A GLANCE AT THE PROSPECTS

Reveals That the Manufacturers of the City Will Be There

PREPARED TO SHOW WHAT WE CAN DO

IFROM A STAFF CORRESPONDENT.

CHICAGO, Aug. 29.-Pennsylvania will be liberally represented at the Columbian Exposition, but the bulk of the exhibits come from the eastern end of the State. The small manufacturers of Philadelphia and the East are well represented. The great manufacturers of Pittsburg and the Westmany of them-are taking no interest whatever, and from present indications will be snowed under by more enterprising rivals.

A visiting Pittsburger the other day put the question to me: "What sort of a figure will Pittsburg cut at the Columbian Expo-sition?" I could not answer him because I had not the slighest idea how those manu-facturers who make Pittsburg what it is

Western Pennsylvania was exhibiting in his building. "I don't know much about Fennsylvania," he said. "We go by groups and classes and industries. Pennsylvania is a leading State

exhibitors, foreign and domestie, in this department," said he, "and it does not begin to supply the demand. We had hoped for relief from the construction of another building, which should take away part of the goods which come within our classification, but all such hopes have been dispelled because of the smallness of the Cougressional appropriation, and because there is no more space on the grounds for building without spoiling the general effect. That is one reason why we have delayed so long the allotment of space to individual exhibitors. We shall now, before very long, undertake this work. now, before very long, undertake this work. In this department we shall try to unify the exhibits as much as possible. That is, to put all the exhibits of each particular class

put all the exhibits of each particular class together. Thus, the National Association of Woolen Manufacturers have agreed to grant the exhibits of woolen goods. So far the upholsterers, the potters and the silk manufacturers; and negotiations are pending with others. By doing that we shall economize space a great deal. The manufacturers in each class will appoint a committee to assist me in determining the amount of space to be allowed to each individual exhibitor."

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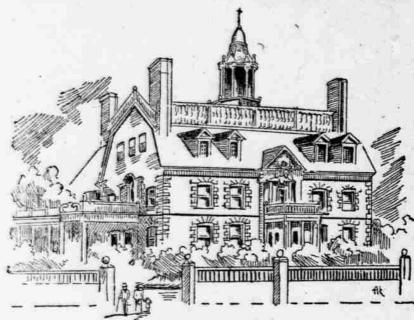
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Mr. Robinson rattled off these figures that the interest of a manumber of Pittaburg firms, in concluding, which make a specialty of manufacturing heavy machinery, he said: "I do not think that any of them had made application for space at all."

Leaving Mr. Allison I went to Lieutenant Lewis W. Robinson, Chief of the Depart-ment of Machinery, and asked him how



THE PENNSYLVANIA STATE BUILDING.

had responded to the invitation to exhibit, and will be very well represented This afternoon I made some effort to find out and was surprised to learn that while Pittsburg and Western Pennsylvania will be well represented, a large number of the leading firms, whose success in business must depend on advertising and keeping themselves prominently before the public, have not yet made any applications for space. They do not seem to appreciate the advantages to be derived from making an exhibit.

One Man Kept Too Pusy.

One very large manufacturer, when he was asked by a Fair official why this was so, replied that his firm was kept too busy. It was all they could do to keep up with the demands of their patrons. He did not reflect that his failure to exhibit might result in a transfer of a part of his patrons to some other firm that did exhibit. Stranger things have happened. If Pittsburg is to be represented anywhere, I thought, it will be in the department of manufactures, and to the head of that department, Mr. James Allison, I went. "I cannot tell you anything very definite about Western Pennsylvania," said he. "Mr. Farquhar, the Executive Commissioner at Harrisburg, is the only man who could give that information. He receives applications himself and for wards them to us, and we inform him of all applications that we receive, so that he State is to be represented. I can only say that, in this department, we have about 325 applications for space from the State of Pennsylvania, but most of them came from the eastern end of the State. One that is that other departments take a great deal of what Pittsburg and Western Penns; Ivania have to show. The oil exhibit and the coal exhibit will be in the department of mines and mining. The Carnegie exhibit may be in the department of transportation. The muchinery exhibit will be in machinery hall. My department is concerned with remainded articles, such as hardware, tools and manufactured iron."

