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Paul Smith was a poor old man. He had a back room in the top of a noisy lodging house, where he slept nights and munched his meals of bread and cheese-or Bologna sausage when he could afford it-and from whence be crept, as harmless and unnoticed as a fly, down the corner of a dingy street, to the little music shop of Carl Brettman, a German settler.

There he tinkered all day on broken violins and other musical instruments, never absenting himself for a moment, save on Saturday afternoon, when he went to the house of a small tradesman to teach the piano to three or four very stupid girls. Sundays he curled up in his den, and amused himself, nobody knew how, until Monday morning.

There are a few certainties. never went to church, but he picked ragged children from the pavement turned imploringly to her guardian. when they fell near him, and gave them half-pennies when he had any; shared his dinner often with a mangy, dirty cur, who acted as a sort of escape-valve for the ill-temper of half the men and women in the street, and he roused Pat Ryan from his midnight snooze in the gutter many a cold night and literally carried him home to Norah and the children.

As for his honesty, a neighbor re-marked, "If he found five shillings in the street, he'd wear out ten shillings worth of strength and shoe-leather to find the owner.

One cold night Paul was returning from his work, with a loaf of bread under one arm and a violin under the other, when at the street door he stumbled and nearly fell over a small object crouched on the step.
"Bless us! what's this?" cried Paul,

striving to regain his equilibrium.
"Only me, sir!" and the small object stood up, and became a very pale, thin and ragged child.

"Are you hurt, little girl?" "No, sir." "What are you doing out here in

the cold?" "Nothing."

"Why don't you go home?" "I ain't got any."
"Dear me! Where's your mother?"

"In heaven!" down the child's wan face, he thrust the violiu under the arm which held the bread, and putting the other token of remembrance." She did not understa

"Oh! I've got a home -a real jolly place! Come up and see!" And this is the way old Paul came

to have a neat little housekeeper, and to be buying gowns and shoes out of his poor salary.

lion, as many a poor wretch well remembers, and with the first blast came Paul's enemy. He turned one night a sad face from his a sad face from hi The winter of 186-came in like a sad face from his warm corner in Brettman's shop among the violins, and hobbled up the cold street, feeling the approach of the old rheumatic pains, and wondering what would be-come of his poor little Camilla.

His excitement carried him up to his last flight of stairs, and hearing Camilla's voice, he paused to rest and to listen. She was singing in that sweet and expressive manner which made her voice seem to him the sweetest and purest he had ever heard. At the end of the starza she took breath, and another voice said, "Child, you astonish me. Either I am a poor judge of music or else your voice is the finest I ever heard. You are right in preferring it to anything else." An electric thrill shot through old

Paul's frame and quickened his blood to a rapidity that quite carried away his rheumatic pains, and in a twink-ling he was up the stairs and in his little attic.

He was terrified at the sound of a man's voice, but the sight of a handsome and polished gentleman, with diamond stude in his snowy linen, a heavy ring upon his dainty white hand, unquestionable broadcloth upon his back, in close conversation with his Camilla, whose wondrous beauty had of late startled even his dull perception, was more than Paul could

he puffed up to his fullest extent, and in his falsetto voice piped :

"Camilla, how dare you invite any one here? "Oh, Uncle Paul! this is Mr. Clavering, a gentleman whose-whose-

to descend unassisted. Her foot was a subdued sound; and then the broad on the step, when the animals sprang curtain rolled up and disclosed the and flung her violently from her foothold. But for the sudden act of your niece, who received my mother in her strong young arms, the fall might with eager anticipation as from the have proved a fatal one. My mother wing came the debutante. at once entered a shop, and keeping your niece near her, sent for me. I shoulders and white, perfectly shaped came to day, at my mother's earnest arms, with a crown of purple black request, to express our heartfelt gatirequest, to express our heartfelt gati-tude, and to offer—"
"You needn't offer Camilla a penny,

"You mistake me. I do not wish to satin of her sweeping robe; and they insult you, but would raise this child had seen the long-talked of and high-from her poverty and educate her, ly praised beauty. that she might be of use to you and to herself, and become a refined woman. Don't let your selfish love stand in her light, and shut it out from her. She sings like a prima donna, and wishes to study music."

The great lustrous eyes of the child

"Lor', Camilla, I can't stand in your way. I know you're every bit a born lady, if your poor forsaken mother did die in a hovel among wretches who turned her child into the cold as soon as the breath had left her body; but, deary me, I can't part with you.'

