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DR. G. W. MIFFLIN, DR. G. W. MIFFLIN, DENTIST, Locust street, a few doors above e Odd Fellows' Hall, Columbia, Pa. ibia. May 3, 1856.

H. M. NORTH, TTORNEY NO COUNS LOR AT LAW. A TIUBNEL AD COULD Columbia. Pa. Collections, promptly made, in Lancaster and York Jounties. Columbia. May 4, 1850.

J. W. FISHER, Attorney and Counsellor at Law,

Columbia, Pa. Columbia, September 6, 1556 u S. Atlee Botkius, D. D. S.

Charles the Operative, Surgical and Mechan-ical Departments of Dentistry. Obstick Local street, between the Franklin House and Post Office, Columbia, Pa May 7, 1859

CHEWING TOBACCO. A THENRY PFAILLER'S, Locust street, opposite the A Franklin House, can be had CUBA LEAF, CON-GRES-, and several other brands of the best Chewing Tolacco, to which the attention of chewers is invited. Nay 1, 1853.

May 4, 1885. TMPORTED Lubin's, also, Glenn's Double Extructs. I for the hun/kerchief, at HADRY OF Ervis f for the hundkerchief, at HARRY GREEN'S, Feb. 19, '59. Opposite Cola. Bridge, Front St.

BROOMS,---100 Doz. Brooms, at Wholesale H. PFAHLER'S, Locust street. or Returbat Dec. 12, 1857 CINE'S Compound of Syrup of Tar, Wild

Cherry and Hoathound, for the care of Cough Colds, Whooping Cough, Cropp. Re. For sale at NetCORKLF & DISLETT'S Family Medicine Store, Old Fellow, Hull Ortober 23, 1838.

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Oats for sale by the bushel or larger quan-D. F. APPOLD, Canal Basin. 111y by olumb in Dec. 25, 1858.

TOBACCO and Segars of the best brands, olesule and retail, at BRUNER'S Ju 50. JUST in store, a fresh tot of Breining & Frontfield celebrated Vegetable Cattle Powder, and for sale h R- WILLIA VS.

Sept. 17, 1859. From street, Colum 25 Boxes of Duffry Brown Soup on hand and fer 25 Soxes of Duffry Brown Soup on hand and fer August 6. 1859. Soap.

Suffer no longer with Corns.

"It's coming, is he?" quoth our John, ' I've heard that talk before"----And then his eyes fell straight upon His stick behind the door "I wonder if 'twould suit our friend_ (John's face was rather grim) For me to save his coming here, By going there to him." "Because you know, old girl," says he, 'I'm hearty, strong and hale, And I'd be all the better for A little bit of sail. I fancy, too, he thinks I'm not Quite sound in wind or limb. I've really quite a thought, old girl, Of going there to him. "Besides, you know, I shouldn't be A stranger to the way, I visited the spot before In Bonyparty's day. That very stick I took with me---It hasn't grown more slim; I swear, old gal, I'm half inclined To go across to him. "I liate to give a gentleman More trouble there's need, And crossing water makes our friend Uncommon cross indeed, And if, as these here letters say, To meet me is his whim, Why, daug my buttons, Mother Bull, I'll go across to him. "Mayhap he'd like to have a crack About old days gone by, Egypt, and Spain, and Trafalgar, If he would, so would I. About those days I rather think His memory's getting dim. And that's another reason, dame,

Noetru.

"Our French Friend."

pen.

Why I should go to him. "There's Master Jack may mind the house, I'm glad he's bought a gun, It he don't keep you safe and sound, He's not his father's son. So fill a mug, our friend's good health,

Yes, fill it to the brim; If he'll but say he means to come-By George Pil go to him."

The Shadowy Kiss. Two deep bay windows ht the room In which we watched the evening gloom; In this myself and Lucy sat,

Pater and maiden aunts in that; The gas light on the flags below And on our ceiling cast a glow. While Pater and his coterie Talk'd matters parliamentary; Or rol'd, with solemn shake of head,

How pradently the young should wed, In my committee I said, "This, My dourest, is the time to kiss!" Lured by the shadowy hour and nook.

The proffer'd pledge she coyly look; When, lo! by our unlucky fate, In silhouette, our tete-a-tete, Noses and pouted lins were all Obliquely shadowed on the wall' So, when the footman brings in tea, Sombre are they, and scarlet we; The lamp has prematurely shown

A truth we had not dared to own Small thanks to light untimely east,-And yet this kiss was not our last! [Once a Week

Selections.

