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woman in the world." "Yet I have had my troubles, Polly,"

Camilla replied. Mrs. Bellairs shook her head. "Noth-

ing to speak of, surely," Well, you know, marrying poor, dear Phillip when I was not the least in love with him. Mother insisted, and after all, it turned out for the best. He formed-in fact, he cultivated me, turned me from a raw school girl into I femme du monde, and left me a free woman before my hair was gray. It keeps its color well, don't you think?" "Your hair is still yellow naturally.

Though four years a widow you are only five and twenty." "O, don't say 'yellow'-such a de-testable color, like a canary-suggestive of a beaky nose and sallow cheeks!"

protested Camilla, "But you were speaking of your hus-

Yes-poor Philip. He always told me he was consumptive in earlier days, as an inducement to marry him." Camilla hated herself as she spoke-It was a way she had drifted into un-

der Mrs. Bellairs' influence. Her friend seemed to expect frivolity from her, and smiled appreciatingly. "Ah. Camilla, you have everythingyouth, health, independence. You are not even burdened with a family, and certainly make the most of life. But

sometimes, dear, I think, you know, you are just a little-too-well, too unconventional. "Indeed! Do tell me of my indiscretions; it would be so very interesting." Camilla clasped her hands and tried

not to smile. "They are hardly worthy mentioning. I was only thinking of Mr. Wil-

"Mr. Wilson not worth mentioning? Polly, I cannot let you insult my "You know what I mean," murmured Mrs. Bellairs, lowering her voice con-

fidentially: "six waltzes running, and then a cozy corner for the rest of the "But I went to supper with Mr. Nor-"And ate half a sandwich before run-

ning away. Yes, he told me about it afterwards. Of course it is quite excusable that you should like Mr. Wil-

son, a most attractive man; but his "What about his reputation?" "I never care to repeat scandal, but

"O, stop! I know you are going to

tell me someting horrid, and I would rather not hear. I wish so many nice people had not bad reputations. I am expecting him to tea this afternoon: perhaps you will not care to meet

"Thanks, dear"-kissing Camilla affectionately-"I always take a hint; it is one of my talents." "No, Polly, no; I really did not mean

But Mrs. Beliairs was already half Wilson.

"I am almost tempted to stay," she said, shaking her hands; "but an appointment with my dentist-" The hall door closed and Camilla found herself alone in the drawing room with Mr. Wilson.

"I am glad you have come," she said. "Are you" he answered. "I almost wish that you were sorry."

"Because I am going away, and I do not want you to miss me. Camilla, you have made my life happier-better; forgive me if I shock you, but you are the only woman I have ever respected. Nothing evil can touch you. I wish I were more worthy of your friendship."

A strange thrill of wonder and joy passed through Camilla. She felt instinctively that over this man at least she had an influence for good, that with him she escaped from the frivolous side of her nature to her real-her better

"No," she said, "I am not good; but sometimes I feel that it is in me to be good if I would only try myself-give myself the chance. I am so fond of the world and the world's amusements-all my time is taken up with pleasure; and I am not tired yet-not blase. But lately I have been thinking. My idea may startle you, and you will call it farfetched, and you will say I am in earn-

"You look sincere," he answered. "I think I shall believe you." "I want to enjoy my life in my own

set, among my own people, and I find I cannot do this with a clear conscience; so I have made a resolve, and a very difficult one. I am going to give one year out of my life to God." "How shall you do that-what plan have you formed?"

"A simple and at the same time a hard plan. None of my friends is to know where I am or where I go. I just intend to vanish off the face of their earth for 12 months' hard labor. All my little vanities, my extravagances, must be given up, buried, forgotten. One half of London does not care to learn or know how the other half lives. I am going to find out for myself, to settle in the very heart of the East End, dressed as a Sister of Charity, to live and work as such. You made me think of it by saying I had influenced you for

I know— I feel that I can influence in the poorest parish in the East End people, and I have always used this of London. I need not trouble you power for purely selfish motives. Now, I with details, why I did it, my motives,

"I envy you, Camilla, more than any [tempted, wretched creatures, to give myself a wider field.

