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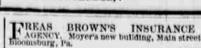
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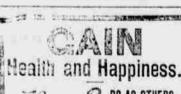
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BEHIND THE TAPESTRY.

Teo years ago I was in the first sorow of my widowhood. I was childess, too; and when the grave closed over my husband I thought that there cas no place for me in the world. I was rich, young; and my friends, and my own reflectious in the glass, told me that I was beautiful. I did not care for the people who

turned, even in the first days of my rouble, to one friend. She, too, was young and beautiful. We were schoolfellows; we were enraged at the same time; we were married in the same month of the same

During the three years of married e we had seen little of each other, but when my husband died, and Mary wrote to me tenderly out of We offer our goods lower than her full heart, I answered back her

> I stayed with the Cliffords a couple months. During that time the ouse was quiet, visitors few-they eschewed company for my sake.
>
> At the end of two months I left

She asked me to stay with her and I

bem, comforted and belped, and with cany promises of a return by-and by. Circumstances, however, too varied and too many to mention, prevented that second visit taking place for a couple of years. At the end of that time a great longing came over me to see Mary Clifford again. I must write to her and promise a visit. I did

By return of post I got a short but characteristic reply:

"DEAREST HONOR: Of course I long see you, but unfortunately the house Large as it is, it is crammed "My dear, I don't want to refuse

I do long to see you. Will you sleep in the Tapestry room? for of course it is empty. I dore not put any bearth, body else there, but I don't think you. I got Honor, will be afraid of the ghost. If the Tapestry room will do, come, and a shousand welcomes. I can put up your maid. Your loving friend, MARY CLIFFORD.

To this letter I made a short an-"I do not believe in the ghost. Tapestry room will do beautifully. Expect me to-morrow."

The next evening I arrived at Aspen's Vale in time for dinner. The Tapestry room looked charming. fell in love with it at once, and vowed

The Tapestry roon was quite away from the rest of the bonse-it was at the extreme end of the wing. No

other bedrooms were in the wing. Altogether, this wing of the old case seemed dead. Visitors only came to it out of curiosity; they paid brief visits, and prefected doing so in broad daylight. Old as the other rooms in the wing

ked, the Tapestry room bore quite he paint of ancient appearance. The furniture was all of the blackest oak; the bedstead the usual fourposter on which our ancestors loved to stretch themselves. But the curious feature of the room, that which gave it its name, was the tapestry. Not an inch of the walls was to be seen; they were hung completely with very ancient and very faded tapestry. Dame Clifford, of long, long by gone days, had worked it, with the help of her maidens. She had come to an untimely end on the very day on which

the great work of her life had been completed. It does not matter to this story what became of the proud and fair dame, out it was her ghost which was said to haunt the wing, and the Tapestry chamber in particular. Warden, my maid, as she helped me to undress,

looked quite pale with terror. "They do say, ma'am, as Dame Clifford appears with her head tucked under arm, and threads from the old ta pestry hanging to her skeleton fingers. She's dressed in gray silk, that don't rustle never a bit, though 'tis so thick it might stand all alone, they do say. Tis awful lonesome tor you, madam to sleep here alone, and I'll stay with you with pleasure if it comes to that, though my nerves aren't none of the strongest.

I thanked Warden, however, and assured her that I was not in the least face, left me alone. I heard her footdied away. I was now out of reach of all human help, for in this distant hinges, and my life would be the forroom, in this distant wing, no possible sounds could reach any other inhabitants of Aspen's Vale.

