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THE BEOOM'S SOLILOOFY "I'm only an insignificant broom, food to sweep an untidy room, And then to be hidden away,

And we trying I cannot be It's very trying I cannot be Something dainty or sweet to see, Where the light and the sunshine stay. "I'd like to be the dear little chair That holds the bonny wee haby, there; Or rather, if I were able

To have my wish, I would proudly stand With brie-a-brac, cards and flowers, a Magnificent marble table.

our there is the looking-glass, you know, Which everybedy admires so; You can all see the smile with which they peep as they pass it by, cratic to hang so high How aristocrafic to haug so uigu And be looked at all the while f

wand there is a splendid thing to hold The books with covers of red and gold, Exceedingly dignified Or that old soft, where children crowd And short and frolie and laugh aloud And play on its cushions wide

"But what is the use of wishing to be Aughing cise but just plain me? I'd better be trying to do Ny best, I think, for a homeiy broom, And see to it that I sweep my room As well as I can. Don't you?

"Nor ever grumble, though only made To live and work in the quiet shade; For any with eyes may see That if we each of us do no more Than keep in order a single floor A very clean world 'twill be."

---THE WIFE'S SISTER.

"The Deceased Wife's Sister Bill has again failed to pass the House of Lonis.

I was holding the evening newspaper in my hand, giancing over it heedlessly, when my eye caught these words, read them indifferently, and then I let the newspaper fall, never thinking that ere long the words would be impressed in letters of fire on my brain. smile

I had not been long enough married to have become accustomed to evenings without Hugh, though I was often obliged to spare him as best I could, Life and all its delights for me centred in him. I had seemed a different woman since he had married me Circumstances had been all against me once, shaping me to their cruel pleasure, but was. that seemed long ago now, 1 believed the flinty spirit within me had died when he married me. Such softening powers have unexpected blessings, and t certainly had been unexpected that rather than one of twenty fairer. weeter girls, had been chosen by Hugh

contained, silent, never able to teli verses," him how dear he was to me ; but perhas any love was all the deeper because that amount ; it is invested at Bombay of that very relicence.

He was not a hero perhaps to any one glad if you will take it." but me-to me he was all the world, Why, I had been jealous of my baby think of accepting such a sacrifice. even at its birth, lest it should come between us and take me away from him, lwavs

asked, turning from me to Hugh as she where she sat childishly deferring to fluttering-fluttering-fluttering-fluttering, -first, that I have a sister; second that spoke ; and from that moment I felt him ! that we were antagonists. ' Do you like her ?" I asked Hugh,

when she had left us. "Yes, as I should like a kitten. When I think of her having been any "A jealous woman can barbor any man's comforter and friend, I could idea." she said, with a little ring of laugh. I should always feel inclined to triumph in her tone. pat her on the head if she said a clever thing."

"Some men consider that the perfect type of womanhood," I said, the first him was hardly gained. jealous sting beginning to rankle, "Yes, some men do."

But we had yet to learn that Katie could be something else than a doll. The crisis Hugh had feared in the factories came, and I could see by the deepening lines between his eyes how it

white eyelids. was affecting him, as he sat evening after evening with us, wordless, all his conversational powers having utterly her for any reason." deserted him. The market for cotton goods had alfollow d him, despising myself for havmost closed ; demands had been made

on him for his current debts ; his capital was all gone ; he had nothing for the factory hands to do, and he was reman down. Why would she not leave me him? luctant to dismiss them since no other mill could receive them. He was sufmill could receive them. He was suf-fering agonies of anxiety, I could see, He was my chief treasure, and I had never injured her. On, if I could only with a gnawing sense of inability to find help or comfort ; but he was trouthat she was making shipwreck of both bled for others as well as himself-for

our lives, of all the happiness that had been sufficient for us before she came ! the poor souls who depended on him. "If I dismiss them, they will starve, It was in his own dressing-room that he said to me, speaking of the work-I found him. men. When he talked about business, "Do you feel better ?" he asked anxhe was as indifferens to Katle's presence

iously. "Yes." I looked up into his face, as to that of a canary. "Could you not employ them upon and noticed there the now habitual look some kind of work that must come in of depression to which a year before it useful after this crisis is past-white goods, for instance," she asked, her had been a stranger.

"You have not been happy lately, Helen," he went on. "I want you to dulcet tones-she had a sweet voicebreaking the silence that had tallen on tell me what it is that troubles you. us-"and pay them half wages ?" Long ago I should not have needed to Her clear eyes were shining on him as she spoke; and he answered with a He put his arm round me as he spoke,

but it had not its customary clasp. It "I could if I had capital ; but I am was like the careless caress he would nearly done for now." "How much would you need ?" have given to a fretful child; and I felt

this, and drew away from him. She stood fronting him, the color "Is it about the money Katie lea coming and going in her round cheeks, me ?" he asked; after a pause. her feathery hair glittering about her "If debt does not trouble you, why should it me ?" I said indifferently. face, till even I saw how beautiful she

