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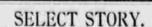
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THE LUMP OF CLAY.

My husband was a sculptor in New Orleans. He was not a poor artist, but wealthy, and spent his money lavishly, so that our house was crowded with costly trifles, and our plate the

finest in the city.

Often friends spoke of us, half in jest and half in earnest, of the tempting bait our dwelling offered to bur glars or dishonest servants ; but Ludivice laughed at their warnings, and I never knew fear when he was by. So we lived five years, less careful of bolts and bars than many who had little save their four walls to protect, and never suffering save from some

petty pilfering.

In the autumn of 18-, we had jus The information is important and intended for everyone returned from a trip inland, and Ludivico was busy on new work; fresh clay had been carried to his studio, We have the stock, our prices we have the stock, our prices models engaged, and everything premarket, our show rooms are light and cheerful, and your fant, not three months old, lay upon examination is all that is needmy breast. And we were very proud

the future. Every hour of the coming winter was portioned off.

One night I put my babe to sleep and went out to the kitchen to see the wind; and with an exclamation of impatience I went to close it. As I from which I nearly died. impatience I went to close it. As I

The moon shone full upon them, and I saw the features of both plainly. Jane was a light mulatto, but it was impossible to tell whether the man was her color or a swathy white. But give up my hope." And I was calmer white or black, the expression of his face was brucal, full of cunning; a face to be seen among felons.

I gazed one moment, then called out sharply and quickly. In a moment Jane was with me, apologizing in her servile way, and taking my rebuke very quietly. I gave her my orders and sent her to bed, and then I went up stairs and forgot all about the matter, though it was in my mind when I was at the door. For, once in my room, I found my husband had brought in upon a board a piece of wet clay and set it at the foot of the bed. "To-morrow, the first thing, I am going to begin-can you guess what?"

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"I shall prize it so," I said. "He is lovely, is he not?" and I kissed the child softly as he slept. An hour after that I was sleeping also, tranquilly, dreamlessly. The lamps were out, all was darkness and peace.

How long it lasted, I do not know. I awakened with a start, and after lying a few moments, I became conscious that some one was moving stealthily about the room-some out with bare feet. Soon I heard a stum ble and an oath, suppressed, but plain; then the board on which the clay rest-ed seemed to be pushed across the floor. My heart throbbed fearfully. I knew that burglars were in the house. and I thought only of our personal safety. They might take all, if they did not harm my bushand and child I watched and listened, holding my breath until a ray of light shone in the oom, and I knew the thief had a dark antern. I heard the tinkle of the different articles he slipped into his bag I heard drawers and wardrobes stealth ily opened, and 1 prayed that his cu-pidity might be satisfied, and that he might go, leaving us unharmed.

Alas! the prayer was vain. Som noise louder than the rest awoke my husband. I strove in vain to restrain him. He shouted, "Who is there? and made for the dark shape just visi

In an instant the lantern was dark ened, and a struggle in the dark began I shrieked frantically. Steps and lights approached. A pistol was fired, a heavy fall followed. I heard the robber dash from the room and down the stairs, and the next moment the room was full of trembling servants, and I saw, by the lights they carried, Ludivico lying upon the floor, welter-ing in his blood.

I called his name. He made no answer. I lifted up his face. Alas! the was written there-the bullet had entered his heart. He was dead! What need to dwell on that sad time! Friends flocked to my aid, but I cared for nothing, now that he was dead. The house had been stripped of valuables and money.

It was the boldest robbery accom

plished for years—said the police. But despite all efforts—all offered rewards the culprit was not found. He had escaped as completely as though he and vanished from the earth.

When I had buried my darling in the strange city of sepulchres, where the dead of New Orleans repose, and waited many weeks in hopes that his murderer might be found, I took my child and went home to my kindred in old Connecticut. I was wealthy, and in no fear of want during my life. But the only possession I now valued was my child, the boy who some day might wear his father's mein, and speak to me in his father's voice.
I had dismissed Jane. She had been

fully; but she appeared innocent. Of all the servants, I kept but one to assist me in packing, and to travel North with me. While the packing was going on she came to me and said: "There's a queer bit of clay on

under suspicion, and examined care-

board under your bed, ma'am. Shall I throw it away ?" I burst into tears. "The last thing his hand ever touched," I cried. "Oh, no. I will take it with me.

