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Office in Northern Central Railroad Cem-pany's Building, north-west corner Front and Walnut streets. Two Dark Days. If the drend day that calls thee hence, Through a red mist of fear should loom, Terms of Subscription. (Closing in deadliest night and gloom,' Long hours of aching dumb suspense) And leave me to my louely doom. months from commencement of the year, 2 06 **4** CONTER A COPY. No subscription received for a less time than six months; and no paper will be discontinued until all Arrearages are paid, unless at the option of the pub-lisher. I think, beloved, I could see In thy dear eyes the loving sight Glaze into vacancy and night, And still say, "God is good to me, And all that he decrees is right." Visher. : ([] Money may be remitted by mail at the publish-creview. Rates of Advertising. That watching thy slow struggling breatly And answering each perplexed sign, I still could pray thy prayer and mine, And tell thee, dear, thoogh this was death, That God was love, and love divine. Rates of Advertising. * equare [6 lines] one week, 40 39 three weeks, 75 (1 each subsequent insertion, 10 (12 line) one week, 50 (12 line) one week, 100 (12 line) one weeks, 100 (13 line) one weeks, 100 (14 line) one weeks, 100 (15 line) one w . Could hold thee in my arms, and lay Upon my heart thy weary head, And meet thy last smile ere it fled; Then hear us in a dream, one say, "Now all is over,-she is dead." DR. S. ARMOR, Could smooth thy garments with fond care, And cross thy hands apon thy breast, HOMCOPATHIC PHYSICIAN, COLUMBIA, PA. And kiss thine evelids down to rest. And yet say no word of despair, But, through my sobbing. It is best. OFFICE AND RESIDENCE-Second Street THOMAS WELSH, Could stifle down the gnawing pain, TUSTICE OF THE PEACE, Columbia, Pa. And say, "We still divide our life, J OFICE, in Whipper's New Building, re-Black's Hotel, Front street. D Prompt allention given to all business entrasted to his care. November 23, 1857. She has the rest and I the strile, And mine the loss and hers the gains My ill with bliss for her is rife. Then turn, and the old duties take,-Alone now,-yet with earnest will Gathering sweet sacred traces still DR. G. W. MIFFLIN, DENTIST, Locust street, a few doors above the odd Fellows' Hall, Columbia, Pa. Columbia, May 3, 1856. To help me on, and, for thy sake, My heart and life and soul to fill. H. M. NORTH, I think I could check vain weak tears, TTORNEY AND : COUNSELLOR : AT LAW. And toil,—although the world's great space Held nothing but one vacant place, know. Columbia, Pa. Colicctions, promptly made, in Lancaster and York And see the dark and weary years Lit only by a vanished grace. J. W. FISHER, And sometimes, when the day was o'er, Call up the tender past again; Attorney and Counsellor at Law, Its painful joy, its happy pain, Columbia, Pa. Columbia, September 6, 1558-17 GEORGE J. SMITH, And live it over yet once more, And say, "but few more years remain." WHOLESALE and Retail Bread and Cake And then, when I had striven my best, And all around would softly say, "See how Time makes all grief decay," W Baker.-Constantly on hand a variety of Cakea, doo numerous to menution; Crackers; Soda, Wine, Scroll, and Sugar Biscut; Coulectionery, of every description, Ac. Ac. DUCUST SPIRET, Feb. 2, 55. Between the Bank and Franklin House. To lie down thankfully to rest, And seek thee in eternal day. Cold Cream of Glycerine, Fold the Cure and Prevention of Chap-ped Hunds. For sule by Dr. E. B. HERR. Col. Nov. 7, 1537. Golden Mortur Drug Store WISTAR'S BALSAN OF WILD CHERRY, for Cougley, Colds. & c. for spin n п But if the day should ever rise-It could not and it can not be-Yet, if the son should ever see, Looking upon us from his skies, A day that took thy heart from me; W for Coughs, Colds, &c., for sale at MCCORKLE & DELLETT'S Family Medicine Store, Odd Fellows' Hail. Columbia, Oct. 31, 1557. If loving thee still more and more, And still so willing to be blind, "I should the bitter knowledge find. W OOLLEY'S All Healing and Strengthen-That Time had eaten out the core Of love, and left the empty rind; W ing Sulve, for sale at McCORKLF & DELLETT'S Family Medicine Store, Odd Fellowe' Hall. Columbia, Oct. 31, 1857. Of the poor lifeless words, at last, The soul gone, that was once so sweet, CORN Starch, Farina, Ricc Flour, Tapioca, Sago, Oat Meal, Arrow Root, &c., at the FAMILY MEDICINE STORE, Sept. 20, '57. Odd Fellows' Hult. TUST received, three dozen Dr. Brunon's Durantic ould cease my sager heart to cheat, And crumble back into the past, And show the whole a vain deceit; If I should see thee turn away, And knew that prayer, and time, and pain Could no more thy lost love regain, Vegetable. Bitters. a certain cure for Dyspepsiu; also, a iresh lot of Sap Sago and Pine Apple Cuccso, Farina and Corn Starch, at D. HERR'S Sept 5, 1857. Grocery and Liquor Store.

