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#### MORTGAGED.

"Ab," said Harry Graham, looking across the tea-table at his pretty wife, 'say what they may, there is nothing on earth so pleasant as this having a home of one's own."

Mrs. Graham smiled fondly on her husband as she handed him his carefully prepared cup of tea.

"I am so glad you feel like that, Harry, I will do my best to make it a happy home for you."
"You darling! You shall have a kiss

for that sweet speech the moment tea is over!" cried the young husband, committing ravages among the rolled bread and butter, the home made preserves, the dainty shavings of dried beef and cold ham, and the delicate cake with which his Margaret had furnished for her tea-table on this first quince preserves my dear?"

"I made them, Harry." "Possible."

"Yes, I made them in the last days at the farm. Mother showed me how." "Then you shall ask her to come and see us in our little cottage before preserves are all eaten.'

"She will be very glad to come," said Margaret with a delighted look. "She never liked our plan of boarding, Harry.'

"What else could we do, my dear?" asked the young husband in a slightly altered tone. "I was too poor to buy a house when we were first married. As we could not well roost upon the trees like the birds when they begin mer, and found it almost impossible to life together, to board was the only raise money, I dare say. Now I am a way possible. But I never liked it myself," he added, his face clearing I hope to make enough to clear our again. "It was a nuisance to be conhow John Grey's children did scream you can in the house expenses, and at night, on the opposite side of the Besides, that untitly chambermaid never half cleaned our rooms. Now this is what I like," he concluded rising from the supper-table, and glancing proudly round the neat bright | ing her head upon his knee, began parlor, with its open fire and easy to read aloud. chair drawn up beside the grate; its crimson curtains and table-covers and carpets; its tea-table, sparkling with china and silver, and its tall glassdoored book-case, stowed with volumes which he was to read aloud while his The book was a lively and pleasant wife sewed, on chill and rainy even-

ings such as this. Mrs. Graham rang the bell. A tidy young servant maid came in and took away the tea things. When the room was made orderly for the evening a handsome dressing gown and a pair of embroidered slippers appeared, conjured from some mysterious closet by

the happy wife. "My first present to you in our home, Harry," she said with moistened

And he drew her fondly toward him and gave her the promised kiss, with many another after it. Then, putting on the comfortable attire, he selected with heart and soul, the first quiet domestic sky. before the book was opened, a shadow had fallen over the brightness of her

"Your mother would like to look in at us now, my darling," said Harry, glancing round the pleasant room again. "I know she will think this house a bargain when she sees it. Six rooms and a garden-a good-sized garden, too-and for two thousand dollars!

"And the pretty furniture, Harry. All paid for, too. That is the best of all, and very good, substantial furniture it is," replied his wife.
"Yes. I was determined that should

be paid for, on the nail. What sticks I have adout me must be my own."

have had it two hundred dollars cheaper. However, if we are careful of our

expenses, chickabiddy, we shall soon clear off the mortgage. It is only nine hundred dollars." The fancy work dropped from Mar-

"Nine hundred dollars!" she said, turning a little pale. "A mortgage! On this house, Harry!"

"On whose house should it be?" he said laughing. "Why, you look as scared as if I had stolen the house, child?" "I thought it was paid for!"

the furniture as well?" he auswered, sharply. I can tell you it took every cent I had in the bank as it is."

loooking bewildered. And he laughed again. "Is there no such thing as credit,

Margaret?" She was silent.

"Get whatever you want at the shops, child. Of course you will be as economical as possible; but still we must live, you know. Once in three months, or once in six months, I'll settle the bills. Then whatever we can have shall go toward clearing off this mortgage that seems to be such a bug-

bear in your eyes." "I will save in every possible way," she said, carnestly. "It is foolish, I suppose, but a mortgage is a bugbear to me. Father had a heavy one on his farm, and the first thing I remember as a little child is seeing him setting on the granary stairs in the big. barn, sighing and groaning to himself. I was frightened and ran and told mother; she kissed me and began to evening in their "very own home." cry, because she said the interest was "Where did you get these delicious due ou the mortgage that week, and cry, because she said the interest was poor father was unhappy because he could see no way to pay it."

"And did he pay it?" questioned

Harry, somewhat interested. "Yes. He borrowed the money somewhere, and then, of course, there was the interest to pay on that; and so it went on, from bad to worke, till father died, and the farm went back to its owner. Mother said it had fairly worried him into his grave," she added, wiping the tears from her eyes. You cannot wonder if I am afraid of

mortgages, after that." "But, pet, the two cases are entirely different," said her husband, kissing her cheek. "Your father was a poor farhome this year. Come, don't think of fined to two rooms as we were; and trouble any more. Be as careful as you will find that we shall own our pretty home, clear of any claim, before you know where you are."

