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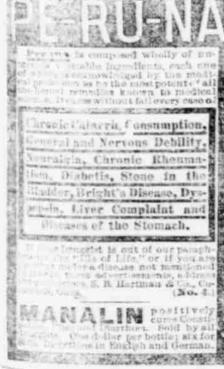
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hls own son was engaged to marry.

twentieth birthday, and nodded merity to one week from his departure.

said. "And if all goes well with us you been robbed of it. day. I was as happy as I was busy just dishonest. then, for I loved the man whose bride I was | He confessed to me a thousand indiscre.

warm, untried affection.

Tom." circumstances.

standing my sex. I was the favored one by Mrs. Searle and her child had gone. nature, while Tom was the weakly twin.

bin cling to me as a heartier, manlier boy I returned home discouraged. I dld not A few days afterward she came to me would not have done. The second misfor- want to see or speak to any one just then, laughing. tune was that he resembled our father.

the second Tom Searle," he used to say. us at poor mother's death. Our father had gentle, timid creature. died years before. He gave us both a good I started when I saw that she had an in- very happlest season of my life. Of course education, and got Tom a position in a bank; fant in her arms. but when he died-just a year before that twentieth birthday of mine-I was his soie

It grieved me terribly. I loved Tcm far anything with him; but he was proud, poor her. So the best I could do was to spend as tears, and, rising suddenly, came and laid much money upon him as possible, and lend | the infant in my lap. him all he wanted to use. He had no ob-"Some of these days, when I'm a partner and mine, and I-I am his wife!"

son and beir. I was puzzled sometimes to know what

"speculations on hand," he told me. I but next minute, the thought of that other pillow was lifted eagerly. thought that perhaps he was rather extrav- disgrace, which Tom had not brought on agant, too-perhaps inclined to be wild. "He is so young and so handsome," I thought.

me that if he would be steadier, and attend to business better, his chances of promotion at the bank would be improved. As I thought of him on that birthday

morning-of course, it was his birthday too -the face in the glass ceased to smile, and a new anxiety crept into my thoughts, I was thinking of the night before. Tors had acted very strangely. I had

remebered it now; what could have alled

PRICE, - \$2.75. He had come in, at about ten o'clock, to the little parlor where Harry and I were sitling together, and remained with us, restless, agitated, nervous, and showing so plainly that he wished to see me alone, that Harry, half vexed, half amused, took the hint and

And then he asked me for money. No triffing sum, either. He implored me, almost wildly, to "give him six hundred

pounds, then and there, for God's sake?" preparations for my marriage, were nearly her child?" he said.

A pang shot through my heart as I saw his ried.

trouble. It seemed to have crushed him his heart."

'I know you'd give it to me if you could. wife." Say you forgive me to-night !"

His manner distressed me so; but I did call on me. not know what there was to forgive.

greatest calamity of my life. "Something has gone wrong at the bank," Harry told me. He broke the bitter news displeasure. He is worth pleasing, surely." to me as gently as he could, and with a I took him to the parler. grave, pale face. "Six hundred pounds,

which had been entrusted to Tom to deliver said. "She is my brother's wife." somewhere several weeks ago, had not Then I left them together. After an hour been accounted for and—there were errors, or more, Eva came for me. oo, in his accounts-" I heard no more. Insensibility snatched goes," said she.

tion, shame, anger, all gave place to love me!"

and love' anxiety. Tom was missing. I had not waited for that, however, before myself thinking-

quences of his crime.

my own reflection in the glass, the bright A pitiful letter-the outcry of a penitent There we began life anew. I had a small and came to Fannie who was a rich and She could not trust herself to think. Obyoung face that laughed back at me was and almost broken heart. He had not ap- income still, and Tom obtained a lucrative generous, whenever any distress came to taining the doctor's permission, she brought that of a handsome, happy, and very fortu- propriated the six hundred pounds, thank position. The lesson of the past was not her notice. And Fannie had gone to her notice. And Fannie had gone to her notice. And Fannie had gone to her notice. "Good morning, Miss Lydia Searle," I with the money in his possession, and had was not in vain. Dear Tom was a changed delirious fever, evidently overworked, poor but telling her nothing of her own sacrifice. pretty surroundings, and built without lux-