Poetry.

Than bid the hours of dying day Gleam in their mid-day noon egain. LTAIR DYE'S. Jones' Batchelor's, Peter's and If I should lose thy hand, and know The Experimentation of the second state of the That henceforth we must dwell anart. ce I had seen thy love depart,

And only count the hours flow By the duil throbbing of my heart. If I should gaze and gaze in vain Into thy eyes so deep and clear, And read the truth of all my fear Half-mixed with pity for my pain, And sorrow for the vanished year,

If not to grieve thee overmuch, I strove to counterfeit disdain. And weave me a new life again. Which thy life could not mar or touch And so smile down my bitter pain. The ghost of my dead past would rise

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you or not, and if appearances are satisfaopractical young woman of the present day. express to her a wretched state of health .--A sudden dart at her in her father's presence, and an affectionate clasping of her "Scoundrel, what are your, intentions?"and could I make sure of having presence

eyes? Could that excellent gentleman be afterwards he was married, and has been print before. depended on to start from his chair, and say, the happiest man in existence ever since. Such a case as this is, unfortunately, an exceptional one. It has been most hastily of mind enough to drop on my knees and and most unwarrantably established as a reply instantly, "Dear sir, they are strictly social principle, that altenen are audacious honorable?" I fear not; it takes so much and enterprising in their love affairs, because to get some parents out of their chairs, and they are men; and on these manifestly false so little to upset a lover, like me. Shall'I grounds, the conclusion has been adopted write to her father? Then there is the that it is invariably the business of the man dreadful embarrassment of the first meeting to make the offer. Dear, dear me! are we with her afterwards. Shall I write to the all'Don Juan's? Is there no such being in excharmer herself? The same embarrassment istence as a bashful man? On the other hand,

still lies in wait for me. I can't express it areall young women naturally struck speechin words, or looks, or sighs, or sudden em- less with confusion at the mention of marbraces, or epistolary correspondence. What riage? Do they all fall into such convulsions am I to do? Again the humiliating confes- of modesty at the first prospect of assuming sion escapes me; again I auswer-I don't bridal responsibilities, as really to lose the admirable self possession which is one of This is a serious, and, as I am inclined to the most charming attributes of the sex in