> A bed sitting room in a cheap lodging, the July sun creeping through a small window, and the igurs of Camilla writing by a deal table. "So it's ever," she said, with a sight of relief, "the long, hard year."

She folded her letter and added it a pile at her side. "How strange to be picking up the

threads just where I dropped them a year ago. I wonder if I have really been missed—I wonder if my disappearance made any difference to any-body?" She thought over the last twelve

months, contrasting them with the rest of her life, and as she meditated saw again incident upon incident pass, picture-like, before her eyes.

The first difficult struggle, when the absence of little comforts seemed almost like the rending of body and soul, and then the rush of active work unong a class of busy workers-mornmg, noon, night, every hour needed, very minute of importance. The delight, too, of finding herself a power by means of the money she had hithero spent in the world of fashion, to go about doing good. She remembered the fatigue and horror she experienced when first visiting the squalid scenes where the field of her labors lay. Then the thrili of pleasure when faces lit up and smiled, when lives brightened, and nen and women seemed happier for her presence; and, last of all, the forgetfulness of self which molded her character and turned her from a butterfly into a woman.

But now, stifled by the heat of the slums, and yet with the keen appreciation for enjoyment still flowing through her veins, she was to return to he old life and the pleasurable ways. The pretty house in Wimpole street was to be opened out again for two or three weeks of the fleeting season, and Camilla would return to the bosom of her friends, to bloom again in the flower-garden of her own world.

She got up and moved about the narow room with light tread and dancing eyes; she laughed aloud at her thoughts; she clasped her hands over her heart, marveling at its rapid beat-

ing.
"I shall go as I came," she said, without a word of good-bye to any one. Tomorrow I shall drive awayanish! I shall hate to be thanked, to listen to gratitude or blessings-it would make me feel a brute for going. stepped out of my own groove, and I must step back again. The children here call me 'the good fairy'-I will keep up the mystery to the end."

Camilla was resting on the sofa, tryng to read a novel, when Mrs. Bellairs was announced. She sprang up with a cry of pleasure,

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and flung her arms around the visit-

"O, Polly, dear," this is nice seeing ou again!" Mrs. Bellairs disentangled herself

rom the embrace, greeting Camilla less cordially. "You were lying down, were you not?" she said. "I am afraid that I disturbed you."
"I had a headache, but you will take

t away. I have so much to talk about do not know where to begin." Camilla drew a chair forward as she

"What gave you a headache -heat?" "No worry! Tell me, Polly what does t all mean? I've been away only a year, and yet I seem to have lost touch with everybody. Why do people look at me coldly? Ah, I have noticed it, you need not shake your head. Why do they avoid me, as if I were a criminal? Our lives are our own, to do as we please with. One would almost imagine, because I have chosen to absent myself, to go into retirement for a year, that

people thought---But Camilla broke off, as if her sen-

ence was not worth finishing. "Well, dear, people will think, and people will talk-there is no stopping them. Your conduct was certainly strange, and, if innocent, misleading." eyes flashing.

"What are you daring to insinuate?" "I insinuate nothing. What have you

to say for yourself?" The retort staggered Camilla, "To

say for myself?' she asked.
"Yes, to repudiate the scandal." "I-I don't understand." Her face turned pale.

"It is very simple. Last summer your a certain Mr. Wilson," said Mrs. Bellairs, eyeing Camilla sternly; "he went away, you went away-no one knew you were going; he has just returned, you have just returned—in the meanwhile your hiding-place has been kept secret. We may open our eyes, we may look at you askance, but we do not condemn you, Camilla, because-

"Enough! I have been insulted sufficiently. Listen," and a hard laugh broke from her: "I will satisfy your curiosity. While society has been spreading its vile slanders I have been working, slaving, month after month, I am going to try to exert it over poor, or what I gained. I think it has taught

Her voice broke. She turned away. "You a charity worker! My poor Camilla, do not, pray, expect us to be-lieve that! For heaven's sake, try and think of something more reasonable." Mrs. Bellairs moved slowly to the door. Camilla faced her deflantly, and tried to speak, but her voice failed her. She was choking, suffocating with indignation. The door opened and closed again. Mrs. Bellairs had gone. The room swam round, Camilla staggered back to the sofs. "O God, to be o misjudged!"-The Sketch.