won't be Miss Lydia Searle at all this time Ob, now grateful I was! Every other had lost, had been his gain. next year, but Mrs. Harry Hatten, instead." misfortune in the world might be borne And what had I lost? The money I floor, had sent a doctor, had supplied mediurged a warmer climate for the invalid. 1: wanted but three weeks of my wedding with patience now, since Tom was not counted less than nothing; and Herry Hat-

serious debts that he had left behind him, early. "Better than any one in the world but Most startling of all, he told me he was "Oh, to be well and truly loved!" I Barbara Golding. "Does he love her yet?" very happy in her husband's tender care, the approach of unwished-for individuals Tom," I thought. "And surely nobody married, and implored me to seek out and thought, puehing back the hair from his caressing affection in the winter months, can be prevented. Gatsching lies between

Tom was my twin brother. The usual After the first surprise was over, I found that man had made upon me; seen only once sweet and fair. I am handsome and accom- strength. Little by little she faded away. lal palace, which have private court railway strong affection existing between twins was myself longing to see my new sister and the never to be forgotten. I thought of him plished. She is a pauper. I am wealthy. always gentle and loving, always happy, stations, are placed under particular superlittle ope.

I went to the address Tom had sent me- | Eva, every now and then. One of us was born strong and robust, went with a carriage to bring my new and the other frail and small, Notwith relations home. Disappointment met me. I asked her once, just to try her.

so it was peculiarly annoying to find that a Poor fellow! As if he could help that! young woman, whom I had employed to do hear what he says." And yet Uncle Elliott resented it in him just sewing more than a year ago, had called.

"Not a fraction of my money shall go to I went down to her. She arose to meet hope.) resides in your city. I hope to visit I cannot doubt! I must know!" me as I entered the parlor. Little Eva Rob- you before long, and introduce her to you." inson! I remembered the girl well—a pretty,

"Why, what is this?" I cried.

For all stee purst into a passion of at her as "my brother's wife."

"Have mercy on me!" she cried, falling jection to that, because, as he would say : on her knees. "This is your brother's child in the bank, I'll pay it all back again, I was a proud girl, and this blow was a

And, of course, it was quite probable that a favorite, so unfit for wife and child-he As Fannie Pleasanton spoke she put be- He hesitated a moment, then sai some day he would be a partner, since I was might have married so advantageously, I side the bed over which she was leaning, a about to be married to the banker's only thought, and here I was called upon to wel- great bunch of fragrant violets. moist and ask." come as a sister my own sewing girl.

> himself and me, and in my gratitude at es- home, my own dear home !" caping that I could not murmur.

an acquaintance in the street, she said : "And so I hear that your marriage is pos. sides-" poned, my dear." My heart sank down like lead.

"Who informed you? I asked, quietly. "Your intended bridegroom, Mr. Harry Hatton, himself. Is it not true?" "Perfectly true," I answered. "And posponed until when?"

"Indefinitely." I wrote the same day to Harry : "You desire your freedom ; take it. You will never be called upon to fufill your engagement with me."

And he took me at my word. He called, certainly, and made a pretense

I stopped him there.

no such sum of money in the bouse, of ledged that there was nothing wrong in his course, nor could I get it on such short accounts. You need seek no excuse in his conduct, str." He lost his temper.

"Allow me to introduce you to my brothword, but dropped into a seat, and sat look. er's wife and child, whom he left in my protection."

But his words had made me uneasy.

distress. I ceased to care or wonder what "Alas!" she cried, "if I only knew! Tom the money was wanted for. I knelt beside took me to church in a carriage. It was in "I'll get it for you to-morrow," I said, was because I had no certificate of my mar-"if I have to mortgage my property; don't riage, that I dare not go to my brother-my office was, I would pass by after dark and despair; only wait until to-worrow, my dear, noble brother—who has struggled so peep in. It was beautifully furnished; so I As my hand touched his he started and able position and a name. I knew that a whispered 'God bless him,' and came home.' looked down at me. He was never very cruel slander concerning me has been carstong or brave-never fit to battle with ried to him that must almost have broken

now; tears fell from his eyes upon my I took her hands away from her face and kissed ber.