think, even a sad state of things. Here, is every other circumstance of life? My own my future depending on my doing some- observation of the appearance of brides and thing-and I can't do it. Even if I could | bridegrooms, under the trying ordeal of the find the courage to make the offer, I should | wedding day, induces me to believe that the not feel certain of discovering, at the same loss of self-possession is almost invariably on time, the words in which to express it. In the man's side. It is my firm opinion (supthis matter such awful interests depend posing mymind to be sufficiently robust to supapon such shocking trifles. I know a heart- porta firn. oppifion about any thing) that, in rending case in point. A friend of mine, ninety-nine cases out of a hundred, the offer almost as shy as I am myself, armed him- of marriage would be much more quickly, self with the resolution which I do not pos- sensibly, and irrestibly made if it came from sess, watched his opportunity, and started the lady instead of the gentleman ; and I with his offer of marriage to the object of would respectfully invite any man who dishis affection. It was in the winter time, agrees with me to compare the behavior of and he had a cold .. He advanced about six the bride with the behavior of the bridewords into the preparatory sentence; the groom the next time he goes to a wedding. lady was listening with modest, yet encour- The wisdom of the ancients seems to have aging attention-he go to the seventh word, sanctioned some such salutary change of and felt a sudden titillation in the upper custom as that which I propose at the part of his nose-he pronounced the eighth period of leap-year. But the practice has word, and-burst into a shrill, raging fallen into disusc; and the modest men of screaming sneeze! The lady (who can the community have suffered unspeakably tions (if any) by which the speaker emphablame her?) after a noble effort to preserve in consequence.

her self-contaol, fell back into the chair in If I had only the courage, I would sugsentially serious thing; who could proceed gest to some of those public spirited ladies sentially serious thing; who could proceed who are so nobly trying to take away from come Tax Papers are, with the most with it under those circumstances? Not the men everything they have got, and to extreme care and the most honorawith it under most circumstances. For the men everything they have got, and to extreme care and the ment to have a forwards again, two or three days afterwards, At his first look of anutterable love, at his first male population, if they accused my graspapproach to the tender topic, he saw the ing sex of monopolizing the right of making lady's face get red, and the lady's lips des- offers. The first offer in the world was with the following brief formula of two perately compress themselves. The horrid made, in that matter of the apple, by Eve, who explosion of the sneeze was firing itself off was not bashful, to Adam, who was. Why of offer presented herewith, have proved to again in her memory-she was shaking all have Eve's daughters (I would ask, if I be a satisfactory one, in your case? And if over with suppressed laughter. He tried a were one of the public spirited ladies) al- not, will you state in what particulars you third time; the same result followed: and lowed the privilege exercised by their first think it might be improved? Second. Would then he gave it up. They have never met mother to slip through their fingers in this the accompanying actions by which the offer muff and what will be marfield before T since; they never will meet. They were disgraceful manner? What is the use of was pressed on the kind attention of the inmade for each other by nature; they were talking of the equality of the sexes as long dividual addressed, have specially inclined sweetly and suitably matched in age, for- as one sex perpetually exercises the right of you to favor it with a suitable reply? And, tune, social position and mutual tastes .-putting the question, and leaves to the other if not, what improvements in the way of And what has rudely torn them asunder sex only the inferior and secondary privilege addition or suppression, would you be dis-forever?—a sneeze! I write this with tears of giving the answer? Let it be understood, posed, in the strictest confidence, to suggest? in my eyes, and do not envy the feelings of for the future, that the men are to take their When the necessary answers to these quesany man or woman who can laugh at it. turn of whiting until they are spoken to. tions had been given. I would have the

