"If I only had a piano!"

Even as the wish rose almost unconsciously to her lips, Essie Trowbridge blushed a deep crimson tint, and shy eyes looked out half frightened from under the long lashes.

"A piano!"

The depth of sarcasm in John effort to avert them. Trowbridge's voice justified the shrinking of his little daughter-in law.

"A piano! Wouldn't you like a diamond necklace or a carriage with four horses? This is one of the results lady!"

"I was not a five lady when Henry | er longing. married me, only a hard working district school teacher," said Essie, "and he was kind and good, and never sneered at me because I loved music and pictures, and-and-all the other pleasures I had before my father brown eyes haunted him. died!".

mean to hurt your feelings. Harry How in the world-" was-"

But there the father choked, too; widow sobbinng beside him?

sat, said gently:

"I will not try you again by exyou are to me, and I will try to learn brown face. to be a better farme,'s girl !"

good girl," was the reply, "and it is to a turn. When the meal was over only natural you should hanker for the old man said : what you've been brought up to havdollars, and I have none to spare, for a birthday gift?" Essie. I can't get around the farm as Harry did, and I have had him to lean upon so long that things go crooked enough without him."

Essie sighed, caressing the snowy hair, her shy brown eyes full of trouly'n; folded forever, and she longed to all his gifts to me.' be of some use to the father she had

But she was only twenty, city bred money is getting very shortand reared in luxury. Just one year A kiss, tender and quick, stopped Trowbridge, the handsom, tender far- father? I wonder I did not think of mer who, met her in the country- it before." houses where she "boarded round," told her his love and won the sweet, pure heart's affection.

Only a few month's after the wedding when Essie was conquering one and was fatally injured.

In the few hours of life granted him his one desire was to keep his father and young wife together, to love and comfort each other.

I am gone," he begged, when his fath. obtain in a piano?" er bent over him.

"While I have a roof to cover me." was the auswer.

"You will not leave my father utterly childless?" he whispered when E sie put her ch ek to his to hide the tears that would fall,

"I will never leave him while my love is any comfort," she answered.

And in the first days of mourning these two were an unutterable comfort to each other. But as time wore on they found many rough places in this life-contract each felt so solemnly binding. John Trowbridge had a profound contempt for all woman kind who couldnot fill his own rough ideal. A woman who could churn, milk, cook, care for poultry, keep in perfect robust health withal was a woman after his own heart. A starving mind a hungry soul, were problems she had never realized as existing.

It fretted him when when Essie, striving to do the work so new in her experience, would faint at her post. It roused his rough sarcasms when the day closed upon duties upperformed, when bread was heavy and cooking imperfect.

And Essie hoping against hope to grow stronger, made herself miserable in she supposition that she was a useless burden where she so earnestly desired to be a comfort and blessing She stifled her own craving for the books and the refinements that had been second nature; and yet she could sweettoned instrument was paid. not fill the place they had occupied

hat the f rm had not paid its expensome weeks away, and provisions were ture to the old farmer's eyes. growing scarce, while ready money was dwindling down to a pile alarna baking proved uneatable, or a din-

that had been her life's delight took possesion of her. Her penitence for of a plain farmer marrying a fine the words was very humble, and she power of her voice in prayerful song. put away the desire with many anoth-

But John Trowbridge, though he had a kind heart under the hard crust to him. gathered over it in ten years of toil, poorly paid. The longing of the shy

"Well, there, there-don't cry." not to sing to shut her up here," he said the old man hastily. "I did not thought. But to give her a piano!

for was not Harry, his only child, his chair and kissing Essie went to heart. the very icol of his old heart, lying in the door to think it over. The young the churchyard, and the six month's widow, warned that it was nearly teatime by the clock, sped to the kitchen at the village church, one to take a She rose softly from her seat, and and did not know when her father in crossing to where her father-in-law law put on his overcoat and hat and went down to the village.

travagant desires. I know how good ject in every line of his rugged, sun-

Tea was a success. The toast was "You are a very good girl, a very delicately browned, and the ham done

"Essie, do you remember the cross ing. Put pianos costs hundreds of you told me your father gave you for

"My diamond cross!" "You would like to part with it? Perhaps it is your only reminder of your father?"