Then I got John Robinson's adress-he was just spoken. And of course I said so-said so weeping. a lawyer, I found-and requested him to

I was wiser before that birthday was man, with something singularly manly and steady as ever as she said: half over, though the knowledge seemed the impressive about him. In my heart 1 thought :

"I wish to reconcile you to your sister." I

"John wants to say good-bye before he

my eyes.

ted my lost hopes and happiness for their arations were all for a wedding in one short lips, saying :

the bank's accounts. In order to do so, and false lover on whom they were founded. B. Lenox. to dispose of my property. And that other I had paid off Tom's debts; and, accompani- she found starving in the attic had told her? So he left her, carrying the dream of distant home.

ton's love was not worth a regret. What till the doctor pronounced her on the road to bara, when sheltered by her husband's love, doubt that it lies nearest to the capital, and was it then? I sighed for the trust betrayed recovery. soon to become, with all a young girl's tions, follies, sins; told me of many and -the glamour and illusion gone from life so And in return she heard that Cyrus, her away to seek the soft air of Florida, to court with the application of all the means in

went back to Harry.

constantly; and heard from him, through Cyrus is not poor now since his aunt died; even when she tay dying, in her husband's vision, and may not be used except by the "What is your brother's wife like, Eva?"

"He has none," she answered. "I known "They were behind with their rent," said | what I should like her to be like, though." That was the first of his misfortune, which the landlady, and the husband went away, And her eyes dwelt on me in a way that made my tell-tale color rise.

"I told John of your question, and only

She read aloud: And he did. With the merry Christmas sesson John came. I think that was the | was handed Cyrus Lenox's card.

That was a dream but this reality. All

BARBARA.

heavy one. My brother, so handsome, such nursing, and get strong and well again," beautiful, breathing their sweet stories of "Did you ever love any other woman be- loving bim with her whole heart, knew it made me change my name to Mrs. Bowser. But I did. I may have shrunk from her shady nooks in deep woods. A little pale fore you knew me?" Tom did with so much money; he had for an instant, perhaps, in the first surprise, face that had been lying listlessly on the "Oh, how good you are! O, they are like

> Great tears rolled down the pale face. "Tell me about your home. How came and the baby charming. Ah, I had reason you to leave it for the city ?" said Fannie. Wound your love is healing." "My father died, and the farm was sold to

> > I thought I could work in the city. Be-But here Barbara Golding stopped, and a faint crimson blush rose upon her pale cheeks.

".H'm !" thought Fannie, wise in twentytwo years of city life and education : "a love story." will tell you. Perhaps you can tell me

what to do." "I will help you in any way that I can." "Two years ago, the summer that I was seventeen, father took a boarder. He was

Miss Pleasanton, don't you know." "He made love to you?"

"Yes," in a faint whisper. "And you loved him?" the next summer, and he told me when he

to share it." Did he come ?" not see him for a long time; and when I did tair, handsome face, and the delicate, clear- That evening, seated with the baby on my not force myself upon him. I worked as ed and fell sick, and was gaining health the whisky and feeding it to them. He 'Well, I take it all back now. We have

> "Do you think your lover is still true to "I cannot tell I would not trouble him. Sometimes, after I had found out where his hard, and made himself, unaided, an honor- hope he is making his fortune; but I only

"Will you tell me his name." "Lenox-Cyrus B. Lenox." Fannie Pleasanton turned her face abruptly from the little seamstress, who had been the object of her charity for the last six Never mind!" he moaned. "Poor Lyd- "We'll find the church," I said. "There weeks, and walked to the window. Lifting dy! Poor girl I" he parred my kand fondly. must be no slander about my dear brother's the soft white curtains she had placed there, and you?" she looked into the street, while ringing in

Ah, I've been a bad brother to you, dear. | And I did find it, after a few days' search. | ber ears was the name Barbara Golding had "Cyrus B. Lenox." She was very pale when she came again to

He came, a wonderfully grave, handsome | the bedside, but her voice was as sweet and | the cold, proud voice which Fannie Pleaswill come again this afternoon. If you

bell." come again!" "This afternoon. Try to eat a few of the

strawberries I have brought you." to care for the sick girl until her return. | weak but I can do so, if you will trust me." me for awhile from the agony of Tom's He took my hand in his, and looked into But instead of driving to the store where she "But I will not!" was the quiet reply. bad intended to make final purchases for a "I will marry no man whose heart is not all payment of duty, or because it is considered pond is porous and absorbs the water nearly so proud of him. But by-and-by indigna- as truly happy as you have to-day made unbeeding the anxious inquiries of her aunt, friends, but never again lovers."

