Robins and Hammers.

Harpers' Bazaar.

It was Monday morning ; Lois had her washing all done and her kitchen the grass, and the surprise of the morning had not worn off in her heart. Lois was a girl who felt such things. After she bad finished her kitchen work she came with her proom into the front entry, with its unpainted, uneven floor ; she was go ing to sweep that out, then her work in the lower part of the house was done and she had nothing more to do before dinner except to put her own room up stairs in order.

She opened the front door after she had come the length of the carrow entry, then she could not help standing there and staring out, leaning on beautiful outside, and, aside from that day, while her father was at work. fitting tightly over her curving shoul. She had her father's supper all brothers or sisters.

were more like tender green garlands some." birds and orioles, and more than any- my sewing over here." thing else, robins. Lois always seemhad alweys liked robins ever since she was a child. But now there was edging. something else she liked to listen to better than robins, and that was the sound of the carpenters' hammers on a house over the way. She could see its pinky, unpainted pine walls thro' the trees. That was to be her house, where she and John Ellioit were to live when they should be married in little and stared at Lois with an odd the autumn. The taps of the ham expression on her large face, half of sweetly with the calls of the bluc- commiseration. bird and the robin ; they were of the "Lois," said she, "I heard some same kind to her. Both sounds be- thing to-day, an' I den't know whether

went about her work. She had been a bit, Lois."

brought up on the rigid New England thing was scrupulously clean. After to it. her sweeping was done and her own Hattie went home a little before six o'clock.

edging. She could not think of such she been alive. things as boughten trimming for her After Hattie went she sat]" there her broom a little while. It was poor little wedding outfit; but it was listening to the carpenter's hammers weet spring smells, came in by the quarter of a mile away, with no thing else, and took away the sweetopen door like people. Lois felt it, houses between. Lois wished Hattie ness of it with a bitter after taste. though she did not get so far as to would come over that afternoon as she "Two silk dresses, a black one and without knowing the was so till then. come in sight ; a stout, girlish figure, the house, and its going to be a bur-She was always alone in the house all in an ugly light brown calico dress, den to John if I don't.

than branches, swaved gently in the "Well, I thought I'd come over two wind, and the sun shone through or three minntes. Mother an' I got should broach the subject of her them. Lois looked at it radiantly. our washin' out of the way real early The spring birds were singing very to-day, and there wasn't anything to but he did, after supper, in the sittingshrill and sweet. There were blue. do at home, an' I thought I'd bring room.

The two girls sat peacefully down because she loved them best. She Hattie was running up some breadths of a dress, and Lois kept on with her

> "You get along real fast with that edging, don't you ?" said Hattie. "Well, I don't know. I haven't

worked on it very steady." "I think it's real pretty."

"So do I: beautiful.

Hattie dropped her sewing after a mers seemed to Lois to harmonize concealed pleasure, half of doubt and

longed to love and hope, and the to tell you ot it or not. I toid moth-

Finally Lois took her broom and was awful mean. I wouldn't mind it

"I don't," said Lois, and took up plan, and had a guilty feeling that the cotton edging again and went on it was a waste of time if she stopped working, trying to look pleasant and cleaned up, and it was not yet 10 a minute to be happy There was unconcerned with her red eyes. She o'clock. The dew had not dried off very little furniture in these large, would talk no more on the subject, square, low walled rooms, but every. however, though Hattie kept alluding

> room put in order, Lois had a little teatime, saying to herselt' she didn't time to sit down and sew before she know what to make of Lois Arms. got dinner; after dinner, when the Lois felt nothing but honest distress; dishes were put away and her father no auger against any one-none gone back to his work, she had a long against Hattie, nor even against Mrs. quiet sleep the whole afternoon till Elliot. Her mother, before she died, had told her a good many

> There Lois sat in the one of the two, times that she had not enough of square front apartment which they spirit, and would have a hard time used for a sitting room, sewing. She going through the world, and she was making a kind of coarse cotton would have told her that now had

no matter, for she thought this was and the birds, but they no longer the out-doors gave her somehow a beautiful. Hattie Smith had taught sounded to her as they had done. sweet sense of companionship. The her how to do it. She was her near- She kept saying it over to herself in a soft wind and the sunshine, and the est girl neighbor, and she lived a discordant refrain that drowned everythink it. She had been lonesome sat there, and by three o'clock she did a colored one; and I ought to furnish

Her mother was dead, and she had no ders. She had her plaid shawl over ready for him when he came from his yer arm, the afternoon was so warm, work, though, in spite of her trouble. The house faced south-east, and Oh, Hattie, cried Lois, running to and they ate it percefully together in there was a weeping willow tree in the door and opening it, 'I am so the great barnike kitchen, which front of it. Its long boughs, which glad you've come ! I was awful lone- stretched the width of the house behind the other rooms.

It was odd enough that her father anxiely of his own accord that night ;

"Lois," said he, "don't you want something to buy you some clothes hasn't it do not be persuaded to try some ed to hear the robins plainest, maybe at their work in the sitting-room, with? 'Ain't you got to make some thing else, but order from us at once a new things before fall?"