'I suppose you are as honorable as I." "Oh, too much to mention!" he an-How often words serve to conceal our swered, with an embarrassed laugh. feelings! Even as I spoke I was think-"Would tifteen thousand pounds be ing how much too noble he was to exof any use ?" amine closely my sayings, as I had ex-

"Yes-more than enough," he anamined his, swered in his kind way, though perhaps he thought both her and the question leverel. I had been a shy soul always, self-speak to me of fifteen thousand uni-

"Oh, no, for you can have it ! I own -Charles invested it. I shall be so

it would save us, We are saved "But, my dear Katie, I could not now; and in the future she will find her investment a very profitable one. Her You are too good-too generous," "Don't talk to me of generosity. Am

while I looked on dry-eyed ! I was "You have never done anything to childless !

annoy her," he answered gravely. There was a blank after this, in which 'You have been a blessing in our house; I forgot how I discovered that I had Helen is too just to harbor fancies." lost Hugh's love utterly ; but I did discover it, and I could not wonder at my loss. Haggard, ugly, untidy, never speaking, never smiling, I seemed nalf "A jealous woman ! My wife has no

need to be jealous of any one." Then he turned to leave her ; her victory over "I know she has no cause," she said, third person. "You have lost your baby, but you have your husband ; you following htm ; "but she is jealous nevertheless. I think she is angry that have not been bereaved as i have been. you were obliged to accept a favor from How I wished for strength to crush me. 1 know she dislikes me," she

her!

added, with a mournful droop of her

"Leave me alone," I growled.

"Leave you alone? Certainly, dear; "If I thought that were so- But I shall explain to Helen. I cannot vex do. But I think, for poor Hugh's sake, you ought to strive not to be such a de-Then he went slowly up-stairs, and I pressing person.

Poor Hugh! How dared she mening played the eavesdropper to such a tion him? man, and wondering to what depth of

"Indeed you should not foster these humors," she said soothingly; "you seem anxious to kill yourself, to judge meanness misery may not drag a woby your own acts." "As if you cared-as if you would

not be glad I was dead !" open his eyes-if I could only show him "And what benefit might I expect to

> the slightest possible elevation of her arched evebrows "What benefit? Hugh !" I almost

shrieked. "I suppose you think you could marry flugh." My long self-control had at last given

way and I stood before her gasping and panting. "Perhaps I might do worse than

marry him," she said, with her slow, aggravating smile "But you could not, you could not !"

cried, triumphant even in my misery. 'The Deceased Wife's Sister Bill has not yet passed the House of Lords, Your marriage would not be legal." "It would in America."

"Ha !" "Yes, Hugh told me so."

"Oh, Heaven !" I reeled backwards, as though bereft of all vital power. Hugh had talked to her of their poss ble marriage if I were (ead ! I had no sensation but a crushed, stunned sense of inward agony, and in the midst of it my sister's next words were vaguely heard, but not comprehended-

"He was not referring to me, you goose ! It would be like you to go and tell him a whole romance of your own.' "I don't think you quite understand I had a dim knowledge that she was saying something but her words con-

about the money," he said gravely. "It was most generous of Katie to offer it; veyed no meaning. many persons would not have ventured Hugh loved her-had told her even to do so, seeing that the business aphow she might be his wife if I were peared very unsafe just then. But dead. It was enough-I must die to accommodate them. I had only strength Katle trusted her money to me-trusted to my honor not to accept it unless to think the one thought over and over "I must die," I got up calmly, and went up-stairs slowly, stony-faced, leaden-hearted, but strong with my shares are already paying interest, and in time will pay a much higher rate; more carefully than I had done for re carefully than I had done for weeks, and quietly went out. The street door closed after me with a bang seen, if there be a want of affection, or -the icy wind smote me sharply ; but I did not feel it as I went swiftly towards the railway-station to meet the train by which Hugh was coming There was a grim humor in the idea that I should find death so near him. I laughed noisily as I hurried on through the well-dressed crowdHit was amusing. There would be a scuffle, a erv of "A woman killed !" a hush, and Hugh would come with the rest to look, "I don't know what has come over and the mangled remains would be hi wife. Let him marry Katie then if he liked, with that sight ever in his eves and tingling in every nerve of his body. I hurried ou-lights were flashing at that sympathetic tender angel down- the station, porters were signaling to each other; away in the distance was the train, its steam shining in the darkness, its red eyes glaring hungrily, while the engine emitted short sobs, as if it knew and regretted the work before it. I stood on the very edge of the platform and waited. The train came on quickly-the station was a long one. Leaning from one of the windows was Hugh, with the lamplight on his face. In one minu e more he would be wifeless. Oh, my lost love! "Stand back !" a porter said gruffly, catching hold of my shawl. "You are too near, I certainly was too near. I threw off the shawl with a frantic gesture, and then with a cry that rang into the night, chilling even my own blood, I leaped ! "Helen, Helen !"-a pair of arms were round me-Hugh's arms-Hugh's voice was calling to me. "Let me gol" I shrieked. "You are too late-you cannot save me now!" "It is I, Helen-you are safe." "Safe! Let me die! Oh, for Heavan's sake let me die l' "Merciful goodness, Helen, what is ommands and neglected her affection the matter? It is I-awake, awake! ate counsels; but when death has stilled her monitory voice, and nothing but You are dreaming, love." "Oh, Hugh, where am I ?" calm memory remains to recapitulate "Here, in the drawing-room, at home with me. What has been the matter?" "I clung to him-I held him as though I should never let him go. It was all a dream, but its horrors were of our ingratitude. over me yet. "How long you must have been sleep ing here ! The fire is out, and you are Dr. Jacobi, who has made this a spe almost frozen; and I have been fancycial study, concludes that, as a rule, a child should not be sent to school being such a cosy room, and such a bright faced wife, all the way from Manchesfore he is eight years old. Not till this ter.