principle within, observe whether it adores "My dear," replied the indulgent lady, the whole time as if it would burst, and perate immediately. A spoken explanation "have I ever thwarted you in any of your with every nerve in her body trembling all of my feelings-unless I could manage to tory, keep it forever." Pretty, but, perhaps, little caprices? Please yourself, love; please over from head to foot. My experience has catch my young woman in the dark-being. at the same time incomprehensible to a yourself." The third plate of muffins came not been a large one-but that is my humble in my case, manifestly out of the question, in. It was set down in solemn silence .-- idea of the nature of a woman's shyness. I suppose I must bashfully resign myself, but I have not the right kind of eyes for | curate took a hit confusedly; the daughter might happen if the oppressive laws of court. In the event of my mustering courage that exercise. My organs of ogling are too took a bit meditatively. "I think," she ship were relaxed—for no such welcome event enough to compose the letter, and to send it light in color, too small in size, and too stiff said after a moment of charming reverie, is likely to take place. It will be more to the off when done, the question is, How had I in their, action for that purpose. Perpetual "I think, Mamma, I will have him." . She purpose, perhaps, if I venture on introduc- better behave myself, when the inevitable sighing? She might mistake my intentions, turned and looked critically at the curate; ing a little practical suggestion of my own, embarrassment of the first meeting with and fancy that I was only endeavoring to waited till he had, with great difficulty, dis- which struck me while I was meditating in her comes afterwards? Shall I begin with posed of a mouthful of muffin; and then held my unhappy position, which involves no words, or begin with actions? Or, to be out her hand, with fascinating frankness. sweeping change in the manners and cus- plainer still, which shall I address first, her "There!" she said, "don't let us make a fuss toms of the age, and which, so far as I waist or her mind? Will any charitable round the waist under her father's astonished about it. There is my hand!" Six weeks know, has never made its appearance in married lady kindly consider my especial weakness of disposition, and send me pri-

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I am informed, by persons of experience vately one word of advice as to which of quetry had never been more attractive or in the world of letters (about which I myself these two delicate alternatives it will be more killing; but in the midst of this great know nothing.) that the ladies of the pre- safest for me to adopt? sent contury have burst inton every depart-

ment of literature, have carried off the accumulated raw material from under men's

CUAPTER I. The first cold day which announces the noses, and have manufactured it to an enormous an unheard of extent for the public close of autumn and the approach of winter benefit. I am told that out of everytwelve is a solemn and important epoch to a lady poems or novels that are written, nine at of fashion. She must, then, make due preleast are by ladies; that they write histories, parations for the coming season. Winter is in six or eight volumes, with great case and on his way, accompanied by concerts, and satisfaction to themselves, while the men routs, and balls. What pleasures, what quadrille or a gallop; and Madame Dubreuil can only compass the same achievements triumphs, brings he in his train? What with extrem difficulty, in one or two volumes; dresses shall we invent to do him fitting and that they are perpetually producing honor? These are momentous questions, books of travels which are all about them- but cannot be decided until the reigning selves and their own sensations, without the deities have issued their flat, fixing the slavish fear of that possible imputation of fashions for the season. Until then, we must self-conceit which so often lurks in the more content ourselves with last winter's velvet timid bosom of man. I am particularly mantles, and thick cashmeres, and comfor-

rejoiced to hear of this, because my sugges- table furs. tions involves nothing less than the writing of one gigantic book by all the ladies of most celebrated elegantes of Paris. On that Great Britian put together. What I pro- day-it, was in the early part of last Nopose is a Hand Book of Courtship, written vember-winter had suddenly announced by all British wives, and edited, with notes, by all British daughtors. The magnitude of my own idea absolutely

takes away my breath-and yet, the execution of it is so unimaginably easy that the hand book might be ready for publication in six months' time. I propose that every Married Lady in the country shall write down the exact words (for surely her affectionate heart must remember them,) which

her husband used when he made his offer to her; and that she shall then add to that interesting report of the offer, illustrative particulars of the circumstances under which it mas made, and of the accompanying ac

sised the all-important words as they fell from his lips. I would have the Returns thus prepared, collected as, the Income Tax Papers are, with the most among the Unmarried Ladies of the country, questions attached: First. Would the form

So shought Madame Dubreuil, one of the himself, and with more asperity than usual. Madame Dubreuil was making her arrangements against this sudden and unforescen attack of the white-headed old gentleman and she could not help reflecting, while occupied in these matters, on the rapid progress of time, on the happy days which had

The Widow's Muff.