"And you shall not. Let me save my little Camilla, and she shall never leave you, but prove a blessing to you in your old age.'

Paul could say nothing, and the strange visitor departed, with no further injury to his darling than an eloquent glance from an expressive pair of eves.

Day after day Camilla went with her books to the teacher so strangely provided; and after a l'ttle time there came days when parates paused to upon the air, and then died away. listen to the warbling of the rich For a moment a deathly sile young voice.

When she had been there six months, she entered one morning to find Mrs. Clavering in the music-master's room. "What do you intend to do with your famous pupil?" said her soft voice.

"Madame, Camilla is capable of doing anything in a musical way. She will be a songstress of whom this

"You have improved wonderfully, my child," said the lady, holding out At this Paul was dumfounded, and her gloved hand. "I came to bring night. seeing that great tears were stealing you Richard's farewell. He leaves to-night, and will remain abroad for many years. Here is a little gift as a

She did not understand that Mrs. Clavering had placed a pretty necklace of coral in her hand, and then gathered up her shawl and departed; but when her teacher spoke she cried out as in mortal pain, and, without a word, flew down the street toward all this glorious evening? home. As she turned the corner she

"Why, little Camilla, what matter?"

"Oh, Mr. Clavering you are going away!" Richard Clavering's fine face grew sad and expressive as the tearful eyes looked into his own, and for the first time he comprehended that be was a young man, and that his protege was and I am askin stealing from childhood into beautiful to be my wife.' girlhood, and was undeniably a She drew hir beauty.

"Camilla, I am going away, but will you wait for my return?" "Wait for you? I am not going to

run away!" "You do not comprehend me. Well, it is better so. Perhaps two years later you may understand me. Goodbye, Camilla. Kiss me good-bye."

It was a very quiet street, and so Camilla lifted her head and kissed him. In all probability the child would have kissed him in the main thoroughfare as there, and I only mention the fact of the street being a quiet one to silence the startled propriety of those who are shocked at the publicity of it,

Well, there they parted. He to go over the sea, she to remain at home and improve the opportunities he had placed before her.

bear.

He was a very small man—had been in his youth—and now that Time's withering fingers had touched him, he was shriveled and dried like withered fruit; but in his virtuous indignation ground down to the finest point, dissected, examined through the most perfect musical microscope, and pro-nounced perfect. And new the manager of a first-class, fashion-patronized theater had engaged her for a single night at an almost fabulous sum, and

Suddenly there was a hush in the vast building, and eyes grew bright wing came the debutante.

A tall, graceful girl, with gleaming dark eyes scanning the crowd, and then, with almost childish shyness, sir. She will never suffer while I've a veiling them beneath the long lashes; pair of hauds to work for her," said a mouth, soft, tender and beautiful, and a cheek as fair as the pure white a mouth, soft, tender and beautiful, and a cheek as fair as the pure white

A roar like the rushing of distant waters sounded in her ears, and then swelled into a thunder of applause, and coming slowly down in the splen-der of the footlights, her beautiful head erect, her eyes glowing with excitement, her beauty enhanced by the elegance of her costume, Camilla, the poor little waif, the child of poor old Paul Smith, the protege of proud Rich-ard Clavering, received the homage of

the assembled crowd. When the acclamations had ceased, the orchestra began a soft symphony, and then through the building echoed the clear, pure notes of a voice that sounded far away, a dreamy, mystic voice, full of hope, of doubt, of pain. Nearer, still nearer it sounded, and hope, had drowned the doubts, but a plaintive sorrow seemed to remain. It came nearer, and the sorrow was a half-expectant, trembling glimpse of something better; and then suddenly the strange voice broke forth in a tri umphal strain, and listeners held their breath as the wondrous notes rang out

For a moment a deathly silence reigned, but it was for a moment only, and then the building vibrated with crash of enthusiasm that came from the music-crazed audience. Men arose in their seats, and hundreds flung their floral tributes at her feet.

In one of the boxes, above the one where the music-master and manager sat, and old, odd-looking man waved his handkerchief and cheered, with country will be proud. Ah, here she great tears falling down his wrinkled cheeks; and Camilla looked up to that one box, and gave him the only smile that crossed her lips during the

But at length the curtain fell, and Camilla, weary and worn, went up to the dressing-room. Some one stood in the shadow of a side-scene, and when she asked permission to pass, caught her by the hands and drew her out into the light.