Great Demand for Spice. Mr. Allison went on to say that he demand for space in his department was about four times as great as the sup-plv. "We have about 40 acres of space for

Pennsylvania exhibitors would take up on ethird of the space available in our building for the United States if they were given what they have applied for. The trouble is we have not got space enough to go around.
We have applications for 900,000 square
feet, and have only about 220,000 square
feet available. The result is that exhibitors must be cut down to one-fourth and one fifth of what they ask for. Firms which have applied for from 10,000 to 15,000 square feet may get 2,000 or 2,500 square feet. We are sorry to do it, but there is no other way out of the difficulty. I do not believe that any of the departments have made any allotments of space. They are all troubled with the same difficelty, but we shall soon have to get at it. We shall go over the applications and give most space to those who promise the best exhibits, and some we may reject altogether. The impression is that Pitts-burg will not exhibit so liberally as Philadelphia and other parts of the State," con-tinued Mr. Robinson. "We receive far more applications from Philadelphia than from the western end of the State. Philadelphia, you know, is a great place for manufacturing. Perhaps the Pittsburg exhibitors are as many in proportion to their number.

Among the Pittsburg Exhibitors, Pulling down a book, Mr. Robinson called off the following Pittsburg exhibitors:
Jones & Laughlins, the Hatton & Hogg Ironesque Company, D. L. & H. Davies, C. L. Goehring, wood carving machinery; John W. Shannon, Westinghouse John W. Shannon, Westinghouse Machine Company, Westinghouse, Church Machine Company, Westinghouse, Church, Kerr & Co., A. Garrison Foundry Company, John I. Mannion & Co., (silk making machinery) and the Altoona Manufacturing Company. The Rowley & Hernance Manufacturing Company, of Williamsport, (now making machinery) the Harrisburg Foundry and Machine Company and the Stern Manufacturing Company, of Eric. "The National Tube Works Company, of McKesport, have applied pany, of Eric. "The National Tube Works Company, of McKeesport, have applied for space," he said, "but we cannot give them what they want and we are uncertain whether they will stick or not."

"If we had the space we would have the biggest exhibit of machinery the world has ever seen," continued Mr. Robin-

son, "bigger than any one could contemplate. We cannot accommodate one-fifth of the exhibits—that is, counting those which will come with those we have already. At Philadelphia in 1876 they thought they had a big thing in the Corliss engine, with 1,400 horse power. That engine, with one or two smaller ones, supplied the power for the whole Centennial Exhibition. In Machinery Hall we shall have in operation engines aggregating 25,000 horse power. We shall have one engine of 2,500 horse power, several of 1,000 horse power and a large number ranging from 400 to 500 horse power. About 11,000 horse power will be required to furnish currents for the incandescent lamps, which will number about 110,000; the remainder will be used to furnish current for are lamps, which

Mines and Mining Matters, Mr. F. J. N. Skiff, of the Department of Mines and Mining, said that the oil men of Western Pennsylvania would make a big display, but he was really too "tuckered out" to talk about it now. The mining office is being removed from its present quarters in the Rand MaNally office. quarters in the Rand McNally office building down town out to the Fair grounds and other department offices are to follow. That is the way the management has taken to economise. The offices ocstructure, and as the annual rental is about \$2 per square foot of space, this saving will be very considerable if it is attended with

no loss.

I met Mr. F. J. N. Skiff, Chiet of the Department of Mines and Mining, to-day and asked him about the iron, oil and coal exhibit. "I cannot give you the names of individual exhibitors or describe the exhibits which they propose to make," he said. "We have all such information, but it is given to us in confidence and it would not be fair to disclose it. I can only say that Pennsylvania will be well represented in my department. In the first place there will be a very handsome collection of minerals put up under the direction of the State Board of Pennsylvania; the State will occupy a very prominent the State will occupy a very prominent place in the exhibition of minerals in cabi-

Some of the Special Exhibits.