So the dry lump made part of my luggage. I found dear ones to grieve with me and nurse me at home, but my heart was broken. The only one object I had in life was to bring Ludivico's murderer to justice.

inexperienced woman, so many miles away, to succeed? They treated the idea with indulgent pity, but I felt sure God would help me. The face at the garden gate was stamped upon my memory. It was the only clue I had but it was something.

Grace should have no more to do with him. I told her so that night, and she said he with a laugh. I laughed also as I is sent to the kitchen I found the sent to the said. "It's gone too far. I'm half engaged to him. It is a splendid chance for a poor girl, and I'll marry is it was something."

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Soon I had another. One day I began to unpack my effects, and arrange them in my present home. Almost at the last of the work I came to that which was to be our sleeping cherub, and looks, no doubt; and I shall be mistress of a splendid house, carriage, mistress of a splendid house, carriage, I waited until I heard him plant himself upon the sill of the door, then enlump of clay. I laid it on the table and looked at it. I thought to weep, but amazement checked the tears. There in the midst of the dry mould, was the impress of a foot-the lower part of a coarse, large maimed man's

The truth burst upon me at once. The robber had trodden in the clay. I remembered that the stairs and floors were spotted with it. I remembered his ejaculation and the thud of the clay against the bedstead. It was plain. I locked the door and sat down with both hands to my head. A fierce and happy in our new treasure; never in our lives had we talked so much of the future. Every hour of the coming winter was portioned off.

One night I put my babe to sleep to the instep, stood before me, with two toes gone the great to and the cook concerning breakfast, but could not find her. Our servants were forbidden to remain out later then bidden to remain out later than nine, and it was nearly eleven. I felt angry was a matter of some time, I said no more to anyone, I broke down, and lay with the girl, the more so that she had a while. The excitement had been left an outside door swinging in the a while. The excitement had been

stood for a moment on the threshold, I could see the garden still full of flowers, and at its foot, leaning over the low fence, stood the girl, Jane, talking to a man.

I could see the garden still full of in vain. A year passed—five—the sixth began and crept on until winter, and yet, though I had written to influential friends in New Orleans, noth-

ing was made of my discovery.
At last I said: "The secret is veiled

after that. My boy was now a comfort to me and I had gone to housekeeping with a young sister for my companion. She was a beautiful creature and very much admired. My house grew gay, for I could not doom her to duliness, and letters and things I didn't underand young voices and laughter and stand, though I pretended to. He didn't music filled the parlors almost nightly. find his millions in people's cupboards. Sometimes, however, I was alone And he has popped the question, and I there, while she was away amidst gay have accepted—so there's an end scenes and merry friends, and then I Come, I know you've had too much thought until thinking was a pain and trouble, but don't brood over it and go the hours seemed years.

One cold winter night I had been thus alone, when my sister Grace came home. She was in a merry mood, and cast her fur wrappings from her gleefully, as she sat down by the fire.

"Is that anything new !" asked I. "He is. What do you say to a mil-"I should ask what is he besides nillionaire!"

"Oh a Cuban, forty odd, I suppose, and not a bit handsome; but he adores me already. Its no joke, Ella, and I always said I would marry a rich man.' "Not without loving him ?"
"Bah! It's enough if he loves me. How do love matches end? Either

He saw me home, to the envy of every

the depths of misery.

I shall not turn the Cuban away if

he is a good man and my sister likes," I said; and Grace laughed and went to The Cuban did call next day but I

called the "Elms," and intended to be a resident of the town. In a worldly point of a view it seemed a good match for any girl, and I waited to see the man myself. Three days after I moved too fast for me; I could have bed the convergence. called the "Elms," and intended to be

dark, and the moon outside very fully matured. bright; consequently I could see the garden very plainly.

Soon Grace came up the path on a zee to pass the evening with us." man's arm. At the gate she bad him good-night, and stopped to say a few words. He leaned with both arms folded on the tence outside.

I had seen the picture beforewhere t with a leap my mind went back to the night before my husband was murdered. I saw Jane, the mulatto cook, and her companion; and, all, what is lead to be a sked again. "She answered: "I told you him. That is a leaf to cook, and her companion; and, all, what is lead to be a sked again." ob, merciful heavens! the man's face was the same. This was shaded by a fashionable hat—a fashionable collar score by and cravat, an elegant overcoat finishlain my hand upon the Bible and sworn to that fact upon the spot. As but somehow, in spite of the remarkl grew positive of this, my senses deably handsome dress he wore, he lookound me in a swoon upon the floor.