I am older than Hugh, It is experience that ages one, not years, and in one night I gained much. In consequence the Chemung valley, about 100 years I have laid one injunction upon Hugh; that is, that when I am dead he is not to marry Katie, even if the Deceased Wife's Sister Bill should have become au Act of Parliament-though, for the peace of many English households, I "You really ought to rouse yourself," Katie said, speaking with the cheerful wisdom that would have fascinated a that event and now. If Hugh disobeys On the return march of the victorious army from the Genesee country a por haunt him.

> Affection. The Mother's Aff-ction. Alas ! how little do we appreciate a mother's tenderness while living ! How heedless

it is what most people will soon long to are we in youth of all her anxieties and kindness ! But when she is dead and gone-when the cares and coldness of the world come withering to our hearts -when we know how hard it is to find true sympathy, how few love us for ourselves, how few will befriend us in our misfortunes, then it is that we think of the mother that we have lost. It is original name restored. This was done true, I had always loved my mother, even in my most heedless days of infanwhose first question is not: cy, when I was led by a mother's hand

and rocked to sleep in a mother's arms, reap from your death?" she asked, with and was without care or sorrow. "Oh ! my mother !" exclaimed I, burying my face again in the grass of the grave, Oh! that I were once more by your side,

"sleeping, never to wake again on the cares and troubles of this world." Scarcely a day passes that we do not hear of the loveliness of woman, the af-

fections of a sister, or the devotedness of a wife, and it is the remembrance of such things that cheers and comforts the dreariest hours of life, yet a mother's love far exceeds them in strength, exact a science that he does not wait in disinterestedness, and in purity. The child of her bosom may have forsaken until the stranger asks the entire quesand left her, he may have disregarded tion. The man who alights from the all her instructions and warnings, he cars here and begins his first utterance with "Why" or "What" or "Will you" may have become an outcast from soneed speak no further, for the citizen, ciety, and none may care for or notice him, yet his mother changes not, nor is lying in wait, launches the story of Sullivan and the horse skulls at him at her love weakened, and for him her

pravers still ascend. Sickness may weary other friends, isfortune drive away familiar acquaintances, and poverty leave none to lean upon, yet they affect not a mother's love, but only call into exercise, in a still greater degree, her tenderness and

affection. The mother has duties to perform which are weighty and responsible; the isping infant must be taught how to live, the thoughtless child must be instructed in wisdom's way, the tempted youth must be advised and warned, the dangers and difficulties of life must be pointed out, and of virtue must be impressed on the mind. Her words, acts, faults, frailties, and temper, are all noticed by those who surround her, and impressions made in the nursery exert a more powerful influence in forming the character of youth, than do any later instructions.

or so ago to look over the prospects and talk with a Horscheads capitalist. After ions are unrestrained, if truth

awake citizen collared them.

hotel."

"I see you want to hear the

It seems a capitalist from another place

vanted to become interested in manu-

facturing on an extensive scale in

Horseheads. He visited the place a day

heads?"

Tricks of the Trade. "Have a cigar," said the commercial When the first white settlers entered nan as he nonchalantly lighted one

"In September, 1799

ago, they found the skulls of hundreds of horses piled in mounds on the spot finiself and tossed the match away. "and come over here and sit down white I tell you about it." where this village now stands. Accord-Comfortably seated, he went on: ing to the tradition, these skulls belong-You see, a drummer's life is peculiar are on fire, ed to horses in the army of Gen. Sulliin many respects. In the first place it van when he made his historical raid is a roving, restless sort of an existence Wednesday. upon the hostile 'ndian tribes, in 1779. that keeps him always on the go. Whatever success he achieves is due to his own individual exertions, The compe-tition in almost every line of trade is tion of the troops encamped here. As he intended to go down the Chemong intense, and if a man wants to sell any with his forces on rafts, Gen. Sullivan goods he has got to make himself solid, ordered the killing of all the superfluous

