

er-the remainder of his alloted days. His house, in stantly. Be swift, for more than life depends upon your common with those retired scamen, was speedily decora- speed?" For the next half hour the groans wrenched from the

ted with a wind-vane and a flag-staff on which was frepassage, and Lieutenant Travers greatly excited, rushed

"Indeed!"

"Yes; but no matter. Proceed, I beg of you."

exhibited bunting of every hus and device known | dying man, in his fast closing strugglo with the totible | warranted me, I conceived, in consenting to Mary's enand recognized beneath the sun; but even with the help foe that held him in his iron grap were alone heard in gagement with her consien, whom she has known from of these interesting time killers, the hours passed slowly the apartment; and then hurrying feet sounded along the childhooil, and of whose worh no one can speak too highly

sufficient for the needs of an unambitious household, ithe wounded officer, with an effort to smile. "I am Isaac E. Morso, of the same State, a slender, straight come to ask permission," he added in a graver tone, ...o and wiry frame, a face full of humor and kindness, a voice

"Captain Travers!" almost shouted Harford. Can it their representative capacity. They are intimate assondead be you?" "A piece of me Edmund," replied ciates, and are nearly always together. Next to them is

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and heavily with the old mariner, and it was soon abund strauded in one spot, was ruinous to his health as well as temper. Ho grew morose and restless, fidgett, and irirritable, and drank a great deal more than he had been accustomed to .- Finally, on the very morning after the news arrived that his son had creditably passed for lieutenat in the Royal Navy, Mr. Travers was found dead,

and cold in his hed. The coroner's inquest recorded tha: he died by the "visitation of God." Lioutenant Travers, the solo heir of his father's wealth was at this time a fine specimon of a well educated, in-

tolligent naval officer; and tich, well-looking, and of robust health, might be fairly looked upon as an extreme ly fortunate person, whom in all probability a brilliant, cloudless future awaited. In the young officer's own opinion however, all these aids and appliances were nothing if they failed to obtain for him the one tole object after professional famo of his ambition-the hand of the benutiful girl by whom, since his first visit to his father at Marlands, his whole being-heart, soul, sense-had been engrossed. His admiration of Mary Wharton was perhaps all the more enthusiastic and intense from having remained as yet strictly confined to his own breast. His heart alone know and brooded over its own secret, and was likely, it seemed, to do so for an indefinito time to come, inasmuch as the daring sailor, who has already been twice wounded in desperate boat expeditions upon which he had volunteered, doubted much whether he should over muster sufficient audacity to disclose his passion even to the fair lady herself.

It is the faith or imagination of the worshipper which nvests the idel or the shrine with its transcendent attributes: and often as Francis Travers had counted up his own advantages—videlicet, a person which oven his modesty could not but admit was not one to frighten the gentler sex; a professional reputation for skill and daring; and now, since the death of his father, 'a handsome fortuno-ho pronounced them all mere dross and rags when weighed against divino perfections of the lady. It is very doubtful whether any other human being would have arrived at the same conclusion. Mary Wharton was indoed an amiable, graceful girl; and her beauty, if not of the brilliant kind which at first view dazzles the beholder. was scarcely loss ultimately dangerous in its. pensive thoughtfulness, and in beseeching gentloness which, gleaming from out the transparent depths of her deep blue eyes, tinted the pale, finely turned cheek with varyfather, Sir Richard Wharton-a spondthrift, gambling baronet, of old creation, it is true, but bankrupt alike in health and fortune, known, in fact to be overwhelmed with debt-was scarcely very desirable as a father-in-law; and yet Francis Travers, as he took leave of Lady Wharton and her daughter, after attending his father's funeral, could not help wondering, as he gazed upon the fair. gentle girl, and felt her calm reservedness of tone and

manner sweep coldly across his beating heart, at his pre-A bright, particular star.

So strange are the tricks which the blind god sometimes plays with the eyes and understandings of his more enthusiastic votaries.

"Can this terrible intelligence be true? he breathlessly exclaimed, "that you are"-

"Dying? Yes; a few more pulsations, my young friend, and that which men call life will be post, and I be nothing!"