"Camilla, little Camilla, is it you! Have I been listening to my little girl me. I am bewildered and blind."

"Are you glad? Are you happy!

Oh! is this my welcome? Have you waited for me, my love, my darling?"
She put her hands over her eyes, mourning. "You do not mean your words! I

am dreaming! I am mad!"
"You are here, wide awake, Camilla, and I am asking you to love me, and She drew him away for a brief mo-

ment, and laid her weary head within his arms. Then she passed on to her dressing-room, and when she returned, she put out her hands, saying : "Oh, Richard, take me away! I am

soul sick of all this."
"And you will only sing"— "In your nest. Come, we must not forget Uncle Paul. He is waiting in the box for me."

The box was near at hand, and in a moment they stood near the door. It ness he had there, and the stranger was ajar, and Richard pushed it open replied: to allow Camilla to enter, and saw the old man sitting in one of the luxu-rious chairs, his head lying back upon the soft cushions, and his hands peacefully folded.

"Uncle Paul!" cried Camilla. "Why, you naughty boy, you are fast asleep! Come, it is time to go home.

She started back with a cry, for the hand she touched was icy cold, and fell back, stiff and helpless. "Camilla, darling, come away; I will attend to him."

"Oh, Richard !" "Hush, love; he is beyond us now. Those strains of music have carried him to heaven, from whence they

The poor old man was dead. With the consummation of his heart's wish, his quiet, unpretending, unoffending

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In June croquet works woe with youthful hearts and youthful corner.

In June the tramp trampeth after anything but a plow. In June the house fly becometh nu-

In June the contact of warm lips

In June men invest all their wealth on their pet base ball clubs, and their

wealth never bothers them any more. In June a man looks long and earnestly for his last summer's clothesand he finds only a pair of cheap

In June asparagus appears on the table, and is as delicious as a dish of boiled clothes-pins.

pienies. In June all that a man hath, yea all that he can borrow, that will be

falls over the rope and wounds his

a single application. In June cupid and turtle doves are abroad, tender passion smites right

net. A Brownsville man called on his intended the other evening, and while waiting for her to make her appearance he struck up a conversation with his prospective brother-in-law. After

amused young man, and silence reigned for a few moments, when the boy

"No, I have not acquired that accomplishment."

"Well, you'd better learn, you hear

she got aholt of the old man's slugs she was going to all the Fourth of July perceshuns and ice cream gum sucks, and let you stay at home to play chequers with that holly hog nose

of yourn. was innocently tying the tails of the two kittens together and singing.

A man who had been long bombarded by hard times entered a yard on Layfayette avenue and stretched out in the shade of a tree. The gardener came out and asked him what busi-

be far from the maddened crowd." "You'll have to git," said the gar-

"I shall stay here till I have solved the great problem of life," was the quiet answer. A policeman was brought around there to see if he he would, and he

"Will you walk in my parlor?" "I am looking for solitude!" shout-ed the stranger, kicking with all his

It took just three officers to get him out, tie him and load the body on a wagon, but he got just where the solitude was thick enough to cut lengthways with an old jack knife. Free

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wife a hired girl can spend thirty cents a day for book beer.

people than cannon balls.

In June people turn over a new leaf, and move to avoid back rent.

merous once more, and, as of old, has no other ambition than to flop into the butter.

through wooden pailings is diviner than at any other season of the year. Consequently it is the accepted time for moonlight swinging on front gates.

In June Sunday Schools pick up marvelously, preparatory to expected

give to see a base ball match. In June little girls stretch cords across pavements and "jump the rope," and everybody that passes that way

In June radishes are strong enough for base ball bats, and barber's grease will blister the scalp of a cocoanut on

and left, and men are found kissing pretty servant girls behind hall doors. In June a woman no longer wants a spring bonnet. She has repented her ways-she wants a summer bon-

a while the boy asked:

"Does galvanized niggers know much?" "I really can't say," answered the

again resumed: "Kin you play chequers with your

"Cause Sis says yer don't know as much as a galvanized nigger, but yer dad's got lots of stamps, and she'll marry you anyhow, and she said when

And when Sis got her hair banged and came in, she found the parlor de-serted by all save her brother, who

replied:
"I seek solitude and rest. I want to

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life had passed into the new existence.

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