THE EMERALD EARRINGS.

rendered entirely speechless for a mo

They lay on their white velvet bed the "What in the world do you mean sunlight filtering through them, and young woman ?" she finally gasped out, changing their deep, rich green, that irately.

reminded me of moesy woodland nooks, "I-your fringe-my earring." I staminto giobules of golden light. A pair of mered, turning scarlet as I saw those blue emerald earrings, exquisitely set, and the eyes again looking into mine. handsomest I had ever seen. I was "Did it hurt you, or injure your earsomewhat of a judge, too, for, in bygone | ring ?" he asked, kindly, as if he pitied

days, when fortune smiled on me, many my embarrasement. very rare gems found a place in my jewel " That is not the thing," the old lady ejaculated crossly, before I had time to caskel.

But those days were a part of the ir- answer. " My fringe is quite ruined : revocable tpast, and instead of living a several strands are gone. "Ah ! it is gay life in a stately home, with an in- caught on your miserable earring; that dulgent father to gratify every wish, I, did all the mischief," she said, tartly, Mildred Heath, was now a hard-working srepping up to me to loosen it.

little teacher in a crowded city school. Then she dropped her hands with a A stuffy little room, third floor back, in little shriek, and clutched me tightly by Mrs. Wilson's shabby boarding house, I the arm.

called "home." No one knew how I "Gilbert, look !" she cried, excitedly longed for some of the old pleasures to " My emeralds, my stolen emeralds ! Ah, help brighten the dull days that were you wicked creature!"

now filled with monotonous labor; how "Hush, aunt !" her nephew said, in a I envied gay young girls as they rolled low tone. "That girl is not a thief, and by in their carriages, laughing and chat- there is more than one pair of earrings ting ; nor how the florists' windows in the world."

tempted me with their wealth of beauti- "There is not another pair set like ful blossoms, bringing to my mind so mine." she said decidedly, blocking scornvividly the fragrant conservatories at my | fully at me. It had all taken place so suddenly that old home

I stood like one dumb ; but now I cried But after months of useless repinings I had forced myself into a more contented out, passionately :

"I did not steal them-I bought them frame of mird, and was at peace with myself and the world, until one unlucky only last night." The old lady sniffed contemptuously day, in hastening through a side street to re reach home before a threatened and glanced suspiciously at my well-worn storm, I suddenly stopped before a dingy black gown ; but her nephew said, pawnbroker's window, where, surround- gently

I handed the jewels to their owner, but

"Keep them just one moment, Miss

my aunt's hasty words. Now I think an

explanation is due you. My aunt, Mrs.

she had carelessly left them. The front

I looked at the setting closely, and

there, so small that the naked eye could

"Yes," I said, " the earrings are most

REAM

"I believe you, and regret that my ed by odds and ends of all sorts, reposed the emerald earrings described in the be- sunt is so severe. Will you not come with us to a more private place and tell ginning of my story. How they lighted up that dull window with their soft, us all about it ?" He courtoonsly offered me his arm, but shimmering radiance ! And at the first sight there came to me an overwhelming desire to possess them. All the restrain- side with head erect and burning cheeks. ine it isn't worth one-half as much. I. Mildred Heath, accused of stealing ! ed longing for that which was dainty, We entered a room at the end of the long bright, and beautiful, broke forth afresh : and not until the fast failing drops of rain hall used as an office, but now quite de-

reminded me that I was still some dis- serted, and without further ado I began, tance from home did I turn away from tremulously-for a lump would come in my throat the window. " My name is Mildred Heath, and I am That night dreamed I was teaching

a school teacher. I saw these emeralds school in Africa, and the natives were in a pawnbroker's window and, although pelting me with huge emeralds. it was a foolish thing to do, I admired

The next morning I again turned into the little street to feast my eyes on the them so much that I bought them " beauty of those jewels. The following day, before starting for school, I counted her nephcw interposed. over my little hoard of savings. Twen-Heath ; I am very glad to hear your exfive dollars. planation, and beg that you will pardon

" Oh, dear ! that will never buy them," I said, dejectedly.

Nevertheless, I tucked the money into my purse and hastened to school. Not Radcliffe, had a valuable pair of emerald until evening did I find myself free, and carrings taken from her hall table, where then I fairly flew into that little side street, holding my breath as I drew near door stood open at the time; we have the pawnbroker's window, for fear the never been able to trace the jewels; these white velvet case and its precions con- may or may not be hers. Will you not tents would be missing. But no, they kindly look on the rim of the setting and were still there, looking, if possible, more see if there is engraved there the letter beautiful than ever. And proving myself no exception to the old adage, " She who hesitates is lost," I quickly entered the shop and asked to see the earrings. scarcely see it was the letter.

The proprietor, a greasy, unprepossessing looking individual, placed them be- undoubtedly Mrs. Radcliffe's,' and I gave



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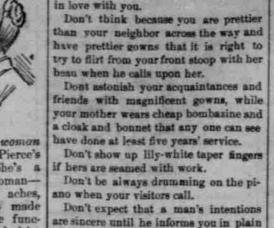
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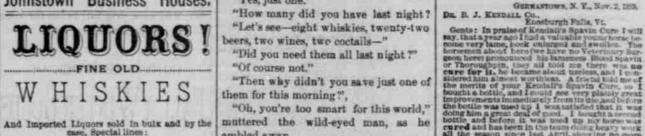
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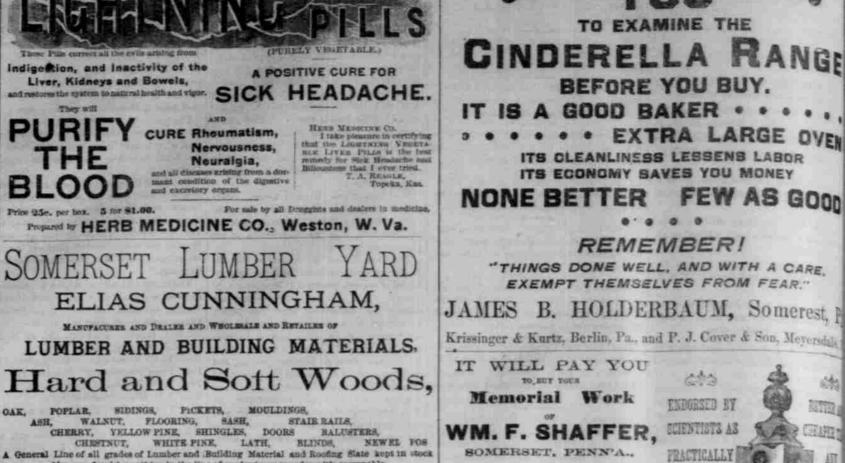
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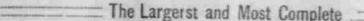
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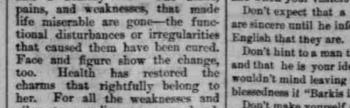


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