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when I win my fortune I shall crect, heretic though I be, a votive altar in thanks giving for a prayer granted here, while St. Cuthbert's belfry shall have such a new fangled set of chimes that he will be wanting the Angelus rung all hours in the day.

"By the time your fortune comes, Jasper," was the laughing reply, "You may think you owe St. Cuthbert no debt of gratitude. Petruchio's Kate may be a patient Griselda compared to me.

"I'll take the risk, darling. I wonder what you saw in such a penniless scrape grace as I am, to prefer me over Roger Fenwick? He has every thing in his favor —wealth, station, fame, and the bravest, truest heart that ever beat in man's bosom. While I am minus all that a fond mamma would desire in a son-in-law," he added teasingly, not noticing how the fair girl paled and trembled at the mention of Roger Fenwick's name. "Do you know, little one. I would long

ago have put my fate to the touch, but my gratitude to Fenwick sealed my lips. I know that he loves his little ward with all the strength of his strong, proud naall the strength of his strong, product and ture, I fancied you might love, or learn to love him; so I hid my feelings; or at least tried to hide them," he added, in this arms. She had grown up in his arms. She had grown up eyes ; " and resolving never to stand be-tween your guardian and the most cherished wish of his heart, for I owe him as heavy a debt of gratitude as man can owe another.

" It is a sad story," he continued; his voice trembling with emotion. "A mere youth, I was tempted almost beyond my strength, when he stepped between me and crime-eternal disgrace to my nameeven death. Don't tremble or shrink from me, my darling. Through him 1 was saved from the sin, the misery of the deed that would have blackened alike both soul and life. I owe all to him, and when I realized the gulf from which he had drawn me, I made a vow that if ever I He bindly trusted in time would be his deep obligation I owe him, even now,

makes me feel as if I am wronging him in trying to win you from him," "Jasper, you do not know how hard] tried to love him," Ruth murmured through her tears. "He has been all that a brother could be since the hour my dying father placed me in his charge. Tender and loving, watching over me with almost a woman's care — and, — and when last night he asked me to be his wife, and would not hear my no, but said he would wait in hopes of success, I tried to think I loved him, but-but."

"But you knew your heart was mine mine alone, to have and hold until death do us part," Jasper said with almost fierce joy, as he pressed his farewell kiss on her trembling lips.

As if in answer to his words there broke upon the air the sound of St. Cuthbert's bell. Not a joyous wedding peal. Not the measured strokes of three times three. that spoke of Gabriel's greeting unto the hand maiden of the Lord-but the slow, street. solemn tolling of the passing bell. Deep and slow the sound smote the air, driving before it the lingering rays of the dying sun-lengthening in darker, deeper gloom the black shadows of the cypress boughs.

Ruth's face turned as white as winter moonlight, and the lips, pressed to those of her lover, grewicy cold. "There is a dirge for my rival's hopes."

said Jasper with a forced laugh ; but see-ing how pale Ruth had grown he added anxiously : "Do not look so like a snow wreath, Ruth ; and as if you think yonder bell's sad sound will dim the brightness of our life. Come, smile, or I shall fancy my pet is superstitions."

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ing the future in love's young dream." "God grant no shallops freighted with BLACK CASHMERES, hopes of mine went down that stream." she replied bitterly.

"I hope not, I never want your hopes to float beyond the old home here. I told you I would wait patiently, Ruth, but at the sight of your troubled lace to night a great fear has seized my soul. Ruth,

oaken door.

Ruth, did you answer me as you did last night, because Jasper Ingram has won ?" As, the last words fell from his lips, the young girl sprang impetnously to her feet, naddened almost with rage and grief and 40-inch wide, 50c. a yard. at her ineffectual efforts to make him understand she had witnessed that evening's crime. To have him speak to her of his

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beams of another love had crept beneath NEW CHEAP STORE its petals; only that she was too young, too shy, to read her own heart aright. In

life, to him, there had been "no such word as fail," and he smilingly mused as he gazed in the future, he saw this fair girl his bride. "I'll wait" he had said, but, to-night he had read in her white scared face that

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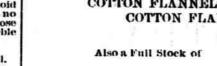
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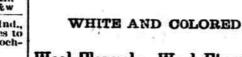
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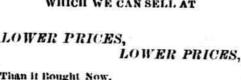
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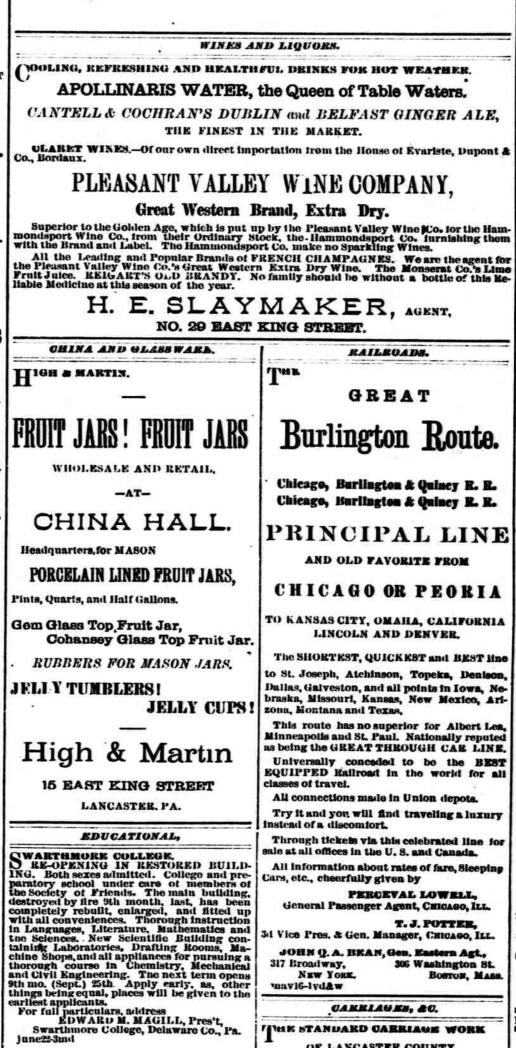
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