flown so quickly by, and on her own twentyeighth year, which was drawing near its close. Twenty-eight certainly cannot be consid-

ered a despairing, or even a desponding age, and Madame Dubreuil, as she glanced at one of the mirrors in her bouldir, was right in thinking that she had never been more lovely than at that moment. Up to that time, every day appeared to have only added to her beauty, to have furnished her with some new charm; but now she had reached a perfection which she could not hope long to retain. It is not, therefore, to be wondered at if the sight of her last winter's habiliments produced such various thoughts in the mind of Madame Dabreuil, as one by one she drew them forth from their snug retreats. In a box of sandal wood reposed one of the most lovely muffs ever produced from Siberian sables. The fair lady looked at it with melancholy smiles,

and asked herself, "How many things have

She fook a rapid view of past events .---Two incidents had occurred which might seriously influence her future life: with these were connected two names; the recollection of one produced a smile; the other a slight knitting of the brows. These namewere Theobald and Baron de Grany.

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Madam Dubreuil had an excellent memory. She remembered perfectly that the last time she had worn her muff was on a fine day in the month of April. The night before she had been at a grand ball given by her banker. Her dress on that occasion was of the most elegant description-a lace robe, a necklace of large pearls, and natural camelias in her hair. She had never had so great a crowd of admirers; her cotriumph her own heart had been severely scathed. A timid and amiable young man

whom she had tormented for her own amusement, during the whole of the winter, at last obtained grace in her eyes, and she had confessed to herself, and then but whisperingly, "I love him." To acknowledge this to him. it was necessary to wait a more suitable place and opportunity; such an arowal could not be made during the intervals of a

well knew that Theobald de Sarnaud was too assiduous to allow her to wait long for the opportunity she desired. As chance would have it, she met him tho next day, the last appearance of the muff,

at the Marchioness de Lascelle's, one of her intimate friends. She had gone there to make a morning call. The drawing-room was full of company, and Theobald could only express his admiration by the cloquence of looks. However, at the moment Madame Dubreuil rose to take leave, and as she took her muff from a table on which she had laid it, Theobald approached, and whispered to her with mysterious emotion:

"Remember! I wait my sentence."

"Poor young man," thought the compassionate widow; "he has suffered so long! The first time I can see him alone he shall know that he has gained his case."

That evening Madame Dubreuil remained at home to repose herself after the fatigues of the ball. Her sleep was attended with the most enchanting dreams. On waking, her first thoughts were of Theobald. "Shall

I tell him to-day?" said she musingly; "it would be very silly of him not to call." The weather was most beautiful; it was

the first day of spring. Madame Dabreuil was walking out in the hope of meeting Theobald. In the evening she went to the opera, where she was a constant attendant. In vain she directed her opera-glass to the stalls and to the boxes. Between the acts a gentleman visited Madame Dabreuil in her box, and talked over the occurrences of the day. Among other matters, he said-

"By-the-by, madame, are you aware that you have lost one of your most indefatigable dancers? fortunately, the season for balls draws near its close."

"And who is the devotee?" asked Madame Dubreuil. "It is M. Theobald de Sarnaud, who has

SUPERIOR article of burning Fluid just received and for sale by H. SUYDAM & SON. LABOE lot of City cured Dried Beef, just A LARGE lot of UNY CUICH DIGA - received at H. SUYDAM & Columbia, December 20, 1850. HOOFLAND'S German Bitters. For sale at Family Nedicius Store, Old Fellows Hall. COUNTRY Produce constantly on hand and for sale by H. SUYDAM & SON. HOMINY, Cranberries, Raisins, Figs, Alm-Huuts, Cream Nuts, &c., just receive H. SUYDAM & SOR'S. Columbia, Dec. 20, 1856. A SUPERIOR lot of Black and Green Teas, Conce and Chocolate, just received at u. SUTDAN & SON'S Dec. 20, 1855. Corner of Front and Union Ms. **JUST RECEIVED, a beautiful assortment of** Giass Ink Sundo, at the Headquarters and News Depot. Columbia, April 18, 1857.