"May not something be still attempted? Where is the surgean?"

"Gone, by my orders; You, Francis Travers, can, along aid ma in this extremity."

"I! What can' you mean?"

"Not, indeed, to save my life-that is past hoping for; but to rescuo an ancient name, which I have already tarnished, from indelible infamy. You love Mary Wharton?"

"As my own soul!" replied Travers, flushing scarlet-"I have long known. You are aware that the estates go to my nephew, and that she is portionloss?" "Perfectly; but that is a circumstanco"-

"How much per annum of clear available income do on possess?" interrupted Sir Richard quickly.

So strange a question at such a moment startled Travers; but, after a moment's pause, he replied, "Including av professional income, about a thousand a year." "Enough! Hand me a glass of water. Now, come ucarer. Travers, for my eyes grow dim, and my speech, beneath the choking grasp of this fell death is faint and difficult. You know that Lady Wharton and myself, though occasionally residing under one roof, have been for many years throughly estranged from each other.-For this I know the world blames me, and I admit, quito justly. Well, the world, wise and prying as it is, yet neither knows or guesses a thousandth part of the wrong I have done my wife and child!"

"Sir Richard!"

"When I married Ellon Harford, her fortune, secured oher by settlement, was invested in the funds in her maiden name; the annual interest amounted to about eight hundred pounds"_____

"Perhaps not. The revenue Lady Wharton has constantly drawn, half yearly, through Child's banking have known, have been attached almost betrothed, to hat, rather expressive shirt-collar, large, full face, &c. nouse. It was devoted by her to the maintainance of our each other from childhood"---stablishment. A few months since, I-bend lower, that I may hiss the accursed confession in your ear? 1, belief that I might, had I the means of playing for large her hand and passionately kissing it; "and for your sake stakes, retrievo my losses, forged-do you hear?-foring charms. But excepting this beauty of expression geil, my wife's name to a warrant of attorney, drew out same evening took coach for London, made the necesper and disposition she had really nothing to boast. Or -now," cried the miserable man with spasmodic vioworldly fortune she would not possess one shilling, and lence; "You know all-know that by my act my wife. was neither fashionable or wealthily connected. Her my child are paupers, beggars-homeless-friendless days afterwards sailed for the South American station. and but for you without resource or home!"

"Merciful powers! can this be true?" "As death!" rejoined the baronot, his husky accents counted, hesitato, I see, to save my name from infamy oven though the reward be Mary Wharton"-

"Say not so!" passionately exclaimed Travers. "But hon-by what means can I concesi-can I''-----"Easily. Continue to pay the divided as usual through Child's ull you are-where are you?-till you are married. Lady Wharton will live with you and Mary, till---- You understand? 611_

"I think I do," stammared Traverse "But-"That's well!" A silence of several minutes succeed-

My silence and reserve have, I perceive, Mr. Travers, misled you; but forgive me; I did not know—I could not

conceivo"-"Let mo pass, madam," exclainmed Travers, disengaging his hand, and staggering towards the door. "I will retuin piesent'y."

A whirlwind of emotion was sweeping through his brain as he hurried from the house into the adjoining shrubbery. Wounded affection, despair, and compassion tugged at his heart, and ruled it by turns. The open air helped to cool and revive him; and after about and hour's bitter conflict with himself, he returned to the where he had left Lady Wharton. She was still there. "May I have your ladyship's permission to see Miss Wharton alone for a few minutes?"

Lady Wharton appeared surprised at the request, but, at once neceded to it, "I will soud her her to you immediately." she replied, and left the room.

A considerable period elapsed, before Miss Wharton, trembling, blushing, painfully sgitated, almost, indeed to tears, entered the apartment.

"Pardon my freedom-my importunity, Miss Wharmand, as he led her to a seat, and placed himself beside her. "I have a question to ask yo's of the last importance to you as to myself, and I entreat you to answer it frankly as to a brother."

The lady bowed, and the lieutenant proceeded with somewhat more firmness.

"You are, I am informed, dependant as to fortune uplast moments, that I ask this question."