He drew her down to the wide crimson footstool before the fire, and rest-

The fire and lamp burned clearly, the pretty French clock on the mantel piece ticked musically, and rang out its fairy hour chimes one before his voice ceased to echo in her ear. one, and Margaret was able to discuss it with him intelligently as they lingered before the blaze for one delicious half hour before going up stairs.

Yet all the while her thoughtful eyes were seeing visions in the crimson coals, and her heart and brain were busily at work, devising plans to ward off the evil that, to her, seemed to be threatening the peace and comfort of their little dwelling, so long as any other person held a claim thereon.

The chiming bells of the French clock rang out ten, and Margaret rose and went about the room, putting it daintily in order before leaving it for at the moment; and before I would garet drew her little sewing stand with the energy God had given her, talk like that!" he concluded, burynearer the fire and prepared to enjoy, this brooding cloud of evil from their ing his face in his hands.

As their married life began, so it went on, in the new home for nearly three years. The house expenses were carefully kept down by Margaret, who made one servant answer while many of her friends kept two; and once in three months, or oftener in six, as the days went on, the accounts were settled by the husband, cheerfully enough at first, but by and by with sighs and shakes of the head, which Margaret seemed not to notice and of which she

certainly never spoke.

During the last of the threee years, Harry's handsome face began to wear a look of anxious care. Not a cent, so far had been laid aside to pay off the mortgage on their home, and the chance of success seemed less than ever "Oh, Harry! how can you call our nice new things sticks?"

"Chairs and tables then, child! I got a good discount by the way because I paid cash down. I wish I could have done the same by the house. I might

"The evening reading was gradually mon

laid aside and during the summer months of the third year Harry began to sit brooding after tea, in his armchair before the empty hearth, till Margaret, without appearing to notice his depression, came to him and induced him to accompany her on a walk. At such times he strode along beside her, silent and sad, and returning home buried himself in the col umns of the "Banker's Day Book" till it was time to go to bed.

And all this time the true wife held her peace. She noticed everythingshe guessed more; but, till the ice was carned it." "How on earth did you suppose I broken by him, it was not her place to could pay such a sum down, and buy speak.

tumn season of crash after crash, ruin after ruin; old and long-established "But the house expenses! What houses toppling into the gulf, and car-shall we do about them?" asked she rying a thousand minor ones with

"What will go next?" and all through the country, wave after wave, the full of love. "I had all the work I wide-spreading stream of desolation could possibly do in your absence, and

On Saturday evening he went out, alone, for a stroll after tea. But in alone, for a stroll after tea. But in half an hour he was back again, hav-her husband, clasping her to his heart. ing made up his mind in that brief time to tell Margaret all.

He found her in the parlor. She sat beside the window, bending over a will pay off the mortgage, and settle small package in her lap. At his the bills, and pay our way through sudden entrance she started and hid the year, if we are careful. Oh, Marsmall package in her lap. At his the package in her pocket, blushing so would have noticed and wondered at she whispered, with her lips close to it. But now his mind was full of his his ear, own troubles, and he had no leisure to notice trifles.

He went straight up to his wife and took both her hands. "Margaret," he said, "I'm a ruined

man. This panie-"
And then he broke down and burst into tears; he fell upon his knees be-

side her chair.

Margaret put her arms around him, drawing his face down upon her breast. When he was calmer, she kissed him asked him to sit down beside her and tell her all. She listeaed mutely.

"And if the panic ends, and these country customers pay all they owe you, can you go on, Harry?" she

"Yes; that is, I need not close the shop nor go through bankruptcy. But then the panic may not end; I see no signs of it at present. "Panics always do end," said Mar-

garet, hopefully.
"But in the meantime, Margaret, what are we to do? All the bills for six months past have come pouring in upon me, and I cannot meet them. And Sadler wants the mortgage money on this house. He has dunned me for it all the time since it fell due, and lately he threatened to foreclose. Now he says he will do it. We shall loose our home, and other people will suffer because I cannot pay these bills. I have strained every nerve to do it, but it is all in vain. I with I was dead and out of the worry of it all."

"Oh, Harry," cried his wife, re-proachfully. "Do you want to die and leave me?"

"They would not worry you for the money, my darling, as they do me. And yet I cannot blame them," said he, sighing. "They want their money and I feel like a thicf as long as I withhold it from them. Margaret, I see my mistake now!" he added ener-

"No, dear! It is not too late! It is never too late to try and do better!" said Margaret, wiping the tears from her eyes. "Harry, I have always dreaded debt, as you know, and I am so glad to hear you say that you have grown afraid of it. Oh! my dear, dear husband, take this. Pay all we owe-pay off the mortgage on the house-and then we will live on bread and water, if need be, till the better days come around again."