COLUTION OF CITBATE OF MAGNESIA.or Pur-

Wintern Untern Water.-This pleasant incdicine which is highly recommended as a substrute for Broom Saint, Scidling Towders, Ker. can be contained fresh every day at Dz. E. B. HERRI'S Drug Store, Front st. 12

AMPS, LAMPS, LAMPS. Just received at

And mock me, and I could not dare Look to a future of despair, Or even to the eternal skies, For I should still be ionely there.

All Truth, all Honor, then would seem Vain clouds, which the first wind blew by; All Trust, a folly doomed to die; All Life, a uscless empty dream; All Love -- since thine had failed -- a lie But see, thy tender smile has cast

My fear away: this thought of mine Is treason to my Love and thine; For Love is Life, and Death at last Crowns it eternal and divine!

Selections.

From Household Words. A Shy Scheme.

EXTBA Family and Superfine Flour of the I am a shy young man, with a limited in-JUST received 1000 lbs. extra double bolied Backwhent Meal, at hee. 90, 1856, H. SUYDAM & SON'S. W EILEL'S Instantaneous Yeast or Baking Powder, for sale by H. SUYDAM & SON. name is Koddle. - . . . i i e

FARE & THOMPSON'S justiy celebraicd Com-mercial and other Gold Fens-the brain the market-just received. P. SHREINER. Commbin. April 25. 1855.

WHY should any person de without a Clock, when they can be had for \$1,50 and upwards. SHREINER'S? Columbia, April 99, 1855.

best brand, for sale by H. SUYDAM& SON.

GERMARE Imported Harlem Oil, for sale at D. R. B. HIKRE'S Golden Mortar Drug Store, From pirect, Coppubia, Pa. MARLE AND FLOOR OIL GLOTHE, all widths, and Carpetings, for sale choap. by Oct. 16, 1657. 1. O. BRUNER & CO.

HATS AND CAPS, suitable for the searce, and at I low prices, at the Corner of Third and Union sta. Oct. 19, 1807.

JOOKING GLASSES, all rizes, by L.O. BRUNER & CO., Oct. 10, 1357. Corner of Third and Union sts.

CHEAP While, Red and Yellow Wool Flassels and Wool Yarn, of all colors and qualities, at October 10, 1857. BRUNER'S.

SALT by the sack or hushel, and Mackerel by the barrel or retail, as I, D. BRUNER & CO'S. October 10, 1857. DRIMHBEGARS AND TOBACCO, of different brands, wholesale and retail,"by October 10, 1857. I. O. BRUNER & CO. MABLE and Rock Sali, by the sack or bushel, for sale low, by I. O. BRENFR CO. DE GRATH'S ELECTRIC OIL. Just regeived freeh cupply of this popular remosy, and for sale B. WilliddMS. May 18, 1856. Front Street, Colembia, Fa.

A LAEGE assortances of Ropes, all sizes and length A on band and for sale at TilOS. WELSH'S, March 12, 1857. No. 1. High street. A NEW lot of WHALE AND CAR GREASING t the store of the subscriber. R. WILLIAMS. Front Street, Columbia, Pa. May 10, 1856.

know how.

To return to my own case. It is very Let every other year be considered, for Papers again collected, on the same income hard, I think, that no provision is made for matrimonial purposes, a leap year, and give tax principle : and would immediately set bashful men like me, who want to declare the unhappy bashful bachelor a good twelve- the printers at work The Married Ladics Rethe state of their affections, who are not ac month's chance of getting an offer. It may turns should form the text, and the Unmarcustomed to female society, and who are be objected. I know, that, even in the event of ried Ladies' Returns should be added in the habitually startled and confused, even on this wholesome reform in our manners being form' of notes. No names or addresses ordinary occasions, whenever they hear the carried out, I could scarcely hope to be per should appear anywhere. The book should sound of their own voices. There are peo- sonally a gainer by it, seeing that my young be bound in virgin white, with orange-flower