as the boys say, with his customers. horses. Wild animals devoured their The only way for him to do this is to carcasses, and subsequently the skulls make himself popular. Now populariwere heaped up by the Indians where ty in nine cases out of ten is due to an the first settlers found them. On acoff hand good-fellowship and liberality count of this meident the settlement rethat drummers as a rule must posses ceived the name of Horseheads, In in order to succeed. It is abs 1837 the village was incorporated, and the name was changed by the legisladutely essential for him to be liberal with his customers, and occasionally invite them ture to Fairport, against the wishes of to dinner or to the theatre. He must most of the people. For eight years do this even with his old customers, and they petitioned regularly to have the when he wants to catch on to a man whom a rival is selling it is even more in 1845. No stranger ever comes here essential. Well. now, of course the "Why is this place called Horsedrummer can't stand the expense of these rackets out of his salary. They

would soon eat it up. How, then, does Citizens are always lying in wait for he fix it?" strangers, and as soon as the invariable question comes, it is their one great de-"I really give it up." "The only way obviously is for him light and recreation to tell the story,

to catch on to some extra source of inwith much detail, about Gen. Sullivan come. And this as a matter of fact, is and the horse-skull mounds. In fact, what most of us do. Whether the competition in retailing the story has means that we take to do this are alcome to be so close among enterprising ways just what any one would call per-Horseheads people that the one who gets fectly square is a question. However, the ear of strangers first and most fre-I'll give you my idea of what they are quently is looked up to with envy by his on the strict 'Q. T.'. you understand, fellow townsmen The wide awake citizen has even reduced the thing to so

and you can judge for yourself. "Suppose now for example, that I travel through the western part of the state or in Rhode Island or Connecticut. Of course I pass over the same roads very often, and in time come to know all of the conductors, baggagemasters, and other railroad employes very well. The conductor passes through the train, recognizes me, stops once, The man who is now looked and shakes hands, and, after a little

upon as the smartest one in the place is chat passes on, never thinking to ask a distinguished critzen who sat up for the 3 a. m. train the other night. Two me for my ticket. I don't think of it either, and the result of it is that the strangers alighted They were so sleepy next time I go over the road the same they did not stop to ask why the place ticket answers my purpose. Now, who shall profit by this mistake? Not the was called Horseheads. The wide-

firm, certainly. I charge two fares on my expense bill and pocket the profit, about Sullivan and the horse heads. See said he, "Give me vour valise, I'll tell

anything for it."

cigars.

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day.

else.

"Or, suppose again, that I have a few you the story as we walk over to the hundred pounds extra baggage, 1 know the baggage-master well. Perhaps he It may well be supposed , but the fact, has smoked more than one of my clears that a strong effort is now being made or taken sundry drinks with me. At to have the name of the village changed all events we are good friends. I go to has raised a howl of indignation here.

him and say: 'Look here, old man, I've got a little extra luggage; what is it going to cost me?" " 'How much ts it?'

" 'Much obliged. Have a cigar?'

"Now, clearly, the firm ought to pay

And 1 hand him over two or three

for that extra luggage, and you can rest assured that they do, too. In the course

of a year it foots up to quite a little

"Then there is the old racket of hav-

ing your letters sent to the Fifth Ave-

nue hotel, New York, and stopping at

some up-town hostelry. This, howev-er, is something that the more respect-

able members of the profession rather

look down upon. It's rather low, you

tion. Suppose I have a friend, as very

often happens, in some of the town

where I have to stop two or three days

Must I charge the firm the regular bill

for expenses? Rather a delicate ques

tion, ain't it? We generally do, though, all the same, and, as I think, properly.

of the trade similar to those I have

sooken of that I could relate if I had

o'clock to show him a little of this

Regard for Order.

Nothing conduces more to the com-

fort and happiness of home than regard

for order. The work of to-day, is to a

of yesterday, a large portion of which

has been brought about by the negli-

gence of others. Every mother appre-

apartments of the children early in the

show empty spaces, articles belonging to Mary here and there meet the eye

of the order-loving head of the home

So with the boys-boots, hats, tops and

balls, which to the owner it was but

the work of a minute to be placed

where each belonged, lie scattered

everywhere, making in the aggregate :

deal of unnecessary labor for some one

Discouraged mother, the remedy for

flicts so jarring to one's nerves that in

of the younger person are crossed.

variably ensue when the taste and will

If Sarah's books are found out of

place, wait for her return home that

she, not you, may have the responsibil-

ity of putting them where they belong.

So with Mary and the boys: throw upon

each one the responsibility of order, until it ceases to be a burden. We are

all what our habits make us, and what

better work can we do for those com-

mitted to us than to see that these right

will soon bring this about.

habits are formed? A little decision

We know of one mother who by this

plan has shaken off many of those petty

cares that are at times so rasping to the

disposition. The question has been tre-

quently asked her, "How do you, with

so large a family, accomplish so much?

It seems to me I am never done." "My

children all know what I require of

them, and the work seems to work of

itself. I am never willing to do for a

do for itself," is her reply. As a result,

in the midst of manifold cares, a fair

degree of health and limited means, she

is moving quietly along in the line of

self-improvement, fitting herself to take

the judicious and intelligent guidance

of the boys and girls as they approach

To the generous mind the heaviest

their manhood and womanhood.

in our power to repay it.

child what that child is perfectly able to

Sarah's books scattered loosely

"There are lots of other little tricks

" 'Well, I guess we won't charge you

" 'Oh, not a great deal;a few pounds, perhaps.

