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mured, trying to lay his hand on Nor ton's bowed head, as he knelt beside

relief that the pledge exacted was one

he could accept. He would make Hel-

en's well-being the study of his life.
"It can be done but in one way," re-

sumed the old man with dangerous ex-

citement, "that is, by making her your

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ery was possible. Time proved hope

retreated; health dawned once more.

Through the week of convalescence

blind to aught but fear. Only when a

letter from his wife arrived-coaxing.

perself, scorned to see spot or blemis

long happiness he had blotted for

nately for all, chance was his fetish.

Letters from Heidelberg became more

mperative in tone, demands for mon-

following Norton to England, and dis-

Nor were threats of

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NORTON BLAKE'S DILEMMA.

"Is it true, Norton? Is your uncle eally dying!" The speaker's eyes were sparkling.

her checks flashed, her fingers toying with the white robes of a baby upon her knee, her intonation that of elated triumph.
Words and manner struck Norton Blake sharply. He threw down the

telegram with a short "Yes. "Are you sorry?" Mrs. Blake asked, in tart surprise. "Why, you've wish-ed a thousand times I were mistress of Another prominent doctor of Providence says that "I am frequently arged to use other preparations assubstitutes for Huxt's [Kidlers and Liver] Rassion. I find on rying them that they are worthless a comparison to it." tiful park on a white pony!"

Norton regarded her with amaze-

ment-her speech sounded so utterly heartless. "Sorry," he repeated, slowly. "Surev. Myra, you forget that my uncle has left everything to you-everything ! tilled a father's place to me from my Even Hleen have I trusted to you. But

"Oh, no, I don't," she retorted, with a disagreeable laugh; "nor the filial re-spect you have always shown him. Also, I remember your many aspira-tions that Providence would allow the A warning pressure from the dosame—a calamity—to end this miserable concealment. Really, Norton, you have neither courage to face the consequences of your own actions, nor grip the deliverance Fortune sends

With a muttered imprecation, Noron Blake left the room. Experience had taught him the futility of arguing wife. You will fulfill the wish of my with his wife; but through the ensu-ing long journey he had leisure in which to ponder over and debate the not deny me the only thing I ask!"

Again the warning pressure as f his relative's danger had acted like a douche of cold water on the physical organization of a drunkard, recalling him to himself, but stinging him with to his brow, his lips trembled. sense of his own degradation.

Treated by his uncie with an indul-ence shown by few parents, he had "Pacify him in some way—any way fled at school and scraped through college. He was no profligate-neither gamed nor drank ; yet his fatal propensity of snatching the moment's pensity of snatching the moment's paralyzed his will. Through his home-pleasure, leaving care for the morrow, ward journey he had persuaded himself had blighted the sunny prospect of a that nothing should induce him to let life whose crowning folly he was too his uncle die in ignorance of his true

During a long vacation—supposed by his nucle to be passed with a tutor in Scotland—he met, at a fashionable he had told h mself—and now? watering-place, a girl-woman, rather whose blue eyed, golden-haired charms shrill voice rang piercingly imperative, and practiced graces had bewildered and captivated his youthful fancy. His superior in years and knowledge of the world, but beneath him in birth and world, but beneath him in birth and world, but beneath him in birth and world. education, she was too keenly alive to ised. the social advantages derivable from an alliance with the heir of an old and Mr. Blake cried with feverish impawealthy country family to let him slip tience. "Let me hear her promise too. could have happened to him, had he of trusting strength on her beautiful but known it—she accomplished her face. purpose, and he married her. His col shrinking, awe struck reserve, as she lege life had ended, and fearing lest glanced from the gray, imperious feathis rash act should be discovered, he persuaded his uncle that a continent tour was the fitting interlude between look of pain and fear. Looking wonit and settling down to the active duties deringly from one to the other, the

The couple were at Heidelberg when the news of Mr. Blake's illness arrived. It betokened some latent good in Norton's character that, although these tidings might have been supposed to solve his difficulties, they awakened in his breast but a feeling of sorrowful remorse, leavened perhaps, by satisfaction that, owing to the season being is struck coldly to her heart, so joyless, winter, and the tender age of her child, so despairing, were the eyes that met his wife was debarred from accompany-

ing him from England. As the first misery lessened came the remembrance of a forgotten complica-tion in his affairs. Mr. Blake's household numbered another member be sides his nephew. This was the orphan daughter of an old fellow officer, to whom Mr. Blake had given the shelter of his home and the affection of a father. That Norton and Helen Venne should be united-so sharing equally the wealth and station he must in time resign-was his dearest wish. A tacit

inderstanding to that effect had exist ed for some time. No definite promises had been exchanged, but Norton knew what was expected of him on his

Also, that were his uncle alive when e reached The Court, the disclosure of his marriage would be certainly fol-lowed by disinheritance; were he dead, it would deprive Helen of home and fortune. Whichever way he lookd he saw nothing but trouble ahead. How he cursed his weak, infatuated foly as the train whirled him through the dark night, the howling wind and dreary, up-piled snow!