We shall exhibit a group showing the varieties of kaolin, graphite, asbestos, crude and in process of manufacture, soapstone and mica. Also nickle ores, lead ores, zinc ores and slates of all varieties. One of the interesting features of the exhibit will be a metallurgical display of the manufacture of zinc. There will also be a demonstration in the manufacture of pig iron, and of collection of iron ores. iron, and of collection of iron ores. There will be an exhibit showing the evolution of the metallurgy of iron, and in oil production there will be a very elaborate display. We shall have an extensive exhibit of the various varieties of coal and the appliances used in mincoal and the appliances used in min-ing and handling it. We are going very extensively into the cartography of the State and shall exhibit relief maps showing the location of the coal and oil fields of the State. We shall also have a very fine exhibit of building stone and nts of Pennsylvania."

Oil in Its Various Forms Speaking of the oil exhibit, Mr. Skiff also

said: "I have secured a space 150x250 feet outside of the mining building 150x250 feet outside of the mining building in which to exhibit the machinery and methods employed in prospecting for oil and in producing and conveying it. In the building there will be a very elaborate exhibit of petroleum and its direct end by products. In the space outside the building, I suppose, half a dozen derricks will be erected to illustrate the methods of oil production."

When saked what form the exhibit of soft coal would take he said: "We shall when asked what form the exhibit of soft coal would take he said: "We shall exhibit the coals of America in the most complete way, of course. Pennsylvania is the largest producer of coal and will be represented with a most ample display. That exhibit will be made by the State. In the exhibit of natural products I do not deal with individuals as I do in the do not deal with individuals, as I do in the case of machinery and appliances with which they are handled. Mr. Skiff added that some of his best exhibits came from Pittsburg and vicinity, but said that he did not feel at liberty to describe them, even without mentioning names, because busi-ness rivals of the exhibitors might eaten on and take advantage of the disclosure.

Twenty Jumping Toothaches Rolled Into

One
Fall far short of inflammatory rheumatism into which its incipient form, unchecked, is prone to develop. Besides, rheumatism if unrelieved is always liable, in one of its eratte leaps, to light on the heart and terminate life. Checkmate it at the start with Hostetter's Stomach Bitters, which is also an infallible remedy for malarial and liver complaints, inactivity of the kidneys, dyspepsia constipation, nervousness.

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MERCHANTS SEIZE UPON THE IDEA

The Chamber of Commerce to Discuss the Matter Monday.

THOUSANDS OF STRANGERS EXPECTED

There is a movement on foot among enterprising Pittsburg merchants to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the discovery of North America by Christopher Colum bus. It is suggested that a pageant be prepared something after the style of the New Orleans Mardi Gras or the March of the Veiled Prophet at St. Louis. Whether the event will be held on Octo-

ber 12 is a question. New York will hold bers on that date and the Board of General Managers of the New York exhibit at the Columbian Exposition wrote to the Pittsburg Chamber of Commerce early in June to ask a postponement of the local in-auguration of the World's Fair. Just why this is wanted the letter failed to state, and no action was taken on it by the Chamber. Superintendent Follansbee says that the matter was not considered of enough importance to be acted on, and this was the reason why the matter was referred to the Executive Committee. The Chamer adjourned in June to meet next Monday, when the matter will be taken in hand and something definite done.

"The enterprise is not going to be allowed to die out by any means," said Mr. Follansbee, "because the Chamber never lets any thing die out."

Awaiting Mayor Kennedy's Return. Mayor Gourley, when asked for some information as to what was being done by him, said he was awaiting a reply from Mayor Kennedy. "I wrote him some time

since," said Mayor Gourley, "but he is as yet out of the city, and I have had no answer. I am anxious to see the celebration be made a success. I am simply waiting to learn his intentions. If he does not reply favorably I shall appoint a committee to

favorably I shall appoint a committee to make arrangementa. All the Pittsburg merchants are in favor of seeing the thing succeed, and are willing to do all in their power to aid the celebration."