ple ready to assist us in every other emer- woman is, according to my own confession. decorations on the back. It should be printgency of our being; but in the greatest dif- as retiring in her habits as I am myself. I ed in rose-color ink, and it should be issued ficulty of all, we are inhumanly left to help can only answer to this, that I have noticed, to the world from a publishing house estabonrselves. There have been one or two on the few occasions when I have had op- lished for the purpose in Doctors' Commons. rare occasions, on which one or two unpar- portunities of exercising my observation, a

alighted women have nobly steeped forward great difference to exist between the shyness this would be! What a circulation it would wome. My residence is in the country-my and relieved us of our humiliating position of a woman and the shyness of a man. To have among all classes ! What a delightful hair is light-my cheeks are rosy-my sta- as speechless suitors, by taking all the em- refer to my own case, I have remarked that sense of confidence it would awaken in the ture is small-my manners are mild-my barrassment of making the offer on their my charmer's shyness differs from mine in mind of the diffident male reader! How own shoulder. I know an instance of this being manageable, graceful, and, more than could any go wrong with the Hand Book to

men contrive to slide as smoothly as they contrast to the harrowing anecdote which I and of assuming a disguise of the most positive course of action ? If I had such a do, out of one topic and into another, with bare just told. Our curate where I live, amazing coolness and self possession on cerout the slightest appearance of any accome has been all his life a martyr to shyness; tain trying occasions! I have heard the might look out and learn, the form of offer nounce the pleasures of fashonable life admitted in society, he excused himself hy panying jerk, is a mystery to me. I want to and but for the admirably decided conduct object of my affections condemned by ignotack on to the information imparted in my of his wife under trying circumstances, I rant strangers as a young woman of unplea- case; might discover and correct its little sity with her; to shine in the great world warrior, bred in camp, can have the soft first paragraph, two additional facts: first, happen to know that he would never have the santly audacious manners, at the vory time human imperfections, by reference to the was her only happiness, and the young tones and effeminate manners of a vity for." Nothing could be more ludicrous than his man. But there seems, somehow, to be a lie was just in my miserable position, when how entryshing his claim and auorn his existence. the was just in my miserable position, when because a line of the miserable position, when a suffering all the miseries of extreme con-discrepted man (if f could depend upon my memory) by to-morrow at the was kindly invited to ten (and muffins) fusion and solf-distrust. Whenever I see object of my attachment in that way. It is one evening, by his charmer's agreeable her make up a bold face, by drawing her attention. ondly, that I have my eye on a young wo- who now enliven and adorn his existence. as if I dragged her into these pages by the mother. At the head of the table sat this neck and shoulders, instead of appearing estimable woman, in a new cap. At the roots all round; whenever I hear her talk at their disposal-how many extra marriages source which could not fail her; so many declarations, and appeared to consider them serenely before the public guze, with my foot of the table sat her accomplished harmer escorted on my arm. Her residence daughter, in a new gown. Between them s in the country-her hair is light-her sat my friend the curate, looking in speechcheeks are rosy-her stature is small-her less confusion at a plate of muffins placed manners are mild. Except that she has exactly opposite to him. No other visitor no income at all, and that her name is Kod- marred the harmony of the domestic scene. dle, my young woman is wonderfully like They had a cup of tea all round, and a plate scrible and most unreasonable terrors of shy- dertake it, in consideration of the literary me in everything, extreme shyness inclu- of muffins-and my friend neverspoke. They ded. Under these circumstances, it is per-had a second cup of ten, stronger than the apprehensive of a long period, of silence the whole sex. haps remarkable that I should be so fond of first, and a second plate of muffins more elapsing, if a reform in our social laws In the meantime, here I am, shyly hover-

abrupt, "My other self.] plunge your "Mamma," she said, with a kind of silvery largest pattern, in her ribands of the fiercest information on the subject, I feel that I things have happened since the last day I "that he would give her time to consider the hand into my bosom, extract the throbbing calmess. "Mamma, shall I have him?- brightness-with her poor heart thumping must make up my mind to do something des- wore that muff?"

muff? and what will be my fate before I set on this morning for Italy. Gone! and at such a moment-without again deposit it in that box ?"