Aunt Janet's Diamonds.

a character. Choose;" and he offered her a vice and she never left us till she went away "Lucy!" I cried involuntarily. The girl turned and looked at me with unmeaning gaze. "Silencel" said my aunt to me in a severe tone; "don't you interfere with her."

Mr. Chapman was whispering to Lucy .-From what I overheard it was evident that he merely attributed her hesitation to an obstinate persistence in her story. But I could not keep silence. I had been forced to speak against Josiah upon strong conviction. I should never have felt convinced of my mistake if I thought the girl had signed the paper from mercenary mo-

tives. "Lucy," said I, "listen to me. The question is, was Mr. Josiah with you in the gardon the evening before the dinner, or not! They say it was your interest to declare he was; it is now clearly your interest to deny it. Lay aside the wretched question of interest, and speak the truth. You will have to speak the truth one day. It is better to sneak it now, though it makes you a beggar, than speak it hereafter with shame and remorse." I could see how agitated the girl was; pain

of irresolution flushed her face; she abruntly left Mr. Chapman and came to my side. "I won't sign it!" she exclaimed. "I did peak the truth." My aunt was the first to recover from the

surprise which my conduct created. She rang the bell; the butler entered. "Pay that girl," said she, "a month's wages, and turn her out of the house. Mind, she leaves this house not a thief, but a liar."

"My courage had ebbed away with the words I had addressed to Lucy; I sank into a chair overwhelmed with an intense feeling of moral exhaustion; then my aunt, in the bitterest words, upbraided me for the opinion I persisted in entertaining about Josial. She would insist upon it, notwithstanding all my assurances, that I had eagerly caught at the girl's story in the hones of undermining Josiah's character, but the scheme had failed-the blow had fallen on my head.-She called upon Mr. Chapman to witness her words: "Not one penny of her fortune should be mine; henceforth I should work for my bread as a governess, and cease to this evening! go, and say are a beggar, and

see if he will care for you." I was very angry-indignant at her cruel challenge. I spoke at random. "I will go" said I, and I left the room. I was far too excited to think. I put on my bonnet, hurried down stairs, and shut the hall-

My pride was aroused, and but for fear of over-exciting my aunt, I should have deto be married many years afterwards. I had been married three months, and I clined any return for doing what was merehad never even chanced to meet my aunt in | ly my duty. my walks, but I heard of her from time to time from mutual friends. One day intelligence was brought me that In the greatest anxiety I hastened to the

I asked how my aunt was. The butler said she was very ill. Could I see her? The man he had strict orders to refuse me admittance. "Whose orders?" I inquired.

lecting upon what I had better do, when the doctor came down stairs. He had always been a very kind friend of mine. "I'm so glad you are here," said he; "I her neck the key of the drawer.

mentioned your name several times." He begged to have a few words with me in the diamonds, which he placed on the in the dining room. bed. "But I'm refused admittance."

er, puzzled what to do. "I'll be responsible," replied the doctor, relieved at the doctor being announced.

me to be silent.

and I followed him into the dining-room. . "There," said my aunt, pushing the case The docter did not disguise from me that towards me with great effort, "I said they in my arms. it was a most serious attack. It was agreed should be yours the first day I bought them that I should enter my aunt's room as if if you were a good girl-you have been nothing had occurred between us, and busy very good during this illness; take them; with regard to Josiah; but I was determmyself with the general arrangements.

was very distressed to see her in so sad a Janet's diamonds, which she bought years serious offence with regard to some pecucondition. I was an the point of referring ago. They are very precious to me. If niary tranasction arising out of my aunt's

My presence and attentions seemed to full worth as they stand now."

about Josiah, and reminded the doctor of that if he died with ut children, the land The case would stand thus-Josiah might into the private office, and there was the the peculiar circumstances in which I was was to go to my eldest son.

the sooner you answer that, the better. Now! certainly cold and distant in his manner, very wild and dissipated life.

was peremptorily dismissed.

the door-step, and looked forth on the com- sciousness and the use of her limbs, he was entitled to wear them.

house; the doctor's carriage was at the door.