-The late Senator Anthony's present of 6,000 volumes to Brown University is valued at \$25,000. -The mosquitoes, it is said, annually Irink 62,000 gallons of human blood in this country alone. - Etched glass plates have been ce-

at \$29,640,320.

Vessels.

Montreal.

mented upon blocks, and printed from on ordinary presses. - The Land Office report shows that

there have been 400,000 farms taken up by settlers in the last year.

-A conservatory of music has been established at Charleston, S. C. Its officers are all Germans. Wisconsin will send to the next

session of Congress a 28-year old megas ber, R. M. La Follette.

to be an imposing place, full of beanti-

-Des Moines, Ia., has a new park

tovering sixty acres given to the city

-Oak pillars are now considered to

be safer in a fire than iron ones. They

-Over three hundred in a hand of

-"Lady Medicals" to the pluase em-

-The expenses of Harvard's mavy

-E. P. Weston, who was a celebrated

-Ticket scalpers are besieging New

orleans in anticipation of a great rush

-Indua is said to have 21,000,000

vidows, and not one of them, accord-

-The oldest person in Natick, Mass.,

ing to Hindoo usage, may marry again.

died a few days ago, Mrs. Johanna

Smaldy, aged 98 years. She was born

in Ireland, and emigrated to Natick

only the Irish language.

y-seven translators died.

nally.

reached.

sh post-offices.

400,000 are priests,

and steamboat.

ever before.

day trair.

debt is that of gratitude when it is not value of our imports during the year

immense success.

with her children. She could speak

-During the twelve years occupied

n the translation of the new version of

the Old Testament twelve of the tweu-

- England is at the head of the mir-

or manufacturing industry of the

world, producing 750,000,000 vards an-

-The newly discovered cave in Mer-

eer county, Ky., has been explored for

three miles without the end being

-French coppers, which have for

uany years done duty for the English

-Prince Bismarck is said to be greatly

n favor of a more direct communica-

tion between Berlin and London by rail

and squalid city in Europe. It has a

population of 500,000, of whom about

cific Railroad through the Colorado des-

ert is ballasted with salt, vast beds of

-The finest church music in Europe

believed by some to be heard in the

ourt "chapel" in Dresden. This struc-

- A botel at Hawkinsville, Ga., with

tot take lady boarders. The landlord

-From 1863 to 1883 the lottery play-

says he wants all the merchant travel-

lers, but he doesn't want any trouble.

ers turned into the Royal Italian Treas

ury \$275,000,000. Count Cavour used

call the lottery the "tax on fools."

-The crop of granges in Malta, so

lighly prized on European tables on

count of delicate flavor and thin

skins, is more abundant this year than

-In Ontario, passenger trains are

not started on Sunday. An attempt

so strong was the public feeling aroused

that the company discontinued the Sun-

-The culture of salmou in Maine is

a success. Parties are now on the lakes, and it is expected that 100,000,-

0.0 eggs will be taken for propagation.

The introduction of carp has been an

-The chief coffee-consuming coun-

try in the world is the United States,

and the coffee trade is one of the lead-

ing items of our foreign commerce, the

past having been \$49,949,128

was made recently by a new road, but

which abound in the vicinity.

ture is a cathedral as to size

-Naples is the dirtiest, most ragged

-The road bed of the Southern Pa-

benny, are now being refused by Eng-

of business during the World's Fair.

nan fifteen years ago, is not dead yet.

ployed by some of the English Journals

last year amounted to about \$6500. The

Anyora goats were killed in a Califor

ful and stately edifices.

by an enterprising citizen.

do not warn from the heat.

nia thunder storm recently.

) describe women doctors.

association is now \$1450 in debt.

He is giving exhibitions out West.

-The city of Honolulu is now said

NO. 52.

### NEWS IN BRIEF.

-Uranium ore from the Black Hills is shipped to Germany.

-It is said every country is now selling wheat below cost. -Near Medora, Dak., the coal fields

-The 4th of next March will fall on

-Taffy pulls are raging in Warren,

Ohio, society. -Shipments of oranges from Florida

have already begun. -Los Angeles has two great flouring

mills in full operation. -Wild game is reported very abundant in Virginia this season.

-At Salem, Dak., a piece of fine gold was drawn up from a well.

-Diptheria is reported to be making terrible ravages in St. Louis, -Over \$5000 was realized by a fair at

Virginia City, Nev., recently, -Europe cannot begin to get along

without United States meat. -St. Louis is experimenting with

prepared gum-wood pavements. -About 5,000 patents on churns have been granted by Uncle Sam.

-Neither of the great fairs recently held in Boston made any money.

-The Russian Government is building ironclads for the Black Sea.

increased \$11,060,000 since 1882.

of female domestic help in Denver.

last month were 3,299,500 bushels.

"the Hub," as it is most everywhere.

which meet in their own club houses.