Night's silence brooded over The Court as Norton drew up to the familiar door. Only a watch-dog's baying broke the stillness. Brilliant moon-beams silvered the sharp snow crystals covering lawn and flower beds; ruddy pleading, threatening—did his check firelight from within touched with irilescent tints those clustered on win- en's clear brow wore, sometimes, a furdow sill and pane. So had be seen the old house wrapped in its snow man strange handwriting on the missive tle on many a winter night. Its unlying by his plate at breakfast time changed beauty awakened a yearning pain as for something passed beyond his reach forever—something unvalued before, whose loss brought shame, re-

morse, misgiving.

The warmth rushed out to meet hir as the heavy door opened. More reded hall than on the snow without. It flickered softly on Helen's burnished head as she greeted him with outstretched hands, tender, shining, welsoming eyes, cheeks carmined with

Her loveliness struck him like a revelation. The touch of her hands made im shiver. Imagination placed beside her the figure of the woman whom he had made his wife. He turned aside with a gesture of dismay—an in-

ward groan. "He is alive-he is, indeed!" Helen said eagerly, mistaking his movement thinking Norton feared her uttering the grim "Too late!" He heard the wheels; you must go to him without delay. He has wetched for your com-

covering for herself the cause of her husband's detention, lacking on the The doctor came out of the sick He he had caused Mr. Blake.

"Your uncle longs to see you," he said, laying hand impressively on the young man's arm, "but I cannot allow jou to enter his room nuless you are rible fear, a terrible foreboding of calasure you can control your feelings.
Remember, the least excitement may—
nay must—be fatal. Gainsay him in
nothing. Let him die in peace."

A choking sensation rose in Norton's throat as he passed to the bedside. Over a way of escape, but none pre-The gray head lay motionless upon the pillow, but the dimming eyes, flooded dared not encounter his uncle's wrath pillow, but the dimming eyes, flooded with affection, fastened on his face— or Helen's scorn. Nothing remained to him but flight -flight from a danger the feeble fingers enclosed his lov-

ingly. "You have come at last!" he mur ne was too cowardly to face. IV. But two days remained before that xed for the wedding. The Court was the bed. "What has kept you from thronged with guests, and gay with me so long-my boy, my son ?"
Norton muttered something unintelmerry voices, badinage and jest. In the ivy-draped windows lights were beligible, the realization of his deceit bowginning to twinkle as in bitter-almost ing his head yet lower. With a sudfrenzied musings. So abstracted was be, that he scarcely noticed a station Mr. Blake roused himself, and unheedfly which, entering through the lodge gates, slowly passed him in the dusk. ing any reply, continued:
"You are my heir, Norton. I have Neither did he remark a face which peering through the glass, swiftly recognize him, and as quickly disappeared into the recesses of the vehicle. As now, lying here, I misdoubt if I have acted wisely by her. Promise, by all you hold sacred, that you will make he wearily mounted the last step to the door he became aware of a strange Helen and her interests that the first hubbub of arrival in the hall. eyes fell on a blue-eyed, blonde-haired A warning pressure from the doc-tor's fingers and Norton promised. Sinfigure he knew but too well-his ears cerely too; indeed he felt a sense of

were pierced by a high-pitched voice only too familiar. There, too, stood Gretchen, the maid—even her stolid German phlegm stirred to interest as she presented her white-robed bundle to the astonished visitors and servants whose progress across the hall, or chatting by its wide fireplace, had been arrested to ascertain the cause of the umult.

heart-ratify the tacit bond between you? Oh, Norton, say you will-do Norton saw it all as in a vivid phe ograph. He heard his wife's shrill Again the warning pressure as the voice exclaiming, with a toss of her flaxen head, and sarcastic laugh which doctor vainly tried to soothe his patient. Norton hesitated. What could jarred his nerves so acutely : he say-what do ! The color mounted

"Oh, there's no mistake-none whatever, I assure you! I am Mrs. Norton "Say something for heaven's sake !" Blake, and this is our little son. have every proof of what I assert. passed my husband in the avenue. In -or I cannot answer for the consefew minutes he will be here to corrobarate my statement. Gretchen, raise baby's veil, and let Mr. Blake see how Once more Norton's fatal weakness closely he resembles his father.