Wharton's dividend through Childs, as before; then pro-

coeded to Portsmouth, and joined his ship, which a few had intimated, to Wales, where Edmund Harford had

obtained a curacy, scarcely of so much monoy-value as again sinking to a feeble whisper. "And you on whom that which he had left at Devoashire. After the lapse still, however, retaining his curacy as a means of usement of an amply sufficient income, and soon begint with joyous infancy, their days fled past in tranguil happiness;

and each succeeding year, as it rolled over them in their beautiful retreat, ang mented with some new blessing their sum of worldly felicity. If a thought of the no-

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die here; I shall not, I think, be refused?"

Ho survived for several months, ministered to with fonderest solicitude by Mrs. Harford and her husband. irresistible. He is always in his seat, and attends dili-The last tones that sounded in his ear were those of Edmund Harford, reading with choking voice the prayers that passes by. The sparkling face, the merry eye, the of the church for the dying: the last object his darkening elastic step, all point you to Robert W. Johnson, the eyes distinguished was the tearful constenance of the only member from Arkansas, and the nephew of glorious beloved of his youth and manhood; the last word his lips old Tecumsch. A model member is Johnson, The uttered was her name-Mary!

GLANCES AT CONGRESS.-No. 5. From the Pennsylvanian.

We left off at the Press; which has its representatives as well on 'the floor of both Houses of Congress, as in the Reporters' Gallery. We cannot, however, point out worthy of notice; but we must wait for another day, the representatives who have once been members of the

press; but your attention cannot fail to be attracted to the all gentleman of venerable mion, hat in gloved hand, now standing in the rear of ('ol. Bissell's seat, his usual sentry-box. That is "Father Ritchie," of the Union,

ton," said Travers, is as calm a 'tono as he 'could com- old man, upon whose head as much calumny has fallen, surgeon at over four thousand amputations, and fifteen and whose history is so full of instances of disinterested severe battles; was shot twice, performed surgical operdevotion to his political faith. There, too, is his associ- ations on three handred wounded generals, seven coloate, Edmund Burke, the author of the Bundelcund free nels, twenty-captains, and over eleven thousand officers trado papers, and late Commissioner of Patents. A calm of smaller grade, &c. Has dined with two kings, one benevolent, and intelligent countenance, guiltless of the empress, one emperor, a sultan, a pope, and innumera-

on Lady Wharton. Is it then I would ask, of your own bold and foarless journalist, who has often defied the so- the British crown in his hand. Has been married three free choice and will that your are contracted to your cous- cial aristocracy of the capitol, in his effective support of times, father to eleven children, all of whom he has surin-to the Rev. Mr. Harford? Nay, lady, be not offen- his principles. The younger gentleman, in black, with vived. Broken down by disease, he could no longer ded at my boldness. It is in virtual compliance with the pale face, as if just recovered from illness, ix the associate practise his profession; too poor to live without employinjanctions of Sir Richard Wharton, expressed in his editor of the Union, Mr. Overton, of Virghuis, whose ment, and too proud to become a pauper, he sailed in an

The momentary glance of indignant surprise passed national. Such is the corps editorial of the Warhington man of remarkable adventures, clasic education, master from Mary Wharton's face at the montion of her father's Union. The individual directly in front of the Speaker's of four languages, sixty years of age, poor, old, decaying, name. Her suffused eyes were again bent on the ground chair-the House having just adjourned-is A. C. Bul- is now peddling oranges and apples in the streets of this whilst the rich color came and went on her cheek. as litt, formerly of the Picayune and recently of the Repubshe replied in a low agitated voice-"Edmund and I lic. We mean the gentleman with the broad-rimmed