aunt peremptorily. "Go and get them, Josiah;" and with some difficulty, she took off

prejudicial to my aunt, that I was greatly

nysolf with the general arrangements. My aunt's face did brighten up when I "One word." said Josiah, speaking to me

cause my aunt so much satisfaction that the Poor Aunt Janet! she little knew what tence in her statement; but if he had en-

that I should remain and nurse her. I diamonds. long required. I was so very glad to be of zure took place; and after lingering a few

nevertheless, I heard afterwards that the had given me the option of parting with wear the diamonds on the night of the dia-

unfortunate butler who had admitted me them, which, if he thought advisable, I ner party; Lucy is asked to meet, him at the

The shop people were about us; I bade | "No. Jesiah's not such a fool as to give her be silent. We regained our coach, and ten thousand pounds for paste." returned home. I felt convinced that Josi- We believed that Mr. Chapman must have ah had changed the diamonds. Ah! me! it been suddenly bereft of his senses; but he was weary and sad waiting as that day proved his words by a check on his own dregged slowly on, and Mr. Huntley was so banker's for cight thousand pounds; and

late. When he did come home he was far further than that, he placed in my hands a little box containing Aunt Janet's verifable calmer than I had expected. "Thank God," said he, "I know the worst diamonds.

of it-a thousand pounds will set things This was Mr. Chapman's story. It had straight. You told me your aunt gave more been arranged that the false diamonds than twelve hundred for the diamonds_____ should be on view with the rest of the effects; "But-"" said I, in a perfect agony. but they were to be placed under a glass "But what?" he exclaimed impatiently. case, and the detective, as an auctioneer's "O Edward!" I replied, "the sooner I tell man in charge, was to watch narrowly all you the better. They are not diamonds: the people who came to view them.' It was also agreed, on any person desiring a closer they are worth nothing."

inspection, that the detective was to make I recounted the events of the morning. I shall never forget the end of that day; excuses about the key of the case having its utter hopelessness and despair; ay, and been mislaid. Several people, evidently the bitter days that followed close upon it. dealers in jewelry, had grumbled a great

selling all we possessed at the price things through the glass, but nobody had expressed fetch at a sale, we knew would not realize a doubt as to their being real. At last two one half; and then my husband would stand men came in together, and while the one compromised for the rest, a defaulter, with was complaining about the key, the other. his name posted up. I remember it was all at a glance, told his companion that it did so sad, that I feit I was almost doing wrong not matter: he knew they were only paste. to smile at baby as he laughed and crowed | How could that man be certain at a glance

that the stones were paste? The detective motioned to Mr. Chapman,

In the absence of direct proof, my husband thought it was hopeless to do anything who was standing near. Mr. Chapman' went up to the man, and drawing him aside. ined to have Mr. Chapman's advice in the told him that he was quite right; the diamonds were only paste, and it would be matter. That gentleman received me very approached her, and she smiled faintly .---- "never forget that those were once Aunt kindly. I found that Josiah had given him worth money to any person who could say how they came to be basic.

By dint of clever examination, and promto the past, and begging her forgiveness, you ever desire to part with them, or even to will. He was greatly astonished when 1 ises of reward, the man confessed that he but the doctor drew me back and motioned modernize the setting, let me know. I will told him that the diamonds were false. He had made those very imitation stones himstrive to scrape money together to give the confessed that, on after reflection, he had self! When? Somewhere about two years been very much puzzled by Lucy's persis. before. For whom? Well, he didn't mind saying that-the fellow was lately deaddoctor expressed a strong wish, if possible, she was doing when she gave me those tertained any suspicions against Josiah, it Benson, the Jew money-lender, who often employed him for that sort of job. On was of course nothing beyond the supposicould sleep on the sofa in the room. He The doctor was quite right: my services tion that Josiah, having asked the girl to whose behalf was Benson acting? Ahl feared that my services would not be very were not required very long; another sei meet him, and fearing the affair had been Benson kept his affairs very close; but it discovered, had endeavored to shift out of it did happen there was a great press at the any comfort to my aunt that I readily days, my aunt died. The whole of the prop- as best he might. The false diamonds gave end to got this work dene; and when he agreed to the proposition; then I recollected erty was left to Josiah, with the reservation an entirely new color to the transaction. wook it home to Benson's, he hurried at once