MY TWIN BROTHER. I was permitted to make up the deficit in own sake, far more than I mourned for the week, and the bride-groom elect was Cyrus "May God bless you for your goodness to be bank's accounts. In order to do so, and false lover on whom they were founded.

ed by his wife and child, joined him in a The janitress to the tenement house had future happiness she had carried six months God! but he had been out and drinking, lost upon him. The sacrifice I had made last call, to find Barbara Golding tossing in back to health, restoring her to her lover, middle of a wide and desert plain, it has no man-changed for the better. Whatever I ly fed, and sitting in a little attle chamber, Baffere the winter snows came there was ury its exterior does not make an imposing

looking back and remembering that I fancied hair. She was not sorry that he had called true companion his soul craved. while the first excitement of her discovery Never to living ears did he tell the secert | theatrical reprsentations, etc., -can be parnerved her with a fictitions strength to en- he learned in his brief married life-the se- taken of. Adjuining the well tended-park my sacrifices have been well repaid, and all dure any word she might speak. She came cret that Barbara, sweet, gentle Barbara, is an extensive wood-like the park-surbetter than myself, and would have shared then asked her what I could do to serve my loss was gain; I realize that every time I to him quietly, dignified as ever, but yery whose girlish beauty had won his love, rounded by a wall and guarded. In the hear pretty Eva speak of me-as I first spoke pale, so pale he asked anxiously is she was whose deepest pity had stirred his deepest park itself are two lake like basins of water;

> been out this morning." They talked of indifferent matters for a both in full measure. short time; then Fannie said, earnestly:

promise me a sincere answer?" "I will answer truthfully whatever you

"Do you not think it enough to know I love you now?" he said.

fully, "Because you ask me to tear open an old

"Yet, even if it pains both you and me, Fannie's lips were parched and and stiff, but she she spoke calmly.

"Since you insist," Cyrus said gravely, "I will tell you. Two years ago, in the farm house where I was boarding, I met a woman, story. Judge Quay, the temperance lecturer, or rather a girl a sweet fair maiden. I loved I was a poor man then, Fannie, and she had | ing:

tell me anything of her." "It was your place to seek her." "I did, faithfully. But I could find no acknowledge that I am mistaken." because father left that to me; and would your sympathy, and I soon found there was judge." carry the milk up to the dairy room for me, yet room in my heart for a true, tender love.

and talk about books and the city, and -O, You cannot believe I would have asked you to be my wife had I not loved you?" "But if even now, you found Barbara?"

"Yet if she came to you?" "You are my betrothed wife." cut fearures looked haggard and careworn. lap, I asked Eva where she had been mar- well as I could, but this summer I became slowly, hopelessly; with no future before tried it; it worked well. Some of the fish got something else to do besides squeezing sick, and but for you I should have staryed." her but a future of poverty and toll; if Bar- ate it, became drunk, and floated helpless paw and sighing about gloaming. Durn the bara came so to you, Cyrus, what would you on the water. By this stroke of strategy he gloaming. Mrs. Bowser ! The whole caboo-

of perspiration upon the broad brow was freely of the bread and whisky, but with no der out into the kitchen and see how many lifted in speechless agony to meet her eyes. Only large brown eyes, wistful and suffering,

There was a dead silence in the room for long time. Then a horse voice said : "You have seen Barbara?" "Yes, I have seen her." "As you describe her?"

"Yes." "And you despise me as faithless to her "No, I do not despise you. I am sorry that you did not know your own heart better when you came to ask me to be your

All her pain and love were well hidden in anton assumed to cover her breaking heart. "I must leave you now, Barbara, but 1 But after a moment she said, more gently : "Barbara has been very ill, and is still too

must be patient, and leave ber to me. When "Yes, she is very kind. But-you will she is well enough you shall see her." "Fannie, you will break our engagement You will dare the gossip that will be the result of any change now? You will not She went away then, stopping as usual to trust me to tear out this old love, and be tell the janitress of the poor tenement house ever true and faithful to you? I am not so