From these philosophical reflections my waiting his sentence! This was the most readers will already have imagined that poignant grief that Madame Dubreuil had Madame Dubreuil' is a widow. It is true, ever suffered. In what way could she ac-She had been married to a man much older count for this precipitate departure! He than herself; he was immensely rich, lived must have felt terrified at the decisive moin magnificent style; his house was visited ment! He was so modest, so timid! by the first people. He had not been a

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kind or attentive husband, and, by way of Some time after this event, which had making his wife lament his loss, he just made a deep impression on the mind of before dying, made a will, by which he left M'me Dubreuil, she left Paris. Since her the greatest bulk of his property to distant widowhood, she usually passed the summer relations, with whom he had scarcely ex- at the country house of one of her nunts, changed a word. "This will be a very who had dignified it with the name of Chaeffectual method, to make her regret me," teau. M'me Bonneval did not receive much thought this good husband, as he penned company; her country guests were usually his last wishes. "I have habituated my grave personages, some old friends of hers. wife to luxury, to spending large sums of On the present occasion the youngest of the money. How will my widow weep for me society was a certain Baron de Grany, who when she finds herself reduced to modiocrity, was only fifty years old; he was a complete and is compelled to observe the most rigid original, proud of his nobility-which was economy? If I left her all my fortune, she to say the least of it, but doubtful-and of would, perhaps, marry some one for whom some military exploits that he took care to she has an affection, and the comparison recount to every new comer, and which were might not be to my advantage." still more apocryphal. He affected the

How it is that professed literary gentle and I feel bound to relate it, as a soothing that, in being capable of suppressing itself refer to, before he committed himself to a supervictim of self-love and the posthumous and whenever he had forgotten himself so which I felt to be most suitable in my own was impossible; they had become a neces- saying, "You need not expect that an old character assured me that she was secretly become a happy accepted man (if I could come not being sufficient for her expenses, mode of expressing his admiration for Mahair off hor forehead, and showing the lovely the experience of others were thus placed hor accomplishments; marriage was a re- The lovely widow laughed at his awkward admirers thronged around her, all of whom as in jest. This went on for some time; laughing with extraordinary readiness; first year after the publication of the Hand, were prodigal of the most fervent protesta- but one morning the Baron, finding Madamo Dubreuil alone in the saloon, made ber a

The day had, however, arrived when formal tender of his hand and fortune, and Madanne Dubreuil perceived that it was by way of convincing her, en militaire, that privately quaking with all the most inde-posed-I can only implore the ladies to un-absolutely necessary she should bring her he was really in earnest, threw his arms widowhood to a close. Her capital had around her and insisted upon scaling the seriously diminished; time was running on, contract, which he thought too advantageous and although her looking-glass still gave to refuse, with a salute. Madame Dubreuil, her the most brilliant assurances, although incensed at his rude conduct, violently rang her as I am. I can't account for that. But richly buttered. Even this encouragement authorised my charmer to help me out by ing round my fate, and hopelessly ignorant her admirers still poured their ardent rows the bell, called for her sunt, and declared to I can smooth away another little difficulty; failed to loosen the ourate's tongue. At the making my offer for me. She would do it, how to rush in and close with it, at once and adulations into her ear, she must listen her that, if M. de Grany remained there I can explain how it is that I have not yet third cup, and pending the arrival of the I know, with an appearance of extraordina-imparted the state of my affections. I don't third plate of muffins, the expressive eyes of ry indifference and gravity with her utmost

ing with extraordinary perseverence, and might be solemnized in the course of the tions. whenever I see her gown particularly large Book-I cannot presume to say. I can only in pattern, and herribands dazzlingly bright point to the serious necessity that there is in color-then, I feel certain that she is for bringing out the great work that I proness. Knowing this, I should not be at all honor and glory which it would confer upon

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