It need not be said that he is a very able writer, though "Enough Misa Wharton," said Travers, hastily rising rather inort. He is witty, agreeable, and a choice com-"I will not treaspass further on your indulgence. May panion; and his house has been the abode of hospitality pressed by enormous gaming dobts, and infatuated by a all good augels guard and bless you!" he added, scizing ever since he opened its doors. John O. Sargent, his editorial co-mate, is the dapper little person, rather danhim-Farowell!" He hurried from the house, and the dified in his dress, now in conversation with a disaffectod whig at the Clerk's desk. He is a wasp sh writer , fond more than of form, and an unquestionably amiable tem. the entire capital, played with, and lost all! And now sary arrangement for continuing the payment of Lady of elegancies of expression, and not over adicted to statistics-unless they are figures of speech. He has had some experience in the press, but is evidently better at literary labors than political polemics. Mr. Burnloy is Lady Wharton and her daughter removed, as they the business man of the Republic, -a Kentuckian by birth we think-and is at Bullitt's side, us slick and as wellbrushed as if an excellent newspaper had not been overslaughed. His placid and ingenuous manuers have made

of a twolvemonth he was married to Mary Wharton; him many friends. You will notice the short, stout, bustling gentleman, with gouty walk, and jolly face; that fulness. The union was a happy one. In the enjoy- is Joseph Gales, of the National Intelligencer, one of the most accomplished stonographers of any country-tho' he rarely shows it now-one of the most complete newspaper writers, and one of the most hospitable gentlemen. Do you know Jesso E. Dow, the "Heroic Age," of the Union, the poet, the orator, the Editor, &c.? There

ble-hearted to whom they were unconciously so deeply you have him, in a good humered face, a light frame. indebted crossed their minds, it was cheifly when a and jaunty air. He is in animated conversation with ed, following by incoherent murmurs, indicating that the present for one of the children, of some rich or curious John C. Rives, of the Globe-a tall, muscular, and rath-The frigate to which Lieutenant Trayers was first ap- sonses of the dying man were wandering. "Cold, cold produce of distant climes arrived, or a gazetto of that er awkward form, a head of sandy hair, and a fondness Present arms!

that seems to have been made to utter jukes and withcime. He is an original, and possesses dry humor that is gontly to his duties. Do not fail to notice the next throng is nearly over, and new only an occasional pedestrian winds his way to the avenue. Ah! here are two of the Maine delogation, Thes. J. D. Fuller and Culled Sawtelle-both talk good looking Yankees, and both admirable representatives. But the dinner hour is at hand and if we desire to get a seat at the National we, too, must descend from this elevated platform. There are stillothers

The Fate of Genius.

There is in this city an old man of sixty, who gradua ted at the University of Dublin, Ireland; at the age of 22 was admitted as a surgeon in the British army, and in whose appearance on the avenue, with a black coat and that capacity visited this country with the English-was white waistcoat, narrow-rimmed hat and rapid walk, in- present at the destruction of the public buildings, stores, dicate anything but an approach to four-score. We must &c.; at Washington City-has been in India with the not, however, he tempted into a oulogy of this glorious British army, has been present during his services as a symptom of whisker or moustache, healthy proportions, ble great generals, Sec. Has held the largest diamond and plain attire, will recall to many who know him, the in his hand known in the world, except one. Has had knowledge of politics is as therough as his opinions are emigrant ship to this country three years ego; and this city! We know what we are-verily we know not what we may be!"-Boston Mail.

The Vegetable Kingdom.

Annual flowering plants resemble whales, as they come up to blow.

Flowers are very warlike in their dispositions, and well provided with pistik.

Trees are migratory in their habits, for wherever they nay winter, thay are sure to leave in the spring; most of them are extremely polite and full of boughs.

Some trees are like watch dogs, principally valuable on count of their bark.

A small quantity of bark will make a rope, but it requires alarge pile of wood to make a cord.

Although there are no vegetable danalies, yet there are

great many spruce trees. It is considered to be proper to an trees before you fo A them.

All fruit trees have military propensities. When young they are well trained; they produce many kornels and

their shoots are very straight. Grain is troated like infants. When the head becomes heavy it is cradled; and generally well threshed to render it fit for use.

Tares are found among the small grains only, which is the reason that they alone require sewing.

The Emperor of Russia has issued an official notice to the officers of the army of occupation in Moldavia and Wallachia to "ally themselves in matriage with native ladies who possess landed property whenever possible."