I think I have implied that I was married life, even in the sad depression known physical fear; nevertheless, when the last of Warden's footsteps echoed out and died, and that profound pressive, I had a curious sensation. I did not call it fear, I did not know

but it made me uncomfortable, and a fresh entrance into my chamber. caused my heart to beat irregularly. The sensation was this-I felt that I the sash, and bent half out. Into the was not alone. Of course it was fancy; and what strong young voice.

had I to do with fancy ? I determined to bamsh this nocemfortable feeling from my mind, and it and sat down.

frightened before she icft me, that out of consideration for her feelings I had allowed her to leave the jewels which I had worn that evening on the dress-There they lay, a set of very valuable brilliants. There was an old-

shiver. I was not alone.

the chamber. Some one-not a ghost. was heard: That eye was human, or I had never looked on human eye before. I was child ?" alone with a thief, perhaps with worse, and gems of immense value lay within his reach. I was absolutely alone, not a soul could hear the most agonized We instantly

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it before-that I was a very brave wohe nerves which a few minutes be- he had never been. were beginning strangely to I never started nor exclaimed.

my knowledge to my terrible guest. I nation and my chances of escape.

Nothing but perfect coolness could win the victory. I resolved to be very cool. With a fervent and passionate cry to I slipped several costly rings off my

ly about. I denuded myself of all but my wedding-ring. Then I put the extinguishers on the

ingers. I left them scattered careless-

candles—they were wax, and stood in massive silver candlesticks. liant with the light of the fire on the markable. I got into bed, laid my head on the

pillow, and closed my eyes. It may have been ten minutes-it seemed more like an hour to my strained senses—before I heard the faintest most influential county magnates, was movement. Then I discovered a little necessarily much occupied with his rustle behind the tapestry, and a man magisterial duties during this time. got out. When he did so I opened Every mcrning he went early into my eyes wide; at that distance he Lewis, the town where the Assizes could not possibly see whether they were held. One morning he told us of were open or shut. He was a power a case which interested him. ful man, of great height and breadth. He had a black beard, and a quantity of thick black hair. I noticed his fea before me, but has never yet been contures, which were telerably regular.

The man did not glance toward the bed, he went straight, with no particularly quiet step, to the dressing-table. visit to the court, and see for ourselves I closed my eyes now, but I heard him taking up my trickets and dropping them again. Then he approached the bedside. I felt bim come close, I felt his breath as he bent over me. I was

was breathing gently. He went away again; he returned to the dressing-table. I heard him rather noisily strike a match, then with a lighted candle in his hand he once more apprached the bed. This time he bent very low indeed, and I felt the heat of the flame as he passed it softly before my closed eyes. I lay still, however; not a movement, not a hurried

breath, betraved me. I heard him give a short satisfied sigh. Again, candle in hand he returned to the dressing-table. Once more I heard the clinking sound of my trinkets as they fell through his fin-

There was a pause, and then-for no reason that I could ever explain-he his eyes on the ground. left the trinkets untouched on the table, and went to the door. He opened the door and know not what he went for-per-

haps to fetch a companion, certainly to return-but I did know that my opportunity had come. In an instant, quicker than thought, I had started from my feigned slumbers; I was at the door, I had bolted and locked it. There were several bolts to this old-fashioned door, there were even chains.

ty chain secure. I was not an instant I had scarcely fastened the last chain, with fingers that trembled, before the thief returned. He saw that he had been outwitted and his savage anger knew no bounds. afraid: and she, with a well-relieved He kicked at the door, he called on me wildly to open it : he assured me that steps echoing down the corridor-they he had accomplices outside, that they would soon burst the old door from its

To my terror, I perceived that his words were no idle boast. The old door, secured by its many fastenings brave. In my girlhood, in my short on one side, was weak on the other; its hinges were nearly eaten through of my early widowhood, I had never with rust; they needed but some vigorous kicks to burst them from their

resting-places in the wood. I knew that I was only protected for stillness followed which can be op- a few minutes, that even if the thief was alone he had but to continue to was in part assuaged by the assurassail the door as vigorously as he was sance from his mother that if he would it for that grim and pale-faced tyrant; now doing for a little longer, to gain dry his tears he might go and see his I rushed to the window, I threw up