"No. I have many other of his gifts. Nothing so valuable as that. The ble. She knew that the farm was gentleman who took charge of my suffering for the master hand and eyes father's affairs told me I could keep

"You-you-would not like to give promised Harry to love and comfort. me the cross to sell, Essie? Our

she taught a district school after her the words that came so hesitatingly. father died a bankrupt. Then Harry 'You are gladly welcome to it,

> So the dainty bauble lay in the farmer's horay palm, and while Essie cleared the tea-table John Trowbridge

went once more to the village. Dr. Reynolds the only | hysician by one the difficulties of farm house- there, Harry's fast friend for years keeping, Harry fell from a hay wagon was in his office when the farmer en-

> "There it is !" said the visitor triumphantly. "You are sire it is worth the money ?"

Perfectly sure. And Mrs. Trow-"You will give Essie a home when bridge wishes me to invest the sum I

> "Bless you, no !" that's my part of it. You see, the poor little so il tries to do her best but she ain't fit for her hard life. If there was any other home for her I'd send her away, though I'd rather miss the sunlight, nolds was so much interested in the She's as dainty as a butterfly, and yet she has no fine lady ways either, ways been an attentive physician, and But she hankers for a piano, and she had never neglected the father of his shall have one, Ernest," and the old dear friend Harry Trowbridge. But boys keep tugging away. Down toman's eyesfilled, "her own father gave of late he lingered long whenever he day and up to-morrow. her that grimsack and I've sees her called, and often dropped in, unprokiss it often, but when I asked her to fessionally. give it to me because I needed money, of hand at work."

"She is not very strong," and Ernest Reynold stifled a sigh as he clous discharge of every duty, his spoke. Then, with a quick change Christian influence where pain and of voice, he added: "I am going to the city to morrow. I will sell the the cross and buy the piano."

But when the farmer was gone Er nest Reynolds took strange liberties hood, this generous friend of the af: with the jewel he held in charge. He flicted, this honored member of a ncslipped a ribbon through its ring and ble profession. hung it over his own heart. More than once he touched his lips to the hard, glittering stones, wispering : "Essie, little Essie !"

The next day he had it valued by a jeweler, and bought a piano with the sum named; but the cross rested dead for two years when one evening still upon his heart as the bill of the Essie sat at her piano, with her fingers

ses in the last year. Spring was still and her earnest thanks brought mois

He knew nothing of the wonderful power prisoned in the sleder flagers, ingly small. She felt like a thiet when scarred with rough work. He had the one wish of my heart will be to true appreciation of the genius of ner was spoiled, and yet such disasters that tender young soul. But he did occurred in spite of her conscientious know that Essie could sway him as she willed by the the sounds she drew It had been a dreary day when her from the wondrous keys; could bring her to an old man who was so poor a unfortunate wish broke from her lips, tears to his eyes, or smiles to his lips; and a sudden craving for the music could lift him to adoration by her stirring hymns, or carry his heart to the foot of the cross by the pleading

She knew soon and well that her desire was no pain to the kind, old man, but that, while it was rest] and was narrow-minded, and often rough, joy to her, it was a comforter

But the pressure of poverty was coming closer and closer upon the farm. Acre after acre was sold to "I s'pose it is like telling the birds | meet actual daily needs, and the wolf father now?" drew very close to the door of John Trowbridge's house. With stern pride Then a sudden thought almost took | but Essie knew of privations and selfaway his breath. He got up from denials that wrung her own tender all sense of dependance, while we can

> Like a burst of sunlight there came class of music schollars in the seminary, five miles from the village. be more than double the income from long mont's? Se:!" the farm. Neither John Trowbridge nor Essie knew that Dr. Reynolds, by quiet, unsuspected influence, had seminary principal over on an evening | Essie's piano. when Essie was pouring out her soul in music, and held him spell-bound for two hours on the farm-house porch.

But they did not know that a strong armed Irish girl could be paid to do the work of the house out of Es sics income, and that a trustworthy man was found to take the farm-work

John Trowbridge began to realize that there were women of some value in the world who possessed but a small share of bone and muscle for actual hard work. For scholars came all the way from L -, the market town seven miles away, to the farm-house. Concerts were given for charitable purposes, and Essie was engaged a goodly sums to play. Strangers came to the village church to hear the wondrous voice, and playing of the young organist.