-The taxable wealth of Missouri has

-There is at present a great searcity

-The receipts of wheat at Duluth

-The carriage business is dull at

-There are 100 clubs in London

-Extensive deposits of copper are

-Mule meat is among the favorite

-During the last ten years Italy has

-And now New Yorkers are pro-

-There are 4,464,000 head of cattle

in Texas, and their value is estimated

ecting an ice palace, after the style of

said to have been discovered in Texas,

dishes in Paris, and brings high prices,

expended \$100,000,000 on monster war

he second to both of us!

e second to both of us! upon his knee as she spoke-her face was that of an eager child begging for "What could keep him down ?" a toy. I thought proudly, as I sat that night for me to have shares in your mill than and walted for him. It was Saturday night, and he would be later than usual, I knew, as he had the hands to pay. your money ? Sitting up was tedious work. I had

often to possess my soul in patience. His mill was in Manchester; we lived in the pretty suburb of Ringsend ; and made. I could scarcely expect him home in less than three hours.

The house was very still ; up-stairs words at will, taby was asleep, outside January snow was falling flakily, deadening the sound of passing vehicles, enwrapping Ring- Company stood unshaken when older send in a shroud. houses crushed in ruins around it.

I pushed the newspaper from me malatiently-what was any Act of Parliament to me ?- and, folding my hands, resumed my waiting for Hugh.

A ring at the door-bell which echoed through the house startled me. The safety and our home, door was opened, a familiar footstep sounded through the tiled hall, and, sitting up, I rubbed my eyes; it was Hugh of us, and even upon the things that I who stood under the gas-light, I remember yet the wet gleam of his hair, she could be fluently discursive. and how the snow-flakes fluttered to the ground as he shook his overcoat.

"Lieft Prescott to pay the men. I hope you are not sorry to see me back a few hours earlier, little woman ?" he said, stooping to kiss me. I was five feet six, but by the side of

Katie ere this." six feet two 1 was diminutive enough. "I am so glad; I feared something

was wrong when you were goue." "Nothing new-only I am always zlad to leave that old mill now ; since it has been paying so badly I have ceased to love it"-with a laugh.

"And business is no better ?" "Oh, no-rather worse, I should say; America has ruined us, and you know our mill was not a leader at any time. I should not wonder if we had to lessen our expenditure. Could you be content to wear a year-old bonnet and go tenacity I could not shake. into a smaller house, Helen ""

I looked at him and smiled in answer. I could have been happy in a dungeon with him-and dress had never een one of my weaknesses; but it was my self-contained way not to tell him so, and I thought he understood. "Oh, by-the-bye, I have a letter for you ?" he said, feeling in all his pockets "It came to my office." He extracted it at last, and threw it into my

Foreign stamps, foreign postmarks, black edge. I looked at it before opening it, and read it through before I handed it to him.

It was from my sister Katherine, Mrs. Bashforth, whom I had not seen since we were children. Her husband, Captain Bashforth, had just died in India, and she was coming home, for the for-sign soil which hid his dear remains looking very ill." and grown inteful to her, she said, and she begged me to have a corner in my heart ready to receive a mourner who

had no friend left but me. Of course she must come to us," Hugh decided.

"Do you think so?" I said doubtfully. fists and glare at her. I felt no desire for a third person in our susehold.

"Oh, yes, dear! She is young and friendless and alone ; the least we can do is to ask her here."

So my sister Katherine came to live with us, in answer to our invitation. Though older than I, she looked much younger, having that fragile, appealing eauty that does not fade till it vanishes altogether; yet, in spite of her beauty

and her widow's cap, I did not-figuratively-take her to my heart. "Are you glad to see me?" she asked, holding both my hands, and looking up

at me with limpid eyes of the color of forget me-nots. "I am," I answered briefly, feeling

stern and awkward beside her; then thinking this was but scant welcome, I added, "But I am not gushing."

"Then you think I am? Is 'gush' a had thing that you have none ?" she Oh that I could have aunihilated her

r sister r She hand her ha therefore, if I refunded her morrow, the loss would be more hers than mine, though my obligation to her "And, besides, it will be better will continue as great always as I feel it now. I think there are few people simply to obtain bank interest in India." in the world who would have behaved "But, Katie, if I should fail and lose as nobly as she has done. To her own brother she could not have shown her-

"You fail !"-and she smiled on him self more trusting and generous," with loving confidence, "Hugh Deverel "I don't think she would have shown is not of the stuff of which failures are herself so to her own brother," I an-

I could never have talked to him like this, and he was my own, but she had

So the money was accepted and the ago you were so reasonable ; now--crisis tided over-the firm of Deverel &

I tried to think that Katie meant stairs. this kindly, but I could not thank her for her deed. Hitherto Hugh had owed no man anything, and it burned me to with the sense of my own misery. reflect that to her perhaps he owed his "I do not understand you," he said

coldly. After this Katie crossed the barrier that had hitherto held her not quite one

had deemed wholly within my province "She surprises me," Hugh confided to me, not thinking that each word smote me like a blow. "She is that most fascinating combination-half womy knees beside him-I took hold of man, half child, with the charm of both.