W. H. Keech, referring to the proposed pageant, says he is "first in hand, heart and head for it," or for anything else that will help Pittsburg. "I think it's an elegant, good thing, and I will spend my money for it as soon as for anything else. Physically and financially you can count me in on it. and financially you can count me in on it. It will be a good thing to give the country people an opportunity to come to Pittsburg and see Columbus hauled on a wagon, even if he be made of either mud, wood or stuffed with sawdust. October is a pretty fair business month with us, and we do a good class of business. Not, of course, to say that we do a better business than in the spring, but customers buy a better class of goods than in April and May. It is a good, clean month with us, being given to house cleaning and refurnishing. The only thing that I see lacking is time; time to get committees appointed and take it up. It should

ne taken up, of course, in time to prepare and in time to properly advertise it. Enterprise of Denver Citizens, "I was in Denver at the conclave a few weeks ago, and I tell you it actually amused me to see how, with such apparent smused me to see how, with such apparent relish, the merchants, restaurateurs and everybody else there just got hold of that crowd and handled it. We need more of that sort of people here in Pittsburg. Too many men sit in their offices and ring in every customer they can get, always grasping for the dollars that are in sight. The ing for the dollars that are in sight. The trouble is that they do not do something which will bring more customers within reach and make the dollars easier to get. You may put me down every time for any-thing at all which will help Pittsburg." William Trinkle says that, although such things do not help the wallpaper trade much, he would be exceedingly glad to see

the celebration.

Pork and beef do not move in the way they did 30 years ago, but Mr. Myers says anything of such a nature as the proposed celebration will be a fine thing anyway.
"Our trade, of course, is not likely to be much affected by the day, inasmuch as it is concerned, but the event will be a very good feature. We cannot have too many of such

Passenger men give assurance that rates which they will make for the occasion will be such that no room for complaint will be left. General Passenger Bassett of the Pittsburg and Western, says that the Pittsburg Pas-senger Committee will consider the matter at any time it is presented.

"The Pittsburg Exposition opens on the 7th of October and closes six weeks later," said he, "and during that time rates will be made for it three times a week. If the celebration is held during that time it is likely those rates will be made to apply for it as the committee would not feel like making other through excursion rates, especially for the Columbus day. The railroads are quick to respond on any occasion of that kind, and we are glad to make the rates. There is no question but what the railroads will do their share."

The Pittsburg Passenger Committee will

will do their share."

The Pittsburg Passenger Committee will hold a meeting to-day at which the matter will probably be discussed.

It is expected to have an imposing street pageant in the morning followed by commemorative services in the afternoon with

prominent men as speakers. The celebra-tion will wind up in the evening with a grand display of pyrotechnics.

ASBURY PARK SCANDALIZED.

Drug and Cigar Stores Open on Sunday, Despite the L, and O, League, ASBURY PARK, Aug. 29.-[Spe

The drug and cigar stores here did a heavy business to-day in spite of the fact that the proprietors were warned by the officers of the Law and Order League last night that they must not League last night that they must not sell cigars, soda water or candies on Sunday. The bathing houses of James A. Bradley, the founder of the town, at the foot of Asbury avenue, were open for three hours, and many persons hired his suits and took a dip in the surt. There are two stands on Mr. Bradley's property for the sale of Saratoga spring water. Both of them did a rushing business all day and until late Sunday. Henry Vaughan, Mr. Bradley's beach pavilion janitor, sold the newspapers. The police officers of the town paid no attention to these offenders against the laws, but they

officers of the town paid no attention to these offenders against the laws, but they quietly watched the stores on property near the beach front not owned by Mr. Bradley. After the churches and the Asbury Park auditorium closed the drug stores were crowded with men and women, who drank soda water to their hearts' content. Two of the druggists were notified to appear to answer charges of selling liquor contrary to law. The officers tried to serve a warrant on Henry Williams, the Kingsley street druggist whose store was raided several weeks ago. The officers could not find him, and late to-night they were still watching his store, both back and front.

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FOR HESTER'S SAKE.

WRITTEN FOR THE DISPATCH.

BY MARGARET HAYCRAFT.

Author of "Amaranth's Garden," "The Golden Doors," &c., &c.