> "Help, help !-thieves !-fire !-danger !-help, help ! I shouted these words over and over,

clear calm air of the night I sent my

heard a dog bark. I redoubled my cries. The bark of fashioned mirror over the mantle-piece, the dog was followed by footsteps;

a coward, for he spoke. came to me. I felt that I was getting

quite silly and nervous. There was "What is wrong " he said. "This is wrong," I answered; "I am nothing for me but to get into bed as n extreme danger-extreme danger. I was about to rise from my easy-There is not a moment to lose. Go inchair and go over to the old-fashioned four-poster, when again my attention was attracted to the glass over my stantly—instantly, and wake up the house, and say that I, Mrs. Crawford, am in extreme danger in the Tapestry head. It was hung in such a way as wing. Go at once-at once!" to reveal a large portion of the room, and I now saw, not the diamonds, but seemed to understand. He dew away,

something else.
In the folds of the dim and oldthe dog following him. I instantly threw myself on world tapestry I saw something move and glitter. I looked again; there was no mistaking it—it was an eye, a ed before. Would the man be in was no mistaking it—it was an eye, a human eye, looking fixedly at me time! Must my young life be sacrificed! Ah! no. God was good. I knew why I felt that I was not alone. There was some one hidden between on the door ceased suddenly, and the the tapestry hangings and the wall of next instant the squire's hearty voice

> I did let him in, and his wife, and several alarmed-looking servants who

"Let me in, Honor! What is wrong,

hair and white lock over his forehead which may not be erected for years The imminence of the peril steadied had vanished as completely as though

with his feet on the old oak door, I felt that I had in no way betrayed there was not a trace of his existence. I believe the servants doubted that sat perfectly still, thinking out the sit- he had ever been, and only thought | ded on one side a wing of more pre-One above for succor, I rose from my never got a clue to where or how the chair, and going to the dressing table, man had disappeared. how the with its thick walls and great chimney

visit at Aspen's Vale. This time I did not sleep in the Tapestry room. I now occupied a most cheerful, modern and unghost-like room, and but for one circumstance my visit The room, however, was still bril- would have been thoroughly unre- are called upon to think, who read of

Ten years later I was again on a

This was the circumstance which seems in a wonderful way to point a moral to my curious tale. I paid my visit to the Cliffords during the As a case which interested him.

victed. He is unquestionably a thief : laughingly that the ghost and I would I also noticed another peculiarity; indeed, one of the notorious characters bees are found in the little door-yard. make friends.

My maid, however, looked grave over my jesting remarks; it was plain lock was flung back off his forehead—

so white was it that the ghost and I would among his raven locks was one per in the place; but he is such a slippery dog, no jury has yet found him guilty.

Well, he is to be tried again to-day, and I do he is to be tried again. that she believed in supernatural visi- so white was it that the fire instantly and I do hope we shall have some luck with him this time. The Squire went away, and it came into his wife's head and mine to pay a

> the prisoner in whom he was inter-No sooner said than done. drove into Lewis, and presently found ourselves in the large and crowded lying on my sid . my eyes were shut, I building. When we entered, the case under discussion had not begun, but a moment after a fresh prisoner was

ushered into the dock. What was the matter with me? found my sight growing dim, I found myself bending forward, and peering hard. The memory of an old terror came back, the sensation of a couple of hours of mortal agony returned to me Who was in the prisoner's again. dock ! I knew the man. He was my guest of the Tapestry chamber of ten

vears ago. There he stood, surly, indifferent, with his vast breadth and height, his raven black hair, and that peculiar white lock flung back from his brow. He did not glance at any one, but kept

I could not contain myself; I forgot everything but my sense of discovery. I started to my feet, and spoke.
"Mr. Clifford, I know that man; he was in my room ten years ago. Do you remember the night when I got the terrible fright in the Tapestry chamber in your house! There is the man who frightened me. I could never forget his face. There he stands"

Whatever effects my words had on doubt at all of their remarkable signif-I drew every bolt, I made every rusicance to the prisoner. His indifferonce left him; he stared with wideopen and terrified eyes at me. It was hands.

the terror of the neighborhood, and no subsequent career may be I know not; this is the present end of a strange and perfectly true story .- Cassell.