Lois choked a little before she anwered. "I guess you've got about ways enough for your money father." "Well, I could let you hav a little. I 'ain't got much jest now. Ef two

or three dollars would do you any good-"

"I really don't need it now, father I've got plenty.

"Well, you know best. I got to thiskin' 'bout it this afternoon-1 don't know what put it into my head-when I was plowing. things were as they were once, you'd hev enough. When I look back 1

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figure, her light brown hair crinkled yeal mad." closely around her forehead and hung in tight curls on her neck. She had a pretty thin face, with bright eyes, tell. I'm afraid it'll make you feel sensitive lips, and a thin skin. She bad. was neat in her poor calico dress. There was no money in the Arms famly, though once they hal been comfortably well off. Hiram Arms had been a prosperous farmer on his own account up in Rowe; now he was renting this great unpainted, weatherbeaten old house in Pawlet and letting she sat down a minute, and we got to himself out to other farmers for low talkin' about John, an' his new house hire. A good many causes had an' you. I don't believe I'd better brought it about, fire and mortgages | tell you Lois." and sickness. It had not happened until after Sarah Arms' death-that was always a comfort to her daughter about what a pretty girl you was, an' Lois. Sarah Arms had been a high- Mis' Elliot said, yes, you was pretty, spirited woman; there were peorie but she couldn't help wishing somewho said that her ambition and ex- times that you had something to help and life squarely. travagance had brought about her John along with a little. She always husband's ruin. There had been a thought the woman ought to furnish bay window and a new piazza on the the Louse-she did when she was snug farm house in Rowe, which the married-an'it was a dreadful hindold neighbors spoke of now dubious- erance to a young man to have to do ly. "Hiram Arms never ought to everything. John worked terrible have put on them additions," said bard, an' she was afraid he'd get sick. they, "but Mrs. Arms would have 'em, And then she said she always thought poor woman."

So now the father and daughter grubbed along at Pawlet, the daughter uncomplainingly, the father complainingly. He was naturally a nervous man, and trouble had shaken him. But at last, since Lois' engagement to John Elliott, their affairs be- cry !" gan to look brighter. John had not as yet much money; be would have unnoticed in her lap, and she was to mortgage his new house, but he had sobbing pitifully in her little coarse steady work and good pay, and a prospect of better. Hiram Arms was to give up the desolate old house which he rented, on his daughter's marriage, and go to live with her in head bravely. "I don't feel bad," her new one. He was very proud and said she; "only I wouldn't have behappy about it, and talked it over a lieved that Mis' Elliot would have great deal among the neighbors; of spoken so, when she knew I was dohis daughter, and he was growing gar- ing the best I could." rulous.

er I was half a mind to, for I shought Lois was small and compact in you ought to know it. It made me

"What is it Hattie ?"

"Why I don't know as I ought to

. No, it wou't."

"Well, if you're sure it won't. I would'nt mind it a bit if I was you. It made me real mad. I think sle was just as mean as she could le. You see old Mis' Elliot run over to borrow some scap this morning, an'

.,Yes; I won,t mind. Go on."

"Well, mother said something a girl ought to have at least two silk dresses when she was married, a black one an' a colored one, and a good stock of clothes so her husband would not have to buy anything for her for two years certain. Now, Lois, you won't feel bad? Why, Lois, don't

Lois' poor little cotton edging lay handkerchief.

"Now Lois, I wouldent have told you if I'd thought you'd felt so bad." Lois wiped her eyes, and raised her

"Well, I wouldn't; I think she

wish your mother hadn't been quite so set 'bout hevin' them bay winders aud piazzas."

"Oh, father, don't."

"No, I won't. I don't mean to find ault. Your mother was a good woman and a smart one, and she meant all right. Sometimes I can't

help thinkin' it over ; that's all." Lois kept thinking it all over, and ver, and over. Sunday night John El ott came; that was his regular courting night. He came early, long before dusk. Everything, down to his love making, was prompt and earnest and day-lighted with John Ellioit. He looked just as he was. His tall, stout figure bore his ill fitting Sunday clothes so sturdily that it made up for their want of grace . His large face, with firm brown cheeks, with heavy but strong mouth and chin, fronted Lois and her father

The three sat solemnly in the front room for a little while after he came. Then Mr. Arms went out in the kitchen and sat down patiently in his old arm chair, drawn into the back door way, and listened to the frogs, and the low hum of voices in the next room. Both sounds seemed to belong to a spring he had left behind. He generally went to bed in a little room which opened out of the kitchen long before John left, though this sober young man never kept up his love late. But to-night he still sat there in his chair, though half asleep, when the front door closed. He wondered dreamily why John went so soon-an hour earlier than usual. Then he heard Lois go up the front stairs to her room, and then he locked the

door and went to bed himself. Next morning he looked curiously at Lois a good many times when she was going about getting breakfast for him in the early light. He thought she looked very sober. Once he asked her if she did not feel well, and she said yes. After breakfast, however, Pamphlets giving a large number of testimonials for

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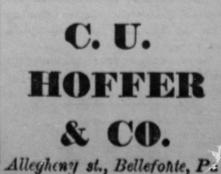
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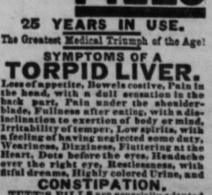
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