And while the comforts of the farm were multiplied by Essie's generous expenditure, while the rooms gradually lost their bare, dismal look, by addition of furniture and ornaments, while flowers blossomed on barden spaces, and the farm itself was more fully stacke I Essie was ever the same.

The same in respectful love for Harr, 's tather, the same gentle shy woman, no let a a violet. Yet not he same as the months sped by, and the sorrow of widowhood lost some-

thing of its keenest pain. John Tranbridge wondered a little, when he piano had filled its recess for a whole year, why Ernest Reyold man's rhoumatism. He had al.

Essie learned to know the step, and and told me I was gladly welcome. heard it Harry had told her of her forte. She s a good girl, if she ain't much many noble traits in the doctors char acter and in the village she had heard the Philadelphians by storm. of his gentle charities, his consciett-

shadow of death crossed his daily path. Ever shyly distrustful of herself, she did not dream of winning the be don't lay his own eggs hisself, sir?" love of this hero of her husband's boy

She had given her first love, true and warm, to Harry. But the daisies hal blossomed twice over Harry's grave, and the gentle heart was touch: ed by other influence. June roses ing herself for an editor. Who is the were blooming, and Harry had been calling forth a melody full of sweet: It would be a vain task to describe ness. It was neither glad nor sad, by interest in chickens, pigs and cows. Essie's pleasure when the piaro was and not so loud but John Trowbridge

cried and smiled at the same time, Dr. Reynolds, as that gentleman | FRHARD & SHUEY, in deep heartfelt tones.

hen he had heard all the o'd man said:

"Go to E-sie, Ernest, and tell her the happiness of such love as you bring to her. It has been my great sorrow that her short married life tied companion for her. I believe Harry himself would bid you God speed."

And Essie, when the love plea was wispered, the message delivered, bent her head to hide happy tears.

"You will let me love you?" the doctor pleaded. "You can love?" Only the little hand nestled closer in his own for answer. But after a little time, the sweet, clear voice, ask-

to Harry, Ernest? I could not desert

"I only ask to help you in your care for him. My home shall be bis! he hid his wants from his neighbors, and if he will sell the farm, he will have an income that will take away still give him love."

"It seems so strange to think you to her two offers. One to be organist love me!" Essie said, after they had talked long.

"Little one, I leved you before Harry won you, but I starved my Twice a week a carriage would be heart for yours. Do you know what He came back with some great pro- sent for her, and the salaries would I have worn there, Essie, for many a

put the diamond-cross into her hand she learned for the first time the brought about this happy result. No true story of the purchase of that are and painters furnished by one knew that he had driven the ticle of furniture, called at the farm

Theatrical Goisip.

-Nat Goodwin is playing to good houses in Pittsburg this week. His skating rink" has made a bit.

-Miss Minnie Maddern and Howard P. Taylor, have settled their little difficulty.

-E. M. Boyle will tracel with

Edwin Booth next season. -Lawrence Barret is playing Cassius in New York this week.

-Barlow Wilson and Rankin dissolved partnership in New York.

-The manager of the Altoona Opera House intends spending \$20,000 in lowering and extending the stage, is his hobby. It is the G. A. R. placing folding and cushioned chairs men's headquarters. As you go to in the auditorium, and painting scenery to suit all companies.

-Billie Seymour and May Davenport have been re-engaged by the Bos ton Museum Stock Company.

-Kate Claxton is "called back" and is now playing to crowded houses in Pittsburgh.

San Juan, Cal., has only one China man within her limits, but is about organizing an anti Chices club to make him go.

-It is said Fred Leslie will remain three years longer at the Gaity hats, caps, handkerchiefs, hosiery, Theatre, London, Eng.

-Clara Louise Kellogg is staring through Alabama.

contains the portrait of Louise Tacrn- hat, go to FLEMING and get one of dyke, who is now the wife of Don Boucicault. She made her debut about six years ago, and is now playing leading roles.

-Haverly's Minstrels are up in Rhode Island. The Centre County

-Emma Abbett's "Mikado" a produced at the Chestnut Street Opera shortest notice, and for the least House, did not meet with universal she put it in my hand with a kiss, her shy eyes would brighten when she favor. Comic Opera evidently is not

-- "The Rat Catcher" did not take

pirant)-"Can job tell me any thing | shen, and you will never go any place peculiar about the cuckos, in regard else. to nesting?" "Yes sir. Please sir.

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