A little boy's grief upon being refused permission to attend a circus, father have a tooth extracted.

Wonderful Speed on a Bicycle.

stirring the fire to a cheerful blaze, I but there was no response, except an drew one of the black oak chairs near echo. My room looked into a distant last week on the Crystal Palace path evening, it is a sure fact eggs can be wand sat down.

Warden had looked so pale and whole household was in bed.

shrubbery; the hour was late, the by English comes nearer to flying than produced at eight and three-fourths anything else. The most wonderful cents per dozen, and at thirty fee The thief outside was evidently making way with the rusty hinges, and I five minutes thirty-six seconds for two do to invest.-Massachusetts Ploughwas preparing, at the risk of any con-sequences, the moment he entered the Hon. Ion Keith Falconer, and I never room to leap from the window, when I expected to see it beaten very far. But here is a man who completes the two and as I sat by the fire I saw the re-flection of my diamonds in the glass. branches, which crackled under the As I noticed their sparkle, again that strange sensation returned, this time man came and stood under the wildow more strongly, this time with a cold shiver. I gas not alone. I perceived by shiver. I gas not alone. who was in the Tapestry chamber? He stood un'er the window; he seemtru . after sli ? Of course I did not bed terrified; perhaps he took me for certainly beat two minutes forty seclieve it. I laughed aloud as the idea the ghost. He was not, however, all onds for one mile.—London World.

The Virginia Mountains.

A correspondent of the New York

Evening Post, travelling in the mountainous district of Virginia, says :-The majority of dwellings in this region, outside of the villages, are built of logs. There is but one general pat-tern. There are two rooms below, into one of which the front and back doors open (if there be two doors), and there are always few windows. The typical ground-plan seems to have been made when glass and window sashes were difficult to obtain, and one window generally is made to suffice for a room. Sometimes there is a second floor, or rather an attic under the roof, which must have window, but unnecessary openings in a log house are to be avoided as weakening the structure. The chimney is usually a substantial feature of the edifice, and is built of stone, unless brick happens to be convenient. It is almost always on the outside of the house, at one end, but there is many a little structure here which boasts two a soul could hear the most agonized cry for help in this distant room.

Now I knew—if I had ever doubted Name of I had ever doubted nad disappeared.

We instantly began to look for the chimneys, which, in such cases, dwarf the house itself. Many a time, too, one chimney is finished and the place That terrible man with the black left at the other end for the other, Sometimes a farmer having a thousand, two thousand, or even more acres, and Except for the marks he had made large riches in flocks and herds, not to mention stocks in moneyed corporations, will still live in the log-house of his fathers. Perhaps he will have ad affording a hearthstone on which great logs may be rolled, where by the light of the rich pine wood ("light-wood" it is called), one may read with ease and comfort. Those pioneers who learned their lessons under such circumstances are not to be so much pitied as we

> them only in campaign biograph Sometimes these cabins are of almost idyllic charm. There is one clinging to the mountain side behind this house that would do the eyes of a Northern housekeeper good to see. It consists of two rooms, but each one in this instance is a house by itself, separated from the other by a few feet. One of them boasts a second story, Outside they are white-washed to a brilliant uniformity. Inside the walls are cov-"He is a hardened villain," he said ; ered with paper, but it is old newspa-"he has again and again been brought pers. Neatness seems to have reached its ultimate possibility in the houses both inside and out. Hives of busy as early as November of that year cas-The grounds are neatly cared for, though the unbroken forest lies all vessels during the spring succeeding, about, and the mountain rises perpen- and the Board of Health, then in its dicularly behind the place. Through jufancy, organized a pretty thorough the spring-house there runs a mountain stream, which cools the milk, and makes the atmosphere in which the churning is done invigorating in the hottest summer day. The housekeeper