For must not his sister share his dishonor? "You are a good woman," he said, ear. nearly completed wedding outfit, she told mine. I will have no memory of another the law as in a damaged or unsala as fa as it runs in, so that there is but I felt that bitterly at first-I who had been nestly. "May God bless you, and make you the coachman to drive home. Once there, love for my constant r. val. We can still be

her, I will come again when you send for

she took leave of her kind friend, and went is so Isolated and capable of Isolation, that own betrothed husband, was the lover of | health in balmy Southern breezes. She was | which Russia is richer than most countries, her pale face, and looking in the mirror. when even the warmth and fragrance of Zarskoje Selo and Krasnoje-Selo, and the Tom's wife and child! Who was she? Another filled them. Strange impression 'I am far handsomer. She is pretty only, Florida air would not bring back the lost roads from each of the places to the imper-

but will rise in eminence with my wealth to loving arms; never guessing any divided court. A high wall incloses the park, in the aid him, while she will be a burden upon love or duty had ever threatened to seperate center of which is the palace, and this wall him. Only a week. Long before Barbara them. Gently and painlessly as a babe is protected by patrols, which never leave can ever sit up we shall be on our way to sinks to slumber, little Barbara sank into the outer circle nor the park itself for one Europe, and he will soon forget her. Why the last earthly sleep, her head upon her moment out of sight. The entrance was, did he seek me if he loved her? It was only husband's breast, his tender words sooth- and is, only permitted by special order. a request of his aunt's, not a command that ing her; his loving touch caressing her, The head of the Imperial security police, he should marry me if I consented. But he Softly they laid her under the evergreen General Tschwerin, and the head of the came to me, and I love him-I love him! verdure of the Southern grass, and Cyrus Imperial headquarters, General Richter, Can Barbara give him a better love than turned his face homeward; widowed and guard the place with especial care, so that mine? I can give her money to return to sorrowful. Two years later Fannie Pleas the isolation of Gatschina is considered so her old home if she wishes. But if he loves anton returned from her European tour, perfect that the royal family can abide there "Tell Lydia my wife (that is to be, I her! O, Cyrus, do you love her and not me? taken immediately after Barbara's wedding. in absolute peace. Though the superin-Her old home was unchanged, her aunt glad | tendence is so strict. It is said that the in-As if in answer to the thought, a servant to come back to her housekeeping and habitants of the palace are not, and must

"Well, but tired," she answered. I have Gentle, loving, suffering, she appealed to two colonnades which afford agreeable his protection, his pity, and he gave her promenades in bad weather; all this aids in

"Now, you must do some credit to my one true woman's question. Will you could-could never be his true life companion. more charming surroundings. He was loyally true to her memory, speaking no word of his secret disapointment And he sought Fannie with a lover's It makes me tired, writes Mrs. Bowser,

> for the second time, he asked her to be his looked upon Mr. Bowser as a god. One of She had made her sacrifice, and knew the tamplight fell upon my hair and to adyou give me an evasion" she said, reproach- that she had soothed Barbara's passage to dress me as his golden haired angel. Poor, the grave, not hastened it. And with a silly girl that I was, I thought it would alclear conscience, a deep, abiding love, she | ways last! One evening after we had been once more put her band in that of Cyrus | married five or six weeks I took my stand

A Good Story. From Obio comes a capital temperance in one of his efforts there, got off the follow

a happy, pleasant home. So I bade her 'All of those who in youth acquire a habit She asked no questions, but 'pretty soon farewell hoping to return to her next year of drinking whiskey, at forty years will be thred of nonsence, and I propose to settle Barbara said: "You have been so kind I and bring her to the city. When I did return the farm was sold, and Barbara had use whisky for years in moderation. If During our courtship we used to take gone away. None of the neighbors could there is a person in the audience before me long walks in the gloaming, and though I whose experience disputes this, let him was often so tired that I could hardly drag make it known. I will account for it, or one leg after the other Mr. Bowser would

'I am. 'How long have you drank in moderation?'

'Forty years.'