FASHIONS AT SARATOGA.

Morning Dresses --- Chatelaines--- Neglige Costumes --- Afternoon Display. Batistes --- An Evening Dress.

Special Correspondence of The Tribune. Saratoga, N. Y., July 16 .- The everchanging panorama of Saratoga life the new-comer, or any one fond of noise and confusion; the observation of people or their varlous toilettes affording much amuse ment to those interested in such matters. Breakfast dresses are comparatively simple-pretty lawns, white piques, fine linen crashes, oftentimes having the jacket lined with blue which shows as the revers turns back. Light-weight wool suits too, with an Eton or blazer jacket on cool mornngs (preferably the latter) and a blue checked or stripped, or plaited Liberty ilk, or tucked lawn front, or the inevitable independent skirt and waist (the arch-enemy to suits) the latter f organdie, lawn, lappet, dimity, grass linen over a color, changeable silk, checked or stripped silk, or as a change white embroidered yokes over a plain dress.

VERY HANDSOME. Large, French gilt enameled chate laines, attached to one side of the waist are a very pretty addition to a plain skirt, and from the clasp hangs by separate chains, a tablet, pencil, bon-bon box, mirror, puff-box and vinalgrette. A change is not unfrequently made in hese articles, as a pen-knife, sen-sen box, court-plaster case or stamp box, may be substituted, and any or all of hem are often worn by bicycle riders. Neglige costumes come in for their share of admiration, made of pink or blue silk, crepe de Chine, or colored brocade, usually having a Watteau plait at the back, and long lace fichus are sometimes attached to the shoulders at either side of the front edged with deep lace, and fall to the lower edge of the gown. From each side of the Watteau plait, wide lace is brought over the shoulders to the front, arranged in jacket effects, by means of piece added to the shoulder, or meets full lace front, and a half-tight belt s of satin folds or wide ribbon. Some sleeves are puffed at the top, and alternate satin or lace bands extend to the cuff, which is always trimmed; others are tucked in groups below a puff, in mousquetaire style.

EARLY AFTERNOON.

Is the lazy part of the day at Saratoga; children play under the trees; lovers seek quiet nooks to tell the "old, old story," and matrons sitting on the hotel verandas discuss various subjects besides fashion, their conversation naturally recurring to the wonderful benofit derived from the new food product Somatose; which in very small bulk contains a large amount of available autriment, in the shape of the albuminous principles of meat in a form most favorable for immediate absorption and ready assimilation. There seems to be no condition of exhaustion consequent upon discase to which Somoose is not applicable, particularly in the case of very young children, or those whose appetite has failed completely, and as this valuable tonic is easily dissolved in milk, tea or water, the patient need not be aware of its administration. Somatose is especially valuable in maintaining the strength of young mothers, wth nursing chil-

HANDSOME AFTERNOON COS-

begin to appear towards four o'clock. when gay parties go to Saratoga lake or elsewhere, and a beautiful dress worn by a rosy young matron, was of plaited gray grenadine over gray satin, with a yellow silk waist, and a wide black accordeon plaited chiffon scarf almost covered the back, and was brought under the arms up to the bust and tied there with a large bow and ends. A black chiffon sash with long ends was fastened at the back and black chiffon sleeves were gathered over yellow silk, in Bernhardt style, finished by pearl gray gloves. The hat was a yellow rice straw, trimmed with six gray and black ostrich plumes, and five or six yellow roses nestled under Camilla sprang to her feet, her color the brim. A parasol of plaited yellow mantling in her checks, lips quivering. Liberty silk, edged by a black chiffor ruffle, completed an extremely delicate and refined costume.

GRASS LINEN OR LINEN BATISTE is in order at all hours of the day. Round yokes trimmed with Russian lace on a plain dress are always acceptable; elegant waists embroidered in floral sprays, also afternoon or evening dresses embroidered in white flowers with colored silk beneath. A very name, unfortunately, was coupled with pretty one over pink silk has a white embroidered border around the skirt, selow which is a narrow pink silk ruffle and another of plain batiste. The waist is full with the whole front covered by embroidery and another large spray at the back. The sleeves are composed of a wide ruffle with emproidered border above a pink silk ruffle set in the arm hole and four or five tucks are on the outside of the sleeve, with an embroidered design at the cuff. A very wide pink silk and batiste ribbon sash is tied at the back, with a collar of similar ribbon.

