passed off, after which nothink but skimmed milk was given, on which the calf grew well and maintained good condition; in no instance was there any sickness, while many of his neighbors who thought skimmed milk too poor, and gave their calves the milk direct from caked milk. Doubtless the result was partanimal drawn the milk from the teats, it would not as often have been fatal. Possicontain a sufficient amount of nourishment be taken not to give too stimulating food.