have fallen into extravagances before my gentleman, all impatient to get possession placed. He promised me that I should Of course, we kept up no intercourse with aunt's death; indeed he, Mr. Chapman, had of the false stones. Benson was angry have no annoyance or anxiety on that score. Josiah; but I heard quite enough of his go received pretty strong proof that such was with him for coming into the office. He I was thus fully established as chief nurse. ings-on to show that I had formed a true the fact. Unwilling to confess his delin- never found out the gentiman's name; but collecting herself, she drew Mr. Huntly's My first meeting with Josiah was not nearly estimate of his character. As soon as he quencies, he had sought some other mode of he was certain he should know him again. letter from her pocket. "There," said she, so embarrassing as I had feared; he was came into his wealth, he began to lead a extrication. Marriage with me would have dad the diamonds? Yes: he finitied ho given him the immediate compland of money. knew where the diamonds were; the set had but he expressed himself very pleased When I placed the diamonds in my hus- That failed. Then the abstraction of the not been broken up; they were in the hands that my sunt should have me with her; band's hands, I told him that Aunt Janet diamonds. He knew that my sunt would of a man who wanted a long price-diamonds were rising in the market; the man could bide his time.

"Now," said Mr. Chapman, "that gentleshould be very happy to do, as I felt our end of the garden on that night; he takes man you-chanced to see is very anxious to At the first, when my aunt was so ill and eircumstances would not permit of my care that she has the keys of the press left get those dlamonds back again; he will give beipless, Josiah came very little into the wearing them. He would not listen to my for a time in her hands; the diamonds are the man his own price for them if they are door after me. Whither?-to Mrs. Huntly's- sick-room; but as scon as she grew better, proposal; he was not pressed for money, he missing; suspicion naturally falls on Lucyr bronght to my office to morrow morning, but-? I began to think as I turred on and began thoroughly to regain her con- said, and in a few years I might be fully Ten days have elapsed between the party and something handsome to you in the burand the loss of the diamonds being discover-.....