When I recovered I doubted my own sanity. I laid what I had seen to the illusion of moonlight and distance. I argued with myself that until I had seen the Cuban I must regard the affair as a delusion. I waited not pa-tiently, but silently. Soon I met him face to face in my own parlor. The moment was a terrible one. I knew now I had made no mistake.

There had not been the slightest

doubt in my mind that this companion of Jane's had been at the bottom of that terrible night. There was no doubt now that this was the man; yet my common sense told me that to accuse a wealthy gentleman on such slight grounds as the memory of a face had in life was to bring Ludivico's murderer to justice.

But how, when experienced detect—

Seen by moonlight, would be absurd. I should be called insane. But, if I were, this was a bold, bad man, and "Fond of a drop yourself of a cold."

horses, etc., and shall enjoy myself. It is self upon the sill of the door, then enouly for his ugly looks that you hate my Cuban. Don't you remember Shakes- "Taste it, Mr. Zenzee; Is it not fine?"

peare ! 'Mislike me not for my complexion, etc.' To be sure, he is suspiciously dark; but its Cuban-noth-

ing else.
And changing at once from angry to gay, she kissed me.

"He has a horrible face," I said:
but that is not all, Grace, this must
not go on. I will tell you a secret.

"Gluid had filled the loose shoes he wore;
and down I went upon my knees before the spot to which he had sprung.
"Oh, what an unlucky thing. Are not go on. I will tell you a secret.

The face I saw over the gate on that awful night, talking to Jane—the face of one connected, I am sure, with the I tore off shoes and stockings with

Grace answered with a laugh.
"You are wild," she said. "That,
you have already said, was a ragged, The right perfect. The left—the maimed foot which had made its im-

"A millionaire has no need to turn amph, and cried aloud for John. "Hold him!" I said. Do not let him "How did this man make his money?

"Nonsense-of course not. Cotton or sugar, I suppose. I hope you are of a dream. I know emissaries of the not going to have another brain fever, law filled my house. I know my wild my dear."

"My brain is steady, Grace. Heed statement slowly gained credence. I had my proof in the clay and plaster "That I can't; you will see your nition of the man as a desperado of the folly soon. The idea! Because the Mississippi, and finally in his own con-

poor man is ugly! I'll make him tell fession.
how he came by his fortune! Sleep on His She danced away, and I crept to bed

fully.
"Mr. Cuban made his fortune in the took his father's trade," she said : "he took his father's business, and gave it up when his million was made. He showed me papers out of your head." She tried to kiss me, but I held her

"Listen, Grace," I said. If you marry that man and I discover after-

wretched fellow.

other clothes-

can you answer?"

with a heavy heart.

burglar."

"Yes, but still the

it, and you'll see your insanity.'

The next day she came to

"And welcome," said she. Then with a sudden childish burst of tears she clasped me and cried : "Oh, Ella, don't go crazy-don't go crazy! Try to take comfort ; try to be

It was useless to urge further, and I So being betrothed to Grace, the Cu ban, Mr. Zenzee was his name, brought his hideous face to our house every

night.

I loathed it, but I determined to one dies, and the other is wretched, or they quarrel and are divorced in a year or two. Better not love, say I."

I sighed. She was half right, after all.

"He's a mystery, too," said Grace.
"No one knows anything about him, except that he's enormously rich has bought the Elms—the finest place here, you know—and they are making a great pet of him—all for his money. He saw me home, to the envy of every

Closer and closer my fancied proofs and utilized. Every house in Berlin is were gathered about him, until I began connected with this underground drainwere gathered about him, until I began to see in him the actual murderer. The man who had stolen barefoot about our room, and the clay impression of whose mutilated foot I had looked in a closet in my room. Could I see his foot I should be sure—not else. And that has now become the object of my life; and allress with a looked foot I had looked in a closet in my room. Could I see his foot I should be sure—not else. And that has now become the object of my life; and allress while, despite of my life; and allress while and the rainwater from the roofs and streets is also carried off through it. prayers and protestations, the prepara-tions for my sister's marriage with Mr. Zenzee were going forward.

The day was set. The time narrow-ed. Before that wedding day I had The Cuban did call next day but I sworn to make my discovery. I work-was out and did not see him, however; and he had bought the great place and that of saving Grace from becom-works to eight millions, and of drain-

had the opportunity.