The old man had tottered into the hall to see what the confusion meant. Norton saw his face harden into a ter position, his offense unforgiven as unrible sternness of disbelief as he confronted the intruder. He saw the whitening of Helen's lips and the defiant anguish in her eyes. "Promise, Norton, promise!" The

The great door still stood open. The ly waited, with its piled up luggage, below the terrace steps. Norton press ed yet closer into the shadow of the portico, and caught his breath to hear his wife's next words.

"My husband's continued absence "Bring Helen! Where is Helen?" was so unaccountable," she continued, with again the harsh laugh she fancied through her fingers. By artifice, cajolory, and threats of appealing to the ery, and threats of appealing to the elder Mr. Blake—the best thing which bed with an expression of calm repose, utterly inconvenient, but Norton—dear, Quickly this changed to one of easy fellow !-will be delighted with the pleasant surprise I have planned for him. Norton waited to hear no more. He

ures of the dying man to those of her —as she believed—lover set in a white slank noiselessly down the steps, sped swiftly through the gardens and fled in the darkness of the coming poor girl faltered out the promise required of her, Mr. Blake holding in Hidden away among the glades of the park lay a placid, hazel-fringed mere. Feathery larches waved over, his the hand of each as the words were

illies spread their broad leaves and It was to Helen but the sealing of a silver cups upon, its still waters. vow-muttered, indeed, but long exis-But the morrow's sunbeams, parting tent. No doubt of Norton's truth or the fragrant larch plumes with slender. honor assailed her. Yet, looking up shing fingers, fell on something which into his pale, drawn face, a vague pan the spreading lilly leaves tried pityingly to conceal. From the yellow hazel catkins the dew dropped like trars upon the dead face of a man whose "Nune dimittis!" the sick man murody had drifted under the shelter of mured, and sank back upon the pillows

ton Blake. To the amazement alike of doctor coward's one of suicide, or that, in his the egg out of his sight. and friends Mr. Blake rallied from the bewilderment he had wandered unstupor into which he fell after his in wittingly to the mere, missed his terview with Norton, drank the draught ing in the darkness, and slipped into prescribed for him, sank into a calm treacherous depths, it was an impossi slumber and awoke so much improved that hope whispered anew that recov

bility to determine. A gamekeeper, going his early rounds found him in the pool. He was carright. After many fluctuations beried back to The Court, and "Death by misadventure" was the verdict at the inquest. "Death through selfish weakness" would have been a truer the same imperious mandate wielded its iron sway. No excitement, no thwarting was on any account to be

Mr. Blake never recovered the shock and dissapointment of his nephew's death. He sank into a dotage, and Morning by morning Norton Blake rose from his bed vowing that, at all risks, he would before night disclose for many tedious years Helen-a sadeyed, permaturery aged woman-was his devoted guardian. The only bright thing in her life was

the fact of his marriage to Helen and his uncle. Evening always found him Norton's little son, whom-humilated, foresworn. Gradually the stifled confrightened and subdued by the dreadscience yielded to the fascination of ul result of her managuvre-Mrs the hour-allowed him to drift aimless. Blake had consented to relinquish and ly down the stream of circumstances. leave in Mr. Blake's charge, on the condition that his future would be pro-Alas! the seductions of the moment were all too sweet, the flowry path only to alluring, Vainly honor spoke and duty called; he was deaf and On an allowance, also supplied by

Mr. Blake, she returned to the associa-

besides poor stricken Mr. Blake and his dear adopted daughter. If the height of a Fall bonnet was strange handwriting on the missive the theatres would have to be raised. and noticed his futile efforts to conceal

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J. H. Mercer wishes to state that he Yet no thought of sparing her crosson its merits. It is with pleasure he ed his mind. If any remembrance of guarantees to the public Acker's Engthe anguish surely awaiting Helen mo lish Remedy as a sure and never fail mentarily disturbed him, he quieted it by reflecting that chance often solves ing cure for Asthma, Coughs, Whooping Cough, Croup, and all Lung Troutime's riddles in a manner equally unbles. It is the standard remedy for expected and pleasant, and, unfortu-Consumption. I have never found its equal. So the year budded into spring, and the charmed dream neared its end.