She always had more manners than any other girl at Miss Fenn's school." "As we sow, we reap," remarked the mistress of Hearthbourne Cottage, indus-triously plying her knitting needles, "If people will live beyond their means, what can be expected but poverty for their prosperity, when, in the course of Providence, they are removed into another world? The Coptords were people who would have the best of everything-it made me shudder to see new potatoes and asparagus on their table months before such ideas en-tered my head; if Matilda Copford would have forced vegetables and fruit, she has

she should have to go out as a lady help.

only herself to blame for the result." "Still, auntie, it makes one's heart ache to think of her now in some institution for merchants' widows, and Hester, who never even made her own bed, to be a sort of general servant at the draper's where she used

to deal. "Let it be s warning to you, Jean," replies her aunt, severely, "when you have a house of your own to keep your expenditure well within your income, and to do your own marketing, not leaving all to servants, like Matilda Copford. And that reminds me, when Reginald Mellor calls again, we must inquire on what he intends to marry; when he asked my consent an un-fortunate earache prevented my entering into pecuniary details, as was my duty."

Aunt Grigson, please don't!" cries "Oh, Aunt Grigson, please don't!" cries
Jean Arden, coloring. "I have a hundred
a year of my own, you know."

"A hundred a year—stuff and nonsense.
Pray, how is that to pay butcher, baker,
grocer, poulterer, Italian warehouseman,
milkman—"

"Oh, auntie, I have not the least idea, but, you know, we are not to be married yet, and you will teach me the best way of keeping my housenold accounts—you are so clever in everything that concerns house-To keep accounts, Jean, the first essen-

tial is an income, and your hundred a year will go a very little way towards feeding a hearty roung man like Reginald Mellor. Pray did you notice that he took three helps of meat at the rectory last Sunday?"
"Oh, auntie," cried Jean, dismayed at

Miss Grigson's pressic discourse concerning her hero, "Rex," "as if I should notice what he stel and besides, he has ample

"It does seem hard, Aunt Grigson, that means. Is he not having a long holiday be should have to go out as a lady help. just now, enjoying the fishing as long as he

"He may be out of work, and enjoying he may be out of work, and enjoying a holiday through necessity," says Miss Grigson, surveying the heel of the stocking in process of growth, "all we know about him is that he is a friend of the rectory people; and we know they are too hospitable to be as careful as they might be about entertaining inclinitible rectors. ing ineligible young men. But, there, my dear Jean, I do not wish to cast a damper upon your youthful brightness; trouble will come upon you soon enough, and the cares of life will awaken you from what now seems a vision of gladness. Get your her-ring-boning and go down the garden to await Mr. Mellor. I suppose he calls to-day as usual? I believe Tuesdays and Fridays were the appointed afternnoons?"

"Yes, but he has gone to town till Mon-day—did you forget, aunt?" says Jean, almost reproachfully. "Oh, there is the postman—it must be the coal merchant's receipt; shall I get it, aunt?"

But the gray-eyed Jean thinks little of the coal merchant as she hurries between the sweetbriar bushes to receive, as her throbbing heart expects, her first love letter. She tries to take the envelope from the postman coolly and calmly, but Jean is scarcely twenty and only a country lass— she is not very successful in veiling her eagerness. Only a letter from her school friend, Hester Copford! Jean surveys it with blank disappointment, and then rewith blank disappointment, and then re-members with a pang of shame that Hester's letters have hitherto been the delight of

"My dear child, how very impetuous you have become—so like your poor, dear mother, who always acted on impulse. Who is Johnnie Soames, and who has the effrontery to suggest we should waste sixpence on a telegram? Critical illness is the only excuse for telegrams; I have not dispatched one since your poor mother was taken when you were born. I sent for your father then—poor David, he did not linger long after my not sitted."

long after my poor sister."

These reminiscences of parents she has never known have usually a deep interest for Jean, but just now her mind is full of the much-loved guest, to whom the holiday at Heathbourne will be an easis in the desert of her monotonous life.

"Johnnie Soames is one of the children where Hester lives, auntie," she says, eagerly, "and Hester is delicate, you know. The doctor thinks she ought to

long after my poor sister.'

leave while measles is in the house. Auntie, dear, you will let her come to us? I will pay for the telegram. Do let me send word to her to come at once!" "I suppose we ought to give the child some little change," said Miss Grigson; whose heart is softer than her manners be-

now young Mellor has left the place."