I wonder blood has not been shed about And truly, when her weeds were laid "Send her away," I pleaded. "Do aside, I saw she was fair enough for a

poet's dream, but as to her infantile She is taking you from me ; and with simplicity I was very sceptical. It was my own pride perhaps rather than any fault of hers that first planted the baraway !" "You must never kneel to me, Helen,

he said, lifting me on to my feet. got into the habit of talking gravely to it Katie you wish me to send away ?" him. I learned to keep silence utterly, "Yes; she is false and wicked. She unless he appealed to me-and he did wants to win your love from me; and, not often appeal. I saw with eyes that Hugh, my fear of her is driving me burned with a jealous fire that she had usurped my place and held it with a mad.

my hands and looking into my face. "I never knew before, Helen, that you My nature was a silent one, as I have

said before ; therefore I hid from every or e the fires that were consuming me. But, even had : chosen to speak, of sisted. what could I accuse her ? Was there anything wrong in her trying to please "Send away your sister, a woman o the brother-in-law whose guest and

benefactress she was? Was it unnatural that she should like and wear Hugh's favorite flowers? Was it more than kind that she should sing to him when wish ?" he asked incredulously.

he was an ardent music-lover and nature had denied me a voice ? "You are ill, Helen," Hugh said at last, noticing my leaden face and sunken eyes. "I shall send for a doctor."

But I shook off his caressing hand and answered that I was well enough. "You never talk now, and you are

I laughed as I drew myself back among the sofa cushions-a laugh that was sadder than any tears.

Katie lifted her upward-curling eye lashes, and looked at me in grieved surprise; and I took advantage of the darkness in which I sat to clench my

"What ails Helen ? Do you know? I heard him ask her. I should have turned away, but I was

greedy to hear every word that passed between them. "Oh, some fancies ! Poor Ellie has

an irritable temper." Pitying me to him 1 "I never suspected it till lately," he

answered. I knew she was looking at him ap-

pealingly with her false blue eyes, though I could not see her, as she said-

"I have been thinking that perhaps she is unhappy because I am here. If you think so too, Hugh"-here her treachetous voice quavored-'I am quite ready to go away; I should not

like to bring discord into a home where I have found at least one friend." Oh that I could have got near her!

swered in a tone that even to my own ears sounded obstinate and unconvinced. you, Helen," he said, sighing. "Long

Now I am most unreasonable, am I not? I must seem so, I am sure, after

I had come to make peace, and this was the result; but surely I was mad

I turned from him. Why had I said the things I ought not to have said, and left unsaid all that I should have told

him ? Then I looked back. He was resting his elbow on the window sill, gazing out I knew with unseeing eyes ; and in his whole body there was a listless droop that touched me to the heart. I went back to him ; I dropped upon

the hand hanging so listlessly by his side and covered it with kisses, the love and despair of which he must have feit.

you not see that my heart is breaking ? out you I shall die. Oh, Hugh, send

rier between Hugh and me. When she

"This is all fancy," he said, holding

had such a wicked imagination." "Will you send her away ?" I per "You must choose between

her age, who has not a relative in Engand, after all she has done for me Send her out of my house as I would a ervant who had robbed us-is that your

"Yes, she must go or I," I awnsered doggedly. "Then, Helen, I cannot consent

shall think the matter over; but to day at any rate I cannot tell her that, since he has served our purpose, she can go." I looked up at him.

"Then let her stay," I said, "Perhaps I am wrong ; but, right or wrong, it does not matter. Let her st .y.'

He would have petted and caresse ne, but I could not bear it. I kissed him once as we kiss the dead, and

left him. I thought my cup of bitterness was full; it had yet to be set flowing over.

As Hugh's love and mine flickered and went out, my baby, by some subtle influence, faded, blighted by I could

not tell what. The gray-black eyes, so like Hugh's, lost their lustre, the little ands grew thin and feverish, the burn-

ing lips turned from food, and a suffering wail rang constantly in my aching ears.

"Scarlatina," said the doctor, and then he shook his head when the dis-ease proved to be something else.

"It has caught the fidgets from you, dear," said Katie to me airily, when Hugh was not by, "Let me nurse it;

I am not so excitable." Nurse it | She should not touch it ! Like myself, it was withered by the contamination of her presence.

Oh, the slow fading which my agony was powerless to arrest, the burning hands clinging to my neck, the scorch-ing breath fluttering on my check-

I was not yet fully awake. I held age is its brain substance sufficiently developed. An infant's brain is soft him close to me, while tears rained on his wet sleeve. It contains a large percentage of water. "Oh, Hugh, I have dreamt such hor-It is deficient in fat and phosphorus,

rors | I thought you had ceased to love me, and were going to marry my sister Katie."

"What sister Katie ?" "Katie Bashforth. I thought that the Captain was dead, and that she had

come to live with us, and----' "I think you are dreaming yet, little woman. You have no sister. You to the lower portions of the body is not were too good for there to be another of the same

"No sister ? Oh, Hugh, she was too real! I cannot have invented her in a dream. Why, I see her yet!"

"Well, unless she was born to-day you have none; and a sister a few hours old is not likely to be tormidable, even

if she were possible in your case." "What o'clock is it now ?" 'Nine.