J. H. Mercer wishes to make an assertion, which he can back with a it superior merits over all other remedpositive and sure cure for Rheumatism, part of Mrs. Blake.

The master of The Court was intent upon accomplishing his nephew's marriage. Helen was busy making her

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"Yes, I know I seem to bear it like didly that with the perpetual change found pity which the captive man and of diet, water and climate, and if I had brother excited in the sensitive soul of not maintained my vigor with regular use of Warner's safe cure I should have gone under long ago."

ing and traveling men generally, among whom it is a great favorite.

#### Raw Eggs for the Sick.

We may speak of an article, says the N. Y Medical Journal, highly nutricious, easily digested and retained, and but little used, viz : raw eggs. The only objection to their use the individual objections of the patients, and this only before the first is taken, for they seldom object after ward. The egg may be broken into a glass, care being taken that the yolk is body had drifted under the shelter of months. It goes without saying that they read with their fingers, getting the bank, and that dead man was Nor the egg should be carefully selected; more from simply turning over the

#### Fires in the White House

There was a fire in the Treasury last week. The city water works were comparatively useless at the time, and it is a wonder that the tons of valuable records and files were not destroyed. In the attic of the Treasury there is enough manuscript records to cover the state of Ohio. The accounts and certificates of the national banks of the country are kept here, and had the got into the Congressional Library nothing could save its half million books. Every one knows of the Capittol after the battle of Bladensburg, when the Capitol and the White House and all the public buildings were burning Van Buren's time. It was on Saturday evening, and the President was tes of her early life, and soon remarried giving one of his state dinners. The -to the not little satisfaction of others party were at the table when a servant ran in and whispered some words to President Van Buren He quietly ex-cused himself and left the room. He was taken down to the kitchen which proportionate to its price, the roofs of he found to be in flames. A few buckets of water, hower, sufficed to put out the fire, and he then returned to the company and explained the reason of his absence. When he had finished

Henry Clay took the occasion to make one of his happy speeches. He said : "Mr. President, I am doing all I can io get you out of this bouse, but I assuredly do not want to burn you out !" There was another fire in the President's mansion in Washington's days. This occured while Washington was has at last found an article he can sell on its merits. It is with pleasure he one of Martha Washington's drawing rooms, and a great party had assem-bled. The ceilings of the President's ouse were very low, and it was the fashion then for ladies to wear estrich feathers in their head dresses. A Mis McIvers, a New York belle, had feathn passing under the chandelier they caught fire and her whole head promised soon to be in flames. positive guarantee. It is all about Jackson, an aide de camp of the Presi-Acker's Blood Elixir. He claims for dent, was the first to notice it. He toes there are those that are not conflew to the young lady's rescue, and sidered marketable that are equally as ies of its kind, and guarantees for it a clapping the feathers in his hands good for family use. Do not sort too succeded in extinguishing the flames

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Marking Books. The true book lover is not always best adapted to getting from books the best service. His very fondness for his library often makes him treat it "Billy" Emerson has recently made with a certain deference and consider ation which interferes with its useful ness; while som; rough book-tyrant, who rides rough-shod over his volumes, will wring from them an amount of help and support of which the bibliographer has neither experience or con-ception. The man, for instance, who really respects his books, treating them He visited Australia in 1847 and on as friends if not as superiors, would rehis return to America joined Haver gard as nothing less than sacrilege the means by which certain tough-skinned \$500 a week and expenses. With readers help themselves to the ends this troupe he played before her maj- they desire. It would be as impossible esty, the queen, the Prince of Wales, for him to dog ear the leaves, pencil and royalty generally. After this trip the margins, break the backs, or make e leased the Standard theatre, San a scrap book of the blank pages, as to Francisco, where for three years he "peep and botanize upon his mother's did the largest business ever known to grave." He could no more deficur minstrelsy. In April last he went to with foul marks the fair white pages Australia again, where he has "beaten of the volume whose guest he became, as it were, by being allowed to peruse it, than he could bring dishonor upon the house of his human entainer, whose salt he had eaten and whose wine he had drunk. The reader who scores the the world, have met all sorts of peo- passages which attract his attention is to him a Goth, a Vandal, or whatever outer barbarian may be even worse than these redoubtable destroyers. He sees with a shudder such a one take up a volume, and has for every book major and I do, but I tell you can- in the destroyer's library the same pro found pity which the captive man and