"Only till Monday, auntie."

"Well, here is the sixpence. Mind you do not drop it. Only 12 words, mind, Jean, including the address. And while you are at the postoffice order some skirt of beef at

get no forced asparagus here. I prophesied penury when I dined at her father's 18 year's ago last Lady Day." "She is prettier than ever," thinks old "She is prettier than ever," thinks old Miss Hobbs, receiving Jean's telegram at the village postoffice. "She always had cheeks like a rose, but therere's something tender-like crept into her eyes, and she's that sweet and gentle I seem to see her bonny mother over again. I suppose it comes of sweethearting, for they say she's promished to the strange gentleman from London town. I can't say as I thinks he's good enough for her, but then, we'd grudge the lassic even to a prince!"

Jean is very busy on her return home.

Metcalfe's for a pie to-morrow. Hester will

Jean is very busy on her return home, helping their one servant to get ready Hester's room, and prepare adainty supper. Hester's room, and prepare a dainty supper. Despite Miss Grigson's assurance that Hester shall find nothing on her table save what is plain and homely, it is a very tempting repast that awaits the traveler, and as Jean hovers about her to supply her needs, the two girls make a picture pretty and the bear a smile to the observant enough to bring a smile to the observant spinster's face. Hester Copford is fair-haired, tall and graceful, with eyes of the darkest shade of blue, and lips that seem made for laughing; she is now in some measure recovering from the first great shock of her father's death, and Jean who knows of her father's death, and Jean who knows how deep is her affection for her mother, rather wonders to see her friend's face as bright almost as in the days of prosperity. She is herself a great contrast to Hester, small of stature, with short, wavy, suburn hair, and quieter of demeanor; but there is often an affinity between opposites, and no friendship is truer on both sides than theirs.

"Now, no lingering in one another's rooma," says Miss Grigson, as the girls kiss good-night, "the rule of the house is quiet after 10:30; you will have plenty of time to-morrow to tell one another all the news."

"We will have a lovely walk to-morrow, Hester," says Jean, picturing that by the seashore she will tell her friend of the heart-gladness that makes music now on the

harp of her life.

"Yes," says Hester, "and we must have a long, long talk—I want to tell you all about the Soames family, you know, and about my first attempts at cooking, and how I went marketing with the cook, and learned so much I felt I ought to get married right away, before it went out of my head; and then there is something else—well, never mind to-night! I'll look forward to our walk to-morrow."

Jean, looking out at the stars, decides she sten, looking out at the stars, decides she is the happiest girl in all the world, for the friend of her heart is near by, and each starshine brings closer the hour of his return. Her soul is full of calm, deep thankturn. Her soul is full of calm, deep thankfulness, as she sinks to sleep, guessing nothing of the thorns her young feet have to
press and the altar of sacrifice to which she
is called. Miss Grigson has a headache
next morning, and as a breakfast in bed is
rare enough to be historical with her, Jean
feels concerned about her as she carries up "Oh, auntie, how pale you look!" she ex-

"Oh, auntie, how pale you look!" she exclaims, "do take some tea; it will do you good and then you must lie down again, and I will darken the room."

"Never mind me, Jeanie," says Miss Grigson, who seems in great trouble, "shut the door, and come and read this letter I have had from your Aunt Hamsworth by the marning next: my conscience reproaches the morning post; my conscience reproaches me for not making more inquiriss about the man—your Aunt Hamsworth understands

these things so much better than I do."
"Aunt Hamsworth is always upsetting one about something or other," thinks Jean, who has very little in common with Miss Grigson's sister, a fashionable widow devoted to society. She takes the letter carelessly, not realizing at first that it has anything to do with the one who is nearest to her heart