"This" was a purple morocco pocket-book, well filled, which she thrust into

his hand, laughing and weeping at the same moment, in her joy. "Open it—open it, Harry," she sobbed, "It is all yours. I have saved it for you." He opened it. It was full of bank notes-tens, twenties, fifties, and two one bundred dollar notes nestling in a compartment by themselves. Fifteen hundred dollars in

"Where in the world did all this money come from?" he asked, with an astonished look.

Margaret wiped away her tears and kissed him. "Isn't it delightful, dear?" "But is it yours, Margaret?"

"It was-it is yours now, Harry."

"But where did you get it?" he per-"I have not been out on the highway to rob people, and I have not committed burglary," laughed Margaret, whose good spirits began to come

back. "Come up stairs, Harry, and you shall see the good Fairy that He followed her, with a bewildered look, up into a pretty back chamber, furnished with chairs, table and a stove. Near one of the windows stood something covered with cloth. Margaret drew the cloth aside. It

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> "Oh, Margaret, I will repay you for the gift a thousand fold when ence the good times come back again. This garet, what a treasure you are!"

"Not a bit, my love—so help me God. I say it reverently, my wife."

And he kept his vow. LIVING BAROMETOR,

That curious instinct which a large number of animals possess, of predicting the weather and signifying the approaching change by peculiar move-ments or sounds. Some of their ac-"Oh, Margaret," he sobbed, "I proaching change by peculiar move-thought I could give you a pleasant home! And now we will be beggars!" governed by reason than by mere instinct, others are clearly due to the moisture in the air or various atmospheric influences, while, some, which occur under conditions which prevent their being referred to the latter cause, offer an interesting field for the investigations of the naturalists. The presence of the barometer in almost overy farmhouse, together with the weather bulletin or the dictum of "Old Probabilities," good for the next twenty-four hours, render such homely knowledge as that which governed the labors of the farmers and sailors of the last century almost superfluous in this advanced age; but the subject, like all topics which relate to the sagacity of the lower animals, is of itself an interesting one. And besides, it is not entirely impossible that some farmer to whom the barometer, if he had one, would be incomprehensible, and whose location prevents his obtaining the true weather reports, may, by some odd action of his own cattle, of some insect, or of some bird, as described in the following lines, be forewarned of a coming storm in time, and save perhaps a crop during the present harvest months. We have said that certain move-

ments on the parts of the animals, before a change of weather, appeared to indicate a reasoning faculty. Such seems to be the case with the common garden spider, which on the approach of rainy or windy weather, will be found to shorten and strengthen the supporting guys of his web lengthening the same when the storm is over, getically. "Credit has been my bane. If I was beginning life again, I would buy nothing that I could not pay for to meet a single marple: but two of to meet a single magpie; but two of the night. Her pretty face blooming live in a mortgaged house I would the birds together are a good omen. The reason is the birds foretell the a book from the crowded shelves, and and happy as ever, for at last she saw build a log hut for myself at the foot coming of cold or stormy weather; sat down in the easy chair, while Mar- the way clear before her to banish, of a tree! But there! It is too late to and then instead of their searching for food for their young in pairs, one will always remain on the nest. Sea gulls predict storms by assembling on the and, as they know that the rain will bring earthworms to the surface. This, however, is merely a search for food, and is due to the same instinct which teaches the swallow to fly high in fine weather, and skim along the ground when foul is coming. They simply follow the flies and gnats which re-main in the warm strata of the alr. The different tribes of wading birds always migrate before rain, likewise to

hunt for food.

There is a large variety of actions of which it is hardly possible to give a satisfactory explanation. Coming rain satisfactory explanation. Coming ram is foretold by the peacock uttering frequent cries, by the woodpecker lamenting, by paroquets babbling, by pintados perching, and by geese running uneasily. So also it is said that, when a storm is at hand, swine will carry bay and straw to hiding places, oxen will lick themselves the wrong way of the hair, sheep will bleat and and skip about, hogs turned out in the woods will come home grunting and squealing, colts will rub their backs against the ground, cows will gather in crowds, crickets will sing more loudly, flies come into the house, frogs croak and change color to a dingier hue, dogs eat grass and rooks soar like

hawks. It is probable that many of these actions are due to actual uneasiness, similar to that which all who are troubled with corns or rheumatism experience before a storm, and are caused both by the variation in barometer pressure and changes in the electrical condition of the atmsophere.

Goodness and truth are of more weight than brilliant talents, and good temper goes farther than a great gift. We cannot expect people to believe rying a thousand minor ones with them in their fall. Men looked at each other with pale faces, asking, gage on the house I have used this,"

either in our principles or our sincerity, when they see them falling to amend our virtues. either in our principles or our sinceri-ty, when they see them falling to amend