so extreme a standpoint, we still seem George H. Primrose, whose name is to find good and sufficient reasons why known in every amusement circle in the practice of marking books is a America, is even more emphatic, if needless and senseless one. Allowing possible, than "Billy" Emerson, in com- that a book is made for use, and that nendation of the same article to sport- the student must consider himself before he does his books, it may still be granted that, other things being equal, Emerson has grown rich on the a method of use which defaces the boards and so has Primrose because book is not so desirable as one which they have not squandered the public's does not; and for a dozen obvious reasons, if one wishes to make usable references to the books he reads, noth-Horses working in the field require ing is so practical, so tidy and so simwatering more than three times a day, ple as a system of slips arranged like When a horse plunges its head deep a card index. The student is very litinto the trough to drink, it is injurious- the better off for having pencil marks thirsty and has been suffering, against passages which have pleased While the owner visits the water jug him at first reading; he has simply in-kept in the shade about once every dulged a childish desire to express his hour, he scarcely ever thinks of his team, laboring in the dust, and suffer-his hands or stamp his foot as to dab a ing from thirst. It is a good plan to black scratch down the clean margin carry a supply of water to the field for of the page before him. Of the hunthe horses on a light drag, which is as dred people who marks books, it is safe easily taken as to drive the horses or to say that ninety-five per cent. have lead them to the field in harness alone, no purpose in the custom beyond such and it would be a grateful change to an outbreak of pleasure or dislike carry a bunch of fodder along, to give We are not speaking of the sentimenthem a mouthful when they rest at tal young ladies, whose underscorings times. Regularity in watering them are so much in the nature of a personal is a point which ought to be carefully revelation that the novels they read are observed, because they will worry better fitted to be burned as private so fascinating, "that I determined to when thirsty, until relieved. Soft wa- diaries than for after circulation, but ascertain for myself the cause of his detention. I hope my advent is not utterly inconvenient, but Norton—dear, practical results by their annotations. They have a vague intention of some time referring to a choice passage, but that is the end of it, especially as it is difficult to see how a pencil mark in some shut book standing among a shelf-full of others would help him to

the ardent abolitionist.

Without examining the matter from

find it if he remembers it when the occasion of use presents itself. There is another point. The use of a crutch produces lameness. The man who treats his books rightly will be renot broken, and a little salt and pep-per added if desired. The patient has scarcely the trouble of swallowing it, half way to meet his inquiring intellifor it goes down itself. We have seen gence. "Genuine bookmen," to quote patients retain easily and even relish a John Hill Burton, "like printers, have a raw egg, who could retain nothing sort of instinct, sharpened by training else; more than six hundred have been and practice, the power and acuteness taken in one case within three or four of which astonishes the unlearned;" Out of his dilema he had found a road; but whether that road was the roward's one of spinide or that in his low himself to depend upon his pencil, but will cultivate this scholarly instict

#### Gleanings.

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So long as the ground is not frozen, such work as laying out of walks, roads and beds, may be pushed forward. Trees and shrubs may be planted, and half hardy shrubs protected by evergreen boughs, set about them fire got a headway it is hard to esti-mate the loss. Neither the Capitol nor the White House is fire-proof. A by high winds. No other protection should be so closely bound about fire in the Capitol might bring down the dome into the rotunda, and if it shrubs, as to prevent a circulation of air. Except in the high Northern States, this work may, perhaps, safely be deferred until next month, or even December. . . Tender bulbs, such as gladioluses, tube-roses and the like, also roots of the dahlia and canna, should be taken up before they are ined. Few, however, have ever heard, should be taken up before they are in-that the White House was on fire durinjured if the foliage is frosted. Bulbs should be dried, wrapped in papers, labelled and stored in boxes, safe from frost and mice. Those which have not done blooming may be potted and

taken to the house or greenhouse. The old saying that a "stitch in time saves nine," finds an appopriate application in many directions of labor. There is nothing of more importance to the farmer than his fences, [and he should have an eye to the security, especially when they are likely to endanger crops. Proper repairs should be made in the spring, and if these are neglected trouble is likely to follow; this was illustrated only a little time since in the case of a neighbor whose corn.field received a visitation from his stock, because of a neglect to make necessary repairs. After the horse was stolen the lock was put upon the barn. How much better it would have been to have made the repair at the proper

As the potato crop is harvested care should be exercised in the select ion of that portion that is to be held ers which were extravagantly high, and for market. Select the very best looking ; under ordinary circumstances we should say that the best products of the farm were none too good for the lose; a few small ones will spoil the