Grace had been to church in the those months out. At last there was German Edison Electric Light Comevening; my boy was ill and I had to stay away. When it was time for service to be over, I sat by the window watching for her. The bedroom was that morning I awoke with my plan owner chooses to introduce it. Water that morning I awoke with my plan owner chooses to introduce it. Water the morning I awoke with my plan owner chooses to introduce it.

I said to Grace at breakfast : "Since the wedding is so near, invite Mr. Zen-She looked up with a smile. "You are coming to your senses,"

she said. I made no answer. After awhile asked again. "Do you love him !" and "I told you once, why I accepted

him. That is my reason still. After all, what is love worth!" But she My heart had been at ease on that score before. It was even lighter now! ed the costume; while the first face day wore on tediously, and evening was set off by ragged garments, the came with a murky rain; but with it came Mr. Zenzee. He took tea with us and did his best to be agreeable;

> played against us, and cheated us both for fun, and laughed at Grace's wonder. Then Grace sang awhile; then the clock struck eleven,-my time had "It's a cold night," said I.
> "Bitter," said he shuddering. "But hen, I came from a warm climate.

we had out the card table, and he show-

ed us some strange tricks at cards, and

"Something warm to drink would be comfort," said I. He brightened up.
"It would suit me," said he. "A bowl of punch, now," said I. Grace started. "Punch! I thought you-"

I stopped her.
"This is a special occasion," said I; "Fond of a drop yourself of a cold place

ives had failed upon the spot, was I an Grace should have no more to do with night, and none the worse for it ma'am' I laughed also as I left the room. In the kitchen I found my munch bowl

"Boiling," said the girl, and I seized it on the tray, with the ladle. Then I National Convention, Samuel J. Tilden called John our coachman, a burly fel-

murder, was this man's face; and he, great pretense of compassion and Grace, is the man himself." Both feet lay bare upon a cushion.

> pression in the clay on the night of my husband's murder.
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> I gave a yell of almost insane tri

go! He is a murderer!" I forgot the other details of the night, or remember them only in a sort statement slowly gained credence. I in my room above. At last the recog-

His end was the one he merited, and my work was done. Grace felt 'no regrets, and long since married a man she learned to love with her whole heart, Madison, of Virginia. From the elecgrets, and long since married a man she

All telegraph, telephone and electric lightning wires in Berlin are now underground. A popular German magazine furnishes some details of the under-ground plant of the city. The gas sup-ply of Berlin furnishes light for 14,000 street lamps and 700,000 private burners, and although gas lighting was first introduced in that city in 1862, it has creased demand and furnishing power for a great many small industries, so that the use of alcounts light the use of alcoun "I've made a conquest, my dear," she id.

"I've made a conquest, my dear," she in it. I shall still denounce in that the use of electric lighting has not diminished the production of gas.

"The river are laid and the production of gas.

The river are laid and the production of gas. The pipes are laid under the sidewalks, tuous elements in it are now unable to and little inconvenience is caused ordinary street traffic for repairs or extensions. The water supply was intro-duced in 1854 by a private company, but since 1873 it has been owned and managed by the city. Twenty-three great reservoirs supply the city by means of enormous pumps, though a well devised system of pipes, and 17,-000 water meters measure the supply for as many customers, while a complete system of filtering the water has recently been successfully introduced.

steam engines, with 3160 horse power, in five stations, scattered throughout the city supply the power for forcing all the waste of the million of people that inhabit Berlin out to a distant point. The cost of the city gas works

and light and drainage are now fully supplied, but Berlin is discussing the American plans for heat and power to be supplied from central through underground pipes, under such system as may be approved by its local scientific authorities. Dr. Werner Siemens, one of the famous family, has submitted a plan for supplying heat from coal mines only a few miles from Berlin.

The Canals of Amsterdam.

The canals are an unmitigated nui sance. They may be all very well in to freeze them, but as soon as the weather begins to grow warm they give an odor like that which the Scriptures tells us are emitted by the deeds of the wicked. They cut the city in all directions, and are of course only to be crossed at regular intervals by the ed more ruffinaly than ever. After tea aid of bridges: so that the pedestrian wanting to get from one side of the street to the other is liable to be sent 200 yards out of his way before he can to be affected by electrical atmospheric do so. At night, in a dark street, they are to be approached warily, for a false step or a stumble against the stone pillars to which the boats and barges are moored would be apt to send one head foremost into the water. But the year. They break in a variety of ways, quaint crafts that ply their sluggish waters have a character and interest of their own, and the mingling of town life with the life of the river is curious enough in the streets where the canals are found .- Tinsley's Magazine.