"I am astonished, my dear Sophia," says the writer, "that you should consent to our poor Elsie's daughter being thrown away on the first person who chooses to ask for her. Have I not repeatedly urged upon you that in a pastoral, Areadian sort of way, Jean is not wholly destitute of attractions, and the young men of the present day being whimsical in their ideas, she might have achieved something quite satis-isctory during a London season. I have repeatedly offered, for poor Elsie's sake, to ict as her chaperon; but my advice is never taken, and now you have suffered her to become entangled with one of whom you know nothing save that he is a college friend of the rector's son. There is good cause to lear this Reginald Mellor is merely dirting with Jean; a friend of mine, who knows everybody, says she met him at a seaside boarding house last summer, and his habits of flirtation were quite the theme amid the circle there; he is said to be very susceptible where ladies are concerned, and

susceptible where ladies are concerned, and his disposition is as fickle as a butterfly's. What sort of a husband is he likely to make for Jean? You had better send her off to me at once, and I will take her future in hand and do my best for her."

"Aunt, you need not worry yourself about a letter like this," says Jean, proudly. "Rex has told me more than once I am his first love, and he has had very little to do with ladies' society; he is no flirt, auntie, dear—he is true as gold. You know you trust him in your heart; you liked him from the first. And as for me, I would trust him all my life; and he is the only one in all the world for me, whatever Aunt Hamsworth may say." may say."
"Ah, my dear, what knowledge of charac-

"Now, Jean," says Hester, as they establish themselves later on among the rocks, "you know we always said we would tell one another whenever we received a proto her heart. "Yes, but somehow letter-writing about these things is rather difficult," says Jean, stroking her friend's hand in the gentle way to which she is addicted. "Indeed it is, and I get so little time to write letters! that is the chief reason I wanted to see you, Jeanie-what do you think? I really believe I have met my

> "You, Hester!" stammers Jean, conscious of the ring in her purse, which is to be presently produced as a surprise.
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> "Yes, and not one of the friends of our sunshiny days, either! I only met him last summer; you know Mrs. Soames had rheumatism and I had to accompany her to Shingletown, to a boarding house kept by a lady she knows. Mrs. Soames was under some special treatment, so I had plency of time to myselt, and one of the gentlemen there became very friendly—people called him a flirt, but I don't believe he is. The day before we left he asked me if I could ever care about him, and he said he would call and see me in Stonecanton. Mrs. Soames says I shall never hear from him again, but it would break my heart to think that, Jean! He was so sorry for all our of the ring in her purse, which is to be that, Jean! He was so sorry for all our troubles, and he whispered to me that our

fate!

but all through breakfast time she looks

preoccupied, and Hester is sure something is disturbing her friend's accustomed calm. To divert her thoughts she rambles on with

lively anecdotes concerning her situation,

and Jean feels thankful Hester is with her; the hours will fly till Rex is again in Heathbourne, and Aunt Grigson, looking into his steadfast face, will torego all doubts

troubles, and he whispered to me that our home-nest would have room for mother."

"Am I forsakine my poor Hester because I have Rex as well?" thinks the girl, indignant against herself. "Hester and I have been friends all our lives, and she needs me more than ever now that trouble has come upon her; my life is so rich in love that it ought to overflow to others! I will write a long letter to Hester this evaning,

ter has a girl like you? Your aunt's inforand tell her all about-bim; if I had more mation is evidently on good authority; I fear I have been too precipitate in allowing you to wear an engagement ring given by that young man; but I must think things over. Go now and give Hester her breakfast; what an unfortunate thing to have a sait; than one photo of Rex, I would lend her a copy that she might see what he is like."

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But a few minutes later Jean dances into the sitting room, her face bright with anticipation. "Oh, auntic, you will let her come, won't you". Johnny Soames has measles, and the doctor says she is better away just now, and they have given her a fortnight's holiday and she says may she come here, and the train gets in at 9 this evening? We are to telegraph the reply."

"Did he give you no address, Hester?"

"Oh, yes, the Rustic Club in Pall Mall, but of course, I shall not write to him first; it is his place to call on Mrs. Soames, as he promised." visitor in the house while one is so worried! Your Aunt Hamsworth seems quite vexed that I gave my consent."
"Nobody ever can satisfy her," says
Jean, "and when I marry it will not be to
please Aunt Hamsworth. When Rex is please Aunt Hamsworth, when hex is here again, Auntie dear, you can have a long talk with him, and you will then be as certain as I am that he is the very soul of truth and honor."