mon, the old home scene, so familiar, years in and out of the room all day. On the plea Ah! my love, I am so glad that you are ed; the diamonds are altered during that gain." The man agreed ... Mr. Charman wrote to and years I had looked out upon it from my that I should be over-fatigued, he wanted not going to marry a man on that horrid period; and at the very last moment the and years I had looked out upon it from my that I should be over langued, he wanted be any it is the fol-bed-room window. The sun was beginning me to let the nurse sleep in the room. I Stock Exchange; I am sure the dreadful false stones are cleverly deposited in a place lowing morning, at cloves of cleverly deposited in a place lowing morning, at cloves of cleverly deposited in a place lowing morning, at cloves of cleverly deposited in a place lowing morning, at cloves of cleverly deposited in a place lowing morning, at cloves of cleverly deposited in a place lowing morning. to set as I lingered on the door step; the would not consent to this: I said, that as anxiety I have undergone about Mr. Hunt- in which ninoteen people out of every twenwhole scene was bright and warm, but it my aunt was so accustomed to my nursing, ly. In these days he was without the ex- ty would never dream of looking for them. ig some executor business. The man duly arrived at the office with chilled me through and through. The feeling I knew she would never like anybody else perience which he now possesses, and at a But all this supposition, urged Mr. Chapthe diamonds, and Mr. Chapman had them My nunt, Josinh, Mr. Chapman, and Lu- of home was gone-I felt I was face to face with her. He was very reluctant to forego time when business was very dull, he took man, is worth nothing, unless we can get cy were in the room; the officer had been with the cold hard world. Then doubt and his proposal. The nurse slept in the boar to speculating on his own account, and on hold of Josiah's accomplice in the affwir. inspected by an experienced jeweler, who sent down stairs. "The diamonds were in desolation came upon me. If my aunt had doir, and I observed that she became far behalf of others who were very cunning and declared that they were genuine, and that Mr. Chapman very warmly pledged him the safe after all," said my aunt to me the been alone I would have returned, and more active and attentive in the night than plausible. It seemed that he was success- self to assist me, though he could not hold they exactly corresponded with the original moment I entered. "The officer, on pulling swallowed my words, and prayed on my she had been during the worst of the illness. ful at first, and I used to be quite surprised out any strong hopes of success. setting. knees to be taken back; but I thought of If I got up ever so softly to go to my aunt's at his clation of spirits. One day he came Josiah kept the appointment. "In the first place," said he, "we must space behind the back of the drawers and Josiah's triumph-I dare not face that; and bed, she was sure to be in the room; and home sadly downcast; he had had very I can almost see Mr. Chapman before me ascertain whether your aunt ever purchased more than that, the slightest movement al- heavy losses, chiefly through the villainy of now as he described his interview with Josidiamonds or not." ah. His features never lost their sedate ways brought Josiah tapping at the door to a client, whose debts my husband was We found, on application, that the jewelbusiness aspect, but his small gray eyes bound to make good. He feared it would er's books showed that certain diamond or twinkied with waggish exultation. know if we wanted anything. My aunt was so pleased with Josiah's at- be necessary for me to part with the dianaments had been sold to my nunt at the tentions, she would call out as loud as she monds. Of course I was only too glad to Josiah was very ill-tempered, rude, about price of thirteen hundred and seventy pounds. but I knew he was not rich; he might have could: "Thank you, Josiah; you go to bed; think that we yet possessed the means of some proposal of Mr. Chapman's respecting Moreover, the late foreman, an old man, my aunt's affairs. looked for something on my part to enable it's nothing, Josiah." setting things to rights. who had since become a partner, was pre-"You are an ungrateful fellow, Josiah." I remember wanting to send a note home: According to my promise, I resolved at nared to swear to their being diamonds. said Mr. Chapman; "I'm always' doing there was no ink in my aunt's inkstand, so once to write to Josiah, and offer him the Lucy. She has been wrongfully accused of cepting, but seizing engerly at his offer, as I asked the nurse to get some. She left the diamonds; and we agreed that I had better In order to acertain Josiah's cognizance what I can for you. I heard that you were of the fraud. Mr. Chapman directed me to very anxious to get hold of your aunt's diastealing these diamonds. Under ordinary a drowning wretch clutches at a straw. room, and Josiah presently came in with ascertain their value from an experienced write to my cousin; and he sketched out a his own inkstand and placed it before me. jeweler, and so mention a sum in the letter. monds." letter which stated that my circumstances I wrote my note, which he undertook to | Taking Lucy as an escort, I went off the "Yes," replied Josiah; "I told the nucobliged me to part with the diamonds, and send, and then he carried his inkstand off next morning to a very old established iewtioneer to bid for me: but he says those diaaccording to my promise, I gave him the clers at the top of the Strand, where Mr. monds have turned out to be a sham.". with him. first offer at the price my aunt hud original-Somehow I could never get any ink kept Huntly's family had dealt for many years. "That's just it, Josiah; I have, given myly paid. I gave the case into the hands of the self all the pains in the world to get the real in my nunt's inkstand, and whenever I in-To my surprise, Josiah sent an answer fectly natural and proper, began to seem quired for ink, Josiah was sure to come in- chief partner of the firm, who happened to ones for you." nothing short of utter boldness and impu- to the room. I soon discovered that every bo in the shop, and asked him to give me almost by return of post. The letter was "Fid llesticks!" written in his usual hypocritical style; he movement of mine was closely watched; but some idea of the market value of the stones. "Fact. They were in the hands of a Mr.

"I can't give her any money; I've sworn not," said my aunt, addressing Josiah. "You did swear it," he replied very deshe was seriously ill-a paralytic seizure .- liberately; "Mr. Chapman was witness." "But there are the diamonds, Josiah." "What! your own diamonds, aunt," said e, "which you have always worn?" "They're not money, Jusiah."

"But she married out of the family. Your diamonds go to strangers!" I could not endure this. I begged my

"Mr. Josiah's," was the reply. I was re- aunt to let Josiah have the diamonds. "She shall have the diamonds!" said my

hink it might do your aunt good; she has Josiah, much to his discontent, was forced to obey, he went to the boudoir and brought How to raise that thousand pounds? Why, deal at only being able to see the diamonds

I was so dreadfully afraid of some scene "Mr. Josiah's orders, sir," said the but- taking place, which I knew would be very

A'f the Golden Mortar Drug Store you can procure A an article which is warranted to remove Corns in the hours, without pain or soreness.

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REDDING & CO'S Russia Salve! This ex-LU tremely popular remedy for the cure of external tilments is now for sale by R. WILLIAMS. Front st., Columbia. sept. 24, 1859.

CALT by the Sack or Bushel, and Petatocs SADI BY III SAITA OF DUBBUT, and Forauta in large of small quantiles, for sale at the Corner of Third and Union streets. [Jau. 8. 50.] FRANGIPANNI Extracts and Somp, on everlasting perfume. at HARY GREEN'S, Feb. 10. 359. Opposite Cola, Bridge, Front St.

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THE subscriber has a large stock of Cistern Pumps I and Rams to which he calls the attention of the public. He is prepared to put them up for use in a substantial and endoring moment. II. PFAHLER, Locust street.