'And you were never intoxicated?' 'Never.' 'Well,' remarked the judge, scanning his "Yet if Barbara came to you poor, friend- singular case, yet I think it is easily ac- every toe." caught a great number. But in the stream | dle of it wouldn't buy a peck of potatoes ! But only a pallid face, with great beads was a large fish unlike the rest. He partook It would look more sensible for you to wan-

> of the darkey to take it. 'He resolved to have it all hazards, that he might learn its name and nature. He veyed the wonder for a while, then said:

is a mullet-head; it hasn't got any brains." a pend should be made very shallow, so that hol affects only the brain, and of course | water and escape the large fish, or have the those having none may drink without in- pond so arranged that after the fish have

the moderate drinker from the house. ___

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'Hump!' he growled, as he looked me 'But won't you praise my golden hair? 'Golden carrots, Mrs. Bowser! If I had such a mop of carroty hair on my head as

you possess I'd go hide it away in a barrel!" "Then you have ceased to love me?"

insist in dragging me around. He was aland one night as we sat upon the doorstep he put his arm around me and said he could sit there forever aye. It was hardly a mouth after our marriage that I put on my hat one evening and asked him if he didn't

want to wander out for a while and watch the silent night shut down. 'I'd like to see myself sloshing around

with this infernal corn on my toe!' he re-'Mr. Bowser there was a time when you subject close from head to foot, 'yours is a would have walked all night with a corn on

make of himself.'

perceptible effect; he was shy of every effort tramps the cook is feeding at my expense."

Fish Pends in Springy Places. When it becomes desirable to construct a procured a net, and after much effort caught | fish pond in a place were there are springs, it, carried it to a negro, neighbor, and asked or to dam up the water and make a pond in his opinion of the matter. The other sur- a springy place, it is a good plan to cover the spring with several loads of gravel for "Sambo, I understand dis case. Dat fish | the fish to spawn on. The borders of such 'In other words,' added the judge, 'alco- the little fish may run up in the shallow spawned, the large ones may be removed. The storm of laughter that followed drove By so doing, the eggs will hatch out and the tle fish may be removed into another pond and the old ones let in to spawn again. In the centre of the tobacco warehouses | Such a pond is especially adapted for per-"No wonder Eva wept at thought of his want anything, Mrs. Harper will answer the weak to bear any great agitation. You at the Lendon docks there is an immense sons who cannot devote a great deal of time kiln, which is kept continually burning, to it, and who desire to manage it with as day and night, and goes by the name of the little care as possible. In this way a good queen's tobacco pipe. The English gov- many fish can be raised with out much ernment has a different way of treating con- trouble. The gravel must be sifted and the fiscated articles than that in this country, fine parts rejected:none smaller than a blokone of them being to utilize them as fuel for ony nut should be used, and from that to a Whenever merchandise is seized for non- Not infrequently the bottom of such a

source of profit on a farm.

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could or ought to be dearer to me than protect his wife and child.

exceptionally powerful in our case-from

naturally gave him a claim on me, and made so I couldn't keep her. She left to-day. as if he had been to blame for it.

And he kept his word. He had adopted beiress.

Lyddy."

I was always making excuses for him to

ain awake a long time thinking of it last night and a vague uneasiness smote me as I

He almost took my breath away. I gad notice. My fortune consisted of real estate, from which I derived a moderate income, and a few thousands in ready money, which,

at his request, I explained to him the utter her son. in possibility of compliance. He said not a us at me as if stupefied. Every vestige of color had gone from his

Mr. Hatton was merciful. He had no am to-day." wish to bring public discrace upon the But I kept my thoughts to myself. Only drawers overflowing with dainty finery, open was making. He took both her little cold Liverpool, these two forming the points of trout, such a pond would answer for bass, family of his old friend -upon the girl whom from that hour I was sensible that I regret- trunks waiting to be packed. And the preparation for all confiscated merchandise perch. gold-fish, or carp. And would be a

When I arose on the morning of my reason was a letter from Tom, received just

and was waiting to see me.

"My baby," she said timidly. "I've mar- once I loved another than John, ried since I saw you last, miss." I sat down, and bade her do the same, and

She was a dear little thing, too, after all; myself; but, of course, common sense taught to be thankful for the comfort of their presence soon." For the very next day, meeting pay a mortgage. I had a little money, and beg you to tell me of you first love."

of explanation and regret. The almost entire loss of my fortune had influenced his father, not himself; but my brother's con-"Tom was innocent," I said; "and what he lost I have restored. You have acknow:

"Do you excuse his destruction of an what with Tom's extravagance, and my own | innocent girl, and abandonment of her and | When he went away he promised to come With one quick movement I threw open Quite aghast at his agitation, as well as the folding doors, and showed him Eva and

this very city, but I don't know where. It

for another reason, I instructed my lawyers | One week later all my property was sold. | What was this story the little seamstress | me."

been a servent in the Pleasanton family, next her heart with him. She had paid for a better room on the lewer a quiet wedding, for the doctor had strongly impression. The reason that, in spite of

rapped at the door, and opening it, Fannie | friends.