> > duce and fruits to the summer visitors, and goes to school somewhere in the hills during the cold season. The little clearing that surrounds the house is like an oasis in a desert. There is another building, the smokehouse, which is usually prominent on the farmstead. It is a structure of brick not quite as high as the house, but often not much less, having holes at the sides for the smoke to issue from. In it the hams are hung when ready to be cured, and there they are the "reeking filthiness" of the two citeft under lock until needed for use. Almost all houses have near them, too. receptacle for leaching ashes, made by boards slanting together in the ly small proportions, and in confining hape of a V., and supported in position by a square frame which binds together four posts that are are fixed in he ground at its corners. I have noticed besides a kettle filled with chips

furnish a family dye. Poultry-Poultry House.

In breeding and managing fowls it seems as though the new beginner has the Squire and the Judge, there is no many difficulties to overcome. First I find it best to arrange the houses as best he can for fifty hens. The house should be inside fourteen by thirty-six feet on back side, eight feet front ; the plain that I recognized him, he also windows in front may come within two recognized me. All his bravado left feet of the ground. Posts set in the nim; he muttered something, his face ground, the lower board on the post was blanched, then suddenly he fell on eight inches wide; then run five-inch his knees and covered it with his boards from the lower board to the plate on the post, of three ply tarred My evidence was remarkable and paper; tack three-ply tarred paper, one conclusive; and that day, for the first and one half cent per square foot, run time, Hercales Armstrong was committed to psison. He had long been the terror of the neighborhood, and no one regretted the just punishment which had fallen on him. What his and costs about three-fifths what boards

costs, and much cheaper. As to inside arrangements, make the roost of two by three scantlings, chamfer the corners, take one-inch bit and make holes for the legs eighteen inches high, cleats across the legs to hold the droppings, which may be cleaned off every three days. To keep free from vermin rise one end, turn kerosene oil over the roost, touch the match to it and it will consume vermin and mites together without any trou-

When the house is kept clean dis-While scientists are striving might case and vermin will disappear and a and main to fly through the air, our good healthy fowl will appear and pay less lofty-minded bicyclists are attain- a profit on money invested. With soft ing the art of volition upon the earth. warm feed in the morning, oats, barley. anything else. The most wonderful cents per dozen, and at thirty-five record always seemed to me to be the cents per dozen, as at present, it will

A SUITABLE NICKNAME. - Isn't 'Collary Button' rather an odd nickname miles in some four seconds less, and to give your boy?' asked a gentleman then proceeds eighteen miles farther at of a friend, who had just addressed his great delicacy an owl cooked with

little curious, but it suits the boy first the world, with a membership of 14,-

Why do you think the nickname Collar Button' suits the boy !

SELECT POETRY.

Looking at Both Sides.

The good wife bustled about the house Her face still bright with a pleasant smile, As broken anatches of nappy song Strengthened her neart and her hands the The good man sat in the chimney nook,

His little clay pipe within his lips, And all he'd made and all he had lost, Ready and clear on his finger tips. "Good wife, I've just been thinking a bit; Nothing has done very well this year. Money is bound to be hard to get, How the cattle are going to get fed. Is a kind of debit and credit sum

I can't make balance by any rule." She turned her around from the baking roard, And she faced him there with a cheerful 1 agh; Why, husband, dear, one would really think That the good rich wheat was only chaff.

And what if the wheat is only chaff, So long as we both are well and strong But—somehow or other we get along.