December 12, 1857.

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Just Received and For Sale, 200 Bbls. Ground Plaster; 50 bbls Extra Family 300 Blour; 25 bbls. No. 1 Lard Oil of best quality 300 bus. Ground Alum Salt, by

March 26, 750. No. 1 and 2 Canal Basin. FENKIN'S Celebrated Black and Green Teas,

Baker's Cocoa and Chocolaic, at Corner of Third Ution streets. [Nov. 20, 33.

RAUAM, or, Bond's Boston Crackers, for U Dyspepties, and Arrow Root Gracharis 107 valids and reididen-new articles in Columbia, at the Family Medicine Store, April 16, 1859.

NEW CROP SEEDLF:SS RAISINS. "THE best for Pies, Pudding, 2c - a fresh sapply at H. SUY DAN's Grocerty Store, Corner Front and Union siz. Nov. 19. 1859.

Seedless Baisins! A LOT of very choice Seedless Raisins, just received at S.F. EBERLEINS Nov.19, '59. Grocery Store. No 71, Lacast st. Turkish Prunes!. FOR a first sate article of Prunes you m

TOE a Arst rate article of Pranes you must go to S F. EBERLEIN'S Nov 19, 1859. Gracery Store, No. 71 Locust 1 SHAKER CORN.

JUST COLORN. CURN. JUST received, a first rate los of Shaker Corn, a Grocery Slore, comer Front and Union -L Nor.29, 159.

CHAFTER II. FOUND.

drawer."

my ears.

he read.

the safe. He says that as the drawer was I turned away, and left the house. I shall never forget the cruel doubts which crammed full, the case must have got hitched beset me in that short walk to Mrs. Huntagainst the cover of the dr..wer, and when the drawer was pulled out the case fell be- ly's, the sad possibilities which thronged

hind it, and so got pushed back by the my brain; not that I doubted of his love, I could see vindicative triumph in Jo-

siah's eyes. "And now," said my aunt, "I us to marry. At the very least, I was throwhave got to perform an act of justice towards ing myself on his generosity, not only accircumstances I should have felt that no re- Then my circumstances were so totally paration which I could make would be too changed since the offer was made, that my grent; but she met the accusation with an pride revolted at the idea of forcing him. infamous story - a story which, no doubt, she out of honor, to take me as his wife. The

had originally trumped up for the purpose idea of going to Mrs. Huntly's, which, on of gaining the good will and assistance of a the spur of the moment, hal appeared perperson who should have been above listening to such wicked insinuations." My sunt's words were positive torture in dence.

"However," continued my aunt, "if Lucy gone lack humbly to my aunt's, had he_ that I had not a word to say.

will sign a paper, declaring that story ut-Mr. Huntly-not overtaken me on the comterly false, I will, on my part, buy her bro- mon; he only howed, and would have passed room with my aunt and myself, I had been ther off from the army, give her a clear on (he said afterwards he thought he had up several times in the night, and was in a year's wages, and, as far as I dare in jus- no right to address me till his letter was sort of a half-doze, when I heard my aunt

tice, not concealing what has occurred, give answered.) I spoke his name only very low, address Jusiah in a low tone: her such a character as may gain her a ro- but he caught it, and turned. I felt terrispectable place. Mr. Chapman will draw bly frightened, and could scarcely speak, but this was only at first; a few words from You feel that, Josiah, don't you?" ont the statement."

There was a dead silence while Mr. Chap. him, and doubt was over, and he took me man was writing; I raised my eyes to look bome to his mother.

Mrs. Huntly was very kind to me; she at Lucy. The girl was evidently so entirely unhinged by what had occurred that she called me from the very first her daughter, 'Josiah forgives you." scemed quite unconscious that the matter listening with a mother's sympathy to all I had to say. I was to call their house my on hand concerned her. "Now, Lucy," said Mr. Chapman, brisk- home; and in a very short time it really was Josiah."

my own home. We were married as speedily ly, "sign this." "Read it to her first," exclaimed my aunt. as arrangements would permit. "But it is not a lie, sir, indeed," said Lu. I did all in my power to obtain my aunt's

cy, faintly, interrupting Mr. Chapman as forgiveness, but in vain. The day after I was at Mrs. Huntly's, my wardrobe, and evrything I possessed, were sent to me, but Mr. Chapman paid no attention to her.