A BEAUTIFUL EVENING DRESS made for a prominent society belle, was of substantial white silk, with a ruffle around the lower edge of the skirt. An upper skirt of white net (open meshed) has three wide lace flounces, the two upper ones drooping at the front and high at the back. Between these lace flounces were two narrow white ne ruffles, edged by white Liberty slik plaitings, headed by a looped white silk gimp, one ruffle falling just a little above the other. The net corrage was a very low round neck, drawn full over white silk and a lace bertha was draped around the shoulders, forming the sleeve at the same time. An elegant white silk sash tied at the back gave completion to one of the most lovely costumes of the season. Fannie Field.

THE JOKE RILED HIM.

And He Didn't Want the Editor to

Win Appreciation in His Family. rom the Detroit Free Press. "Funny thing," laughed the jovial romotor, who was entertaining some of his prospective victims at the cafe. The maddest man I ever saw was that same smooth-voiced old gentleman that just left us. When I first went to for terms

the Northwest it was as a boomer, and the syndicate I was operating for set me up in the newspaper business. The primary purpose was to attract settlers, sell land and give the friends of my people political control; but to get circulation I had to interest readers all over the country. One scheme in this direction was to run the spiciest personal column that I could put up. There wasn't a man who came to this place that I didn't give a send-off to attract general attention. I wasn't embarrassed by any regard for the facts and avoided unpleasant conseuences by using fictitious names or initials.

'One day the same old gentleman propped down in our midst. It must have been twenty years ago, I pictured him as an Adonis, a youth of the courtliest manners and most magnetic qualities. A week later he came into my little office with a look that would cause the average man to take to his ceels. His face was colorless and His eyes glittered and he ground his teeth when he was not talkng. He spread a letter in front of me, and then paced the floor. It was a dainty little missive, with the faint odor of violets. It told what the fair writer had read in my paper and how it had filled her with a desire to know such a manly paragon. She sought a correspondence, and asked for a pic-I began to laugh and chaff in order to pacify my caller. But he flourished the letter in one hand, hit the table with the other and shouted, The writer of that is my daughter,

HELPED WIFE TO A DIVORCE. An Indiana Lawyer Whose Chivalry Was Always on Tap.

From the St. Louis Globe-Democrat. "I see by the papers that a St. Louis man has sued himself in a business controversy," said James D. Bothwell, Vincennes, Ind., yesterday at the Planters'. "This may be a strange in-

ident, but I know of a case that beats." "Down in my section of the country there is a prosperous young lawyer. When he was a student he fell in love with one of the sweetest girls I ever met. She is the daughter of a wealthy gentleman and, although the lawyer had brilliant prospects, the young lady's parents discouraged the match, because, to tell the truth, the girl was in love with the young man. But in spite of parental opposition the couple were married. For awhile everything went well, but the old grudge against the young man still rankled in the minds of the parents, and matters became so desperate with the young hushand that he went away. When he returned he found that his wife had sued him for divorce. It was the culmination of her parents' hatred for him. The husband saw the petition and immediately found that it was deficient, He called on his wife, and there was a ong interview, during which the matter of the petition came up. He said that his wife was under an influence that had made her determined, so he decided to be manly. 'My dear,' he said," you cannot get a divorce on this petition. It is faulty. No court in the world would receive such a plea. Let me help you out.' Then the husband set to work and drew up another petition. In it he made himself defendant, It was on this petition that his wife was divorced from him. The divorce broke the hearts of both and they are now living most wretched lives. They love each other, and, if the woman has one consolation, it is that her former husband is prospering and growing constantly in affluence and ability, 1 elieve that this couple will be r united. The young man deserves the love that his beautiful former wife still

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Something Similar.

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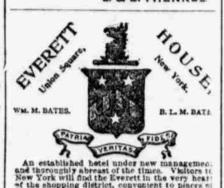
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