WHY HE IS FOR GROVER CLEVELAND

NEW YORK, October 7. In response to the resolutions preented to him from the Democratic

GREYSTONE, October 6. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee: I thank you for the kind terms in which you have communicated the resolutions concerning me adopted by the late Democratic National Convention. I share your conviction that reform in the administration of the Federal Government, which And then as I stood near him the is our great national want and is inbowl dropped from my hands and the contents poured over Mr. Zenzee's knees. He howled, for the boiling can only be achieved through the fluid had filled the loose shoes he wore; by installing its representative in the

Chief Magistracy of the United States.

The noble historical traditions of the Democratic party, the principles in which it was educated and to which it has ever been in the main faithful, its freedom from the corrupt influences which grow up in the prolonged pos-session of power and the nature of the elements which constitute it, all contribute to quality it for that mission.

The opposite characteristics and conditions which attach to the Republican party make it hopeless to expect that that party will be able to give better government than the debasing system of abuses which during its ascendancy has infected official and

political life in this country.

The Democratic party had its origin in the efforts of the more advanced patriots of the Revolution to resist the perversion of our government from the ideal contemplated by the people. Among its conspicuous founders are Benjamin Franklin and Thomas Jefferson; Samuel Adams and John Hancock, of Massachusetts, George Clinton and Robert R Livingston, of New and they are moderately prosperous.
And I—I am patient, and abide God's will.

tion of Mr. Jefferson, as President, in 1800, for sixty years the Democratic party mainly directed our national policy. It extended the boundaries of the republic and laid the foundations of all our national greatness, while it preserved the limitations imposed by the Constituion and maintained a simple and pure system of domestic administra-

On the other hand, the Republican party has always been dominated by principles which favor legislation for the benefit of particular classes at the expense of the body of the people. It has become deeply tainted with the emancipate it from the sway of selfish interests which subordinate public duty to personal greed. The most hopeful of the best citizens it contains despair of its amendment except through its

temporary expulsion from power. It has been boastingly asserted by a modern Massachusetts statesman, struggling to reconcile himself and his fol-lowers to their Presidential candidate, that the Republican party contains a disproportionate share of the wealth, the culture and the intelligence of the country. The unprincipled Grafton, when taunted by James II. with his personal want of conscience, answered: That is true, but I belong to a

party that has a great deal of con-Such reasoners forget that the same claim has been made in all ages and countries by the defenders of old wrongs gainst new reforms. It was alleged v the Tories of the American Revolution against the patriots of that day. It was repeated against Jefferson and afterwards against Jackson. It is alleged by the Conservatives against those who, in England, are now endeavoring to enlarge the popular suf-

All history shows that reforms in government must not be expected from hose who sit serenely on the mountain-tops enjoying the benefits of the existing order of things. Even the Divine Author of our religion found his followers not among the self-com-placent Pharisees, but among lowlyminded fishermen. The Republican party is largely made up of those who live by their wits and who appear in politics to advantage over the rest of mankind similar to that which their daily lives are devoted to securing in private business. The Democratic party consists largely of those who live by the work of their hands and whose political action is governed by their sentiments or imaginations. It results that the Democratic party, can be moulded to the support of reform measures which involve a sacrifice of selfish nterests. The indispensable necessity of our

the great executive offices of the country. This, in my judgment, can only be accomplished by the election of the Democratic candidates for President SAMUEL J. TIDDEN, To R. H. HENRY, chairman ; H. B SMALLEY, and others of the special committe of the Democratic National

imes is a change of administration in

Convention. Freaks of Watches.

Watches are queer things. They posess some unaccountable pecunarities For instance, some time about the beginning at last summer, when there had been a succession of fine displays disturbances. During the months of June, July and August, when these phenomena and are most frequent, there are more mainsprings broken than light has become so general a large number of watches, some of them very fine ones, have become magnetized While in this condition they are useless as timekeepers. This defect used to be You can keep your eggs fresh by incurable, and because of it thousands packing them in fine salt, where the of watches have been thrown away temperature does not vary much, the after much money has been spent on house cellar usually being the coolest them in vain attempts to persuade them to keep good time.

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