no letter or message; and though I wrote but read on to the end "Now," said he, "we won't argue the very often, I received no reply. This was I been always affectionate and attentive, red! I looked for a moment, and fainted. anxiously waiting for the auctioneer's acquestion of it's being a lie or not; that would the only drawback to my happiness. Though and dutiful? Did I marry against your

be an utter loss of time, for every person of Mr. Huntly's income was small, it was commands? Did I spurn your kindness?" common sense must be convinced that it is. quite sufficient for every comfort. He was "You have been very good, Josiah-very If you sign this paper you obtain the advan- so thoughtfully kind; he bought Lucy's good," replied my aunt. "I only want to tages your mistress has offered; if you re- brother out of the army, and Lucy, poor do some little thing for her, because she fuse, you leave this house a beggar, without girl, Mrz. Huntly took at once into her ser has been so attentive during this iMness." did."

He made a very careful examination. I am sure I must have given it up, and it was all done so cleverly and naturally,

One morning, Josiah was sitting in the

"Fxcuse me, ma'am," he replied; "they "She has been very good to me during my illness, giving up her time so entirely .-ceived by them myself."

> est excitement, "I was present years ago, when they were bought-I know they are diamonds."

"From the bottom of your heart-say so, jeweler kindly, "and I am very sory to un-

"From the bottom of my heart," echoed shall, if you will allow me, draw a file over testive." Josiah: "but I could see the scowl on his one of these stones; if the stone remains un- Josiah did not communicate with mengain

"I must do something for her," continued my aunt.

"Yes. nunt."

his seat and coming to the bedside, "haven't ing to me.

"What?" said I, dreadfully confused. "He took them that night; I know he

deplored the necessity of my parting with the diamonds, but he was truly obliged to Benson. (Josiah turned deadly pale.) I

me for not forgetting his request. He be- find that person is dead; but I've a young leived that diamonds had lately risen in man in the next office who was employed by value; and he thought the fairest plan would Mr. Benson; he says he once saw a gentlebe that the diamonds should be taken to his man in Mr. Benson's office------

jewellers', and he would direct them to give I am very much indebted to you for your me the highest market-price; my own jew- trouble," exclaimed Josiah, with the deenest of scowls on his countenance; "I'm only eler had of course better be consulted. "He knows all about it," said Mr. Chaptoo glad to get my poor aunt's diamonds.-man, reading the letter, "or he would not What am I to pay?"

have made such a proposal." "Ten thousand pounds!" replied Mr. "But," said I impatiently, "how will this Chapman very deliberately. (Josiah made avail us? The nuctioneer is now in our use of very strong expressions.) Perhaps you don't think they are geauine," said Mr. Chapman. "Shall we have the young "Have faith, madam," he replied; "I am i man in? acting under the advice of a very clever de-

"I'll give the money." said Josiah, has tilv.

"Write a check." but he wrote to the auctioneer, commission-S. S. J. "I have not so much money at my banker's." "Yea forget," said Mr. Chapman, "that cess; but on the very evening of the day on the money for that estate is lodged at your which the sale took place, while we were

banker's, peading the completion of the purchase: It will just suffice." count of the proceeds, in came Mr. Chapman, exhibiting as much glee as his dry le-

Josiali wrote the check. "Carse you," he exclaimed, as he gave it to Mr. Chap-"Josiah's bought the diamonds?" he exman. "You ought to say thank you, Josiah .---

I'm suro I're taken a deal of trouble fo

"Then, Josiah, forgive her, for my sake." "For your sake, sunt, I do forgive her." "You hear that?" said my aunt to me.

face as he spoke.

I spoke, I felt the man was right. We were I confess I had given up all hopes of suc-"O sunt!" exclaimed Josiah, starting from

When I came to myself, Lucy was attend-

gal face would permit. claimed.

aware that these are not diamonds?" I said, with great warmth, that they had

belonged to an nunt of mine, that they were bought at ----'s.

could not have been sold for diamonds; but they are perfect imitations; at first I was de-

"Why," I replied, in a state of the great-

"You have asked my opinion," said the

deceive you. The proof is very simple; I

house."

"What! the paste?"

ruined-my husband compromised!

injured it is a diamond." "Do it!" said I, with desperation: but, as ing him to bid any fair sum at the sale.

Crash went the file-the stone was star-

"Mr. Josiah," she whispered in my

"I suppose, ma'am," said he, "you are