Jean's pretty head is held erect in defense of her lover as she marches from the room; presently she returns to drop a penitent kiss on Miss Grigson's troubled brow, but all through breakfast time she looks

The Rustic Club! Why that is the very address Jean has seen in certain of her lover's papers and letters, forwarded to him at Heathbourne; perhaps through Rex sho may be able to gain some information for Hester, concerning the one whose fidelity she trusts, Dean thinks, a little too cred-

"What was this gentleman like, Hester, dear?" she asks. "I know someone who is a member of that club; he may be acquainted

with your friend."

Hester's bright face grows softer as she replies in a low voice, "Oh, Jean, I scarcely know how to describe him; you know my idol was always possessed of jet-black hair and whiskers, but Rex is not exactly handsome—only it is such a good sort of face, a winning face and one that can be trusted. What is the matter, Jean? you look so white—have we been valking too far tor with your friend," white-have we been walking too far for

"No, Hester, only the days get cold now; we must not sit down long," says Jean, shivering, "so his name is Rex?"
"Reginald Mellor," says Hester, lingering tondly over his name; "he belongs to the Mellors of Glenshire, an old, rich tamthe Mellors of Glensnire, an old, rich family, Mrs. Soames tells me; but I know and care nothing about his money. I have had plenty of flirtations in my time, Jean, too many to please you, my little conscience, but Rex is the only one for whom I have really cared. I wish I had his likeness to show you; he said he would bring me one when he came to Stonecanton—he has such splendid eyes, a very dark brown, and brown hair, with almost a golden tint here and there."

Jean makes no answer; for her the sunshine has gone from the sky, the music out of the sea. In a flash of consciousness she realizes her Aunt Hamsworth's letter is true; her Rex is not as she imagined him—a king among men, a hero worthy of a woman's love, chivalrous, tender and true. woman's love, chivalrous, tender and true. He is but as the rest—one of those who "love and ride away" just as fickle fancy may prompt; she understands now why his allegiance to Hester has ceased—in his holiday at Heathbourne she has found favor in his sight, and beguiled him from her friend. "Jean," says Hester, impetuously, "you are not a bit like yourself to-day. I thought you would be so interested about Rex, and that you would cheer me up and comfort me in this suspense, for sometimes it does

seem hard to wait and wait and hear nothing from him, though of course I know he will come at last! And all the time you sit silent as a statue—do tell me what is the matter, darling; are you auxious about Miss Grigson? do you think we ought to turn

"Yes, let us go home, Hester, I don't think I am quite myself to-day, perhaps auntie's neuralgia is infectious," says Jean, trying to smile; "if I lie down after dinner, perhaps I shall be a livelier companion byperhaps I shall be a livelier companion by-and-by; you might go down to see them at the Rectory after dinner."

"No, indeed; I shall bathe your forehead and look after you, Jeanie," says Hester, fondly; "Mrs. Soames says I am getting quite a clever nurse," and she lays Jean's hand on her arm as the two go slowly and silently back into Heathbourne through the cornfields.

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The noon-day post has brought a long tender letter to Jean, from her fiance, but her heart seems hard and cold as she glanges down the sheets, and tears them to fragments in the quiet of her room. How many low such letters has he written, how many lov-ing expressions has he used, meaningless as these that fill the pages! And then Jean presses the fragments of paper to her lips crying out within her that she has power to influence her lover's soul, that the truth of

her own tenderness can ennoble and uplift his life; has she not promeed herself to him, shall she seperate her path from his, be-cause of his passing fancy for—Hester! She remembers the troubled shadow in Hester's remembers the troubled shadow in Hester's merry eyes, as the girl spoke of his silence, and the glad ring of assurance in her voice as she prophesied his sure coming to Stonecanton at last; Hester's is a gray life of drudgery, a life on which trouble has early fallen—is Jean to have all life's good things, and is Hester's young heart to be desolate?

[To be concluded to-morrow.]

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