"I will come down at once," she said tak- her when he came to call, but still the gen- amusements that could be agreeable to the you guess how it all ended. I smile now, ing off her hat and smoothing her disordered the dignified woman he remembered, the Emperor and his family-drives, hunts,

"Cyrus, I have a craving desire to ask you never meet him heart to heart as Fannie supervison held over them, and the want of

"You promised me a sincere answer, and

a lawyer, and his health had failed from tace of her whereabouts. In the autumn my A tall, large man arose, and folding his ways quoting something about 'glorious studying too hard. I think he was about aunt died She had loved you for years and arms in a dignified manner across his breast Long' and 'silver stars' and Heaven's arch, twenty-eight, not handsome, but so gentle her last wish was the hope that you would said: and good that we all liked him from the first. one day be my wife. It was a sweet solace | I offer myself as one whose own experi-And he would come into the garden with to me even in my sorrow for her loss, and ence contradicts you statement." me. and help me with yegetables and fruit, pain at Barbara's disappearance, to have 'Are you a moderate drinker?' asked the

"I have long ago ceased to love her." less, and sick; if she told you she had come | counted for. I am reminded by it of a little made his fortune he would ask me to come to the city, seeking work, hoping tofind you, story. A negro man, with a loaf of bread and had sunk under her burden of loneliness and a flask of whisky, sat down to dine by You once said that we'd always walk and toll, if she told you that, ragged, foot- the bank of a clear stream. In breaking the hand in hand in life's gloaming." "Father died the next spring, and I came sore and weary, she had looked in at you in bread, some of the crumbs dropped into the ,I don't believe it! I know I was soft here. I thought I should find him; but I did your cosey office and turned away, unwilling water. These were eagerly seized and eaten but I don't beleve I was as mushy as all to throw the burden of her poverty upon by the fish. That circumstance suggested that. I had become so poor, so very poor, I would you; if she had struggled until she had faint- the darkey the idea of dipping the bread in But you certainly did."

appealing to her womanly heart.

astonished at her early return and pale face, He had no words to meet the steady reso-There was something in his mere look and she went to her own room, bolting the door, lution of her voice, but yet he took no these seizures is from the sale of the ashes or for other purposes, it is best to cessent What mattered it to me that he had sinned? tone-strength, a truth, a thorough reliabili- before she sank down in a chair, wearied coward's plea for shelter. He would not from the furnace, which amount to a great the bottom. But if you have no further He was still my brother, and I loved him. ty-that gave me comfort, somebow I found with the effort to maintain her composure. say, even to his own heart, "She never loved many tons a month, are sold by anction to use for the water, it makes no difference Cyrus B. Lenox, the girl said. Fannie me; she is glad to throw me off." He knew | chemical works, and to farmers and others | how it goes off, provided there are no holes taking steps to shield him from the conse- "If it had been my fate to love such a man Pleasanton, looking around her luxurious she had loved him, being too purely womanly to be used in enriching the soil. There is a in the bottom large enough to let the fish as that I should be nearer happiness than 1 room, saw a pleasant confussion of dress, to give her hand where she had not already similar but smaller queen's tobacco pipe escape, and the water keeps up to its levelnew garments loading tables and wardrobe, given her heart. He knew the sacrifice she in the government tobacco warehouses at In case the water should prove too warm for

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The Sanctuary of the Czar. A St. Petersburg correspondent writes : The Palace of Gatschina, so much speken of lately, can not be compared with such castles as Versailles, San-Souci, or Schonbrunn. It has nothing of the artistic embellishment of the one, the historical memeries of the other, or the landscape beauty this, it has been chosen as a residence by the not be, aware of it. Their pleasures and A little paler, a little graver, Cyrus found | comforts are not impared by it and all the riding, fishing, rowing, evening parties, pity, was not the soul wife he hoped to find. the palace contains splendid saloens, and preventing the inhabitants from feeling But he knew only too soon that she could anything of the anxious and never-tiring

Lenox, and became his faithful, dearly-loved under the gas and asked him if his angel was as dear to him as ever.

'Ceased nothing! I have simply got

plied. 'That shows what an idiot a man can

young fish will grow without danger. When the next season of spawning comes, the lit-