"Into all lives some rain must fall, Over all lands the storm must beat, But when the storm and rain are over The sunshine is sure to be twice as sweet Through every strait we have found a road, In every grief we have found a song; We have had to bear and had to wait. But somehow or other, we get along. Was thiere years we have loved each other Stood by each other whatever befeil; Six boys have called us 'father' and 'mother, And all of them living and doing well. We owe no man a penny, my dear, Are both of us loving and well and strong Good man, I wish you would smoke again, And think how well we have got along. He filled his pipe with a pleasant laugh, He kissed his wife with a tender pride; He said, "I'll do as you tell me, love;

"Somehow or other we get along!" The Chances of Cholera Next Year,

I'll just count up on the other side." She left him then with his better thought,

A song that's followed me many a year-

And lifted her work with a low sweet song

The outbreak of cholera in Paris late n the Autumn revives and strengthens the apprehensions which have been so generally felt by physicians of both Europe and America, that next ye, would be marked by a cholera epide. ic more widespread and more fatal than hat of 1884. Accordingly, anxious equiries are made as to our preparaons to ward off the pestilence, and as o the probabilities of its visiting New York, despite the best sanitary care of

The last time that New York suffered from cholera to any great extent was in the summer and autumn of 1866 and 1867. Then; as now, the health officers expected its coming, for it was epidemic in Europe during 1866, and es were brought here on the Atlanta. More cases arrived on the incoming ystem of samtary measures, of relief and medical advice, adapted to the possible exigencies of a great epiden

Owing to these precautions, the visiand every member of the family (even tation was far less severe and general the man!) are inspired by the same than previous cholera epidemics had spirit of neatness, and although sepa-rated from all the world by circumbeen. The business streets and the more cleanly parts of the city were almost entirely exempt from it, but as the report of the Health Board for 2.56 stances, they do not allow themselves to fall into carele habits. The son, a little fellow of a dozen years, sells prosays, "from Bowling Green to K gsbridge, cholera selected its fields, and fearfully menaced all foul places. Meanwhile the well-drained and well built districts escaped, with but thee or four exceptions, and "not a respectable hotel or commercial visitor in the city was reached by infection."

At that time the condition of both New York and Brooklyn as to cleanliness was bad. The report for 1867 speaks of the difficulty of the task in which the Board engaged, because of ies. But in the face of such a grawback, the sanitary officers succeeded in reducing the epidemic to comparativet within limited areas. The map of the districts affected by cholera from May, 1866, to December, 1867, shows that they included a small space in the vicinity of the Battery inhabited by a soaking in water, which I am told is to crowded population, and other portions of the city where the tenement houses were numerous. The region above Amity street and lying between the Sixth and Lexington avenues was scarcely touched. In fine, only cholera appeared in those quarters of the town where diarrhoral diseases were most wont to prevail, and coincidently with the appearance of cholera such

diseases increased their ravages. It is true that the city is even more crowded than it was then; that proportionately the tenement house poplation is greater, and that every summer diarrhoal diseases prevail extensively in the parts of the town whe the number of inhabitants to the square acre is largest. But every year the Health Department is extending the area benefitted by its efforts, and every year better comprehends the task before it.

We do not, therefore, look toward next summer with great alarm. Very likely there will be cases of cholera here, but at the Quarantine and in the Health Department there will be a constant watch for their appearance, and the methods of preventing the spread of the disease will of course be promptly applied. We see that this year, though cholera has been severe in the south of France and in Italy, and has now entered Paris to some extent, it has not disturbed London, where the sanitary condition is so much better than the French capital. In fact, in Paris, districts of the city are still badly dranied, and some of the domestic arrangements are not very far in advance of those of a century ago; it is to those districts, too, that cholera bas been confined .- N. Y. Sun.

Carrying out in the daily life .l.c principles of honesty and fairness is the very best and most efficient means of benefiting the community, and the only foundation on which build the benevolence worthy of the name.

The Indians of Nevada esteem as a sauer kraut stuffing.

There are 138,065 Masonic lodges in 100,548.

"Why is a young man like a kernel Because, was the reply, 'when he of corn ?" asked a young lady. "Beslips out in the evening I am never cause," said another, "he truns white able to find him." when he pops."