"Then I have slept more than two hours: but in that time I have lived years upon years of agony. I thought that baby was dead, and that you did

not love me; and I was trying to kill myself when you awoke me."

He rang the bell "Tell nurse to bring down baby," he said to the servant; so baby was brought out of his crib, and for an hour I held of milk of sime add ten to fifteen drops him close to me that I might convince

myself of his being really alive. Years have passed since that night of consistency of a thick cream. This horror; but I still maintain two things will set in about five minutes.

II D is not adhered to, if consistency is not being unable to find the man for whom he was looking, he stepped into a saloon to ask where the man livel. There murmuring at the dispensations of Providence, the youthful mind will receive were four citizens in the place. The visitor approached the man behind the the impression, and subsequent life will develop it. But if all is in purity, sinbar saying: "Will you kindly tell me -" cerity, truth, contentment, and love, That was as far as he got. The four then will the result be a blessing; and citizens were on their feet and all sides many will resolve in the example and

of him in less than a second. They all influence of the pious mother, There is something in sickness that addressed him: "In September, 1779, Gen. Sullivan, breaks down the pride of manhood that on his return from chasing the Indians softens the heart, and brings it back to in the Genesee country, encamped on the feeling of infancy. Who that has languished, even in advanced life, in this very spol." Then follo ed the story of the horses sickness and despondency, that has and their skults. The capitalist was know. But now, here's another ques pined on a weary bed, in the neglect speechless with surprise. "They got it all mixed up," said the and loneliness of a foreign land, but has thought of the mother that looked on aloon-keeper. "Order your drink sent his childhood, that smoothed, his pilto the back room and I'll come in and and they invite me to stay with them. low, and administered to his helpless ness? Oh! there is an enduring tendertell you the story slow and straight." The visiting capitalist hurried out. ness in the love of a mother to a son Meeting a boy on the street he said: that transcends all other affections of "My son can you tell methe heart. It is neither to be chilled by "Ohl yes," said the boy. "In Sep-tember, 1779, Gen, Sullivan-" selfishnes, nor daunted by danger, nor weakened by worthlessness, nor stifled The visitor dashed wildly down the by ingratitude She will sacrifice every street and met the man he had come to time. As I have an appointment, howcomfort to his convenience; she will

When to Bengt Going to School

on which, to a great extent, intellect

ual activity depends. The convolution

are fewer. The different parts of the

brain do not grow in size and weight

ahke-the normal proportion of the

front, back and lateral portions not

being reached before the age of ten. So

too the normal proportion of the chest

attained until the eighth year, while

that part of the back (the lumbar) on

which the sitting posture mainly de

pends, is even then only moderately

developed. About the ifth and sixth

years the base of the brain grows rap

idly, the frontal bones extend forward

and upward and the anterior portion

substance-the gray is the basis of in-

telligence-and the large ganglia pre-

ponderate. It is not until about the

eighth year that the due proportion of

parts is reached, and a certain consoli-dation, both of the brain and the or-

gans of the body generally. Before

this period, memory alone can be safely

of liquid silicate of soda (water glass),

then mix in plaster of Paris until the

grows considerably. Still the

see. This citizen explained the state of ever, with a country customer at three surrrender every pleasure to his enjoyaffairs to him. Then he deciared that ment; she will glory in his fame and exhe wouldu't put a dollar of his money in wicked city, 1 must leave you. Goed ult in his prosperity. If adversity over-sity, overtake him, he will be dearer to Horseheads unless the name was day, changed. Some of them want his her by misfortune; if disgrace settle money, and are working hard to induce upon his name she will still love and the people to petition the legislature to change the name. Patriotic citizens, cherish him; and if all the world beside cast him off, she will be all the world to however, are outraged at the suggeshim. Round the idea of one's mothe tion. As one walks along the streets great extent, the repetition of the duties the mind of a man clings with fond afhe sees groups of residents discussing fection. It is the first deep thought the subject. stamped upon our infant hearts, when

"It is sacrilege!" some of them exyet soft and capable of receiving the claim. "Here, where Gen. Sullivan clates this as she steps into the deserted most prefound impressions, and all the camped in September, 1779, after-" after feelings of the world are more or less light in comparison. Even in our old age we look back to that object of Then if he doesn't pass on he will hear the rest of it. The movers in favor over the table top, while the shelves of a new name want to have the place our filial love, and remember, with deep regret, how often we have violated her called North Elmira.

A Cross-Stitch Dog.

A wild-looking man, who resembled her virtues and affections, be sure that me who had wrestled with misfortune every unkind look, every ungracious in a catch-as-catch can hold and been word, every improper action will come thrown in the contest, went into a bird rushing back upon memory and, knock store the other day and approached the ing dolefully at the heart, will tell us affable proprietor.

this, is what? Determine not to be the servant of your children; their re-"Look here," he said, "may I take you apart for a moment?" spect for you will diminish so far as "Certainly," replied the man of ani

your attitude before them is that of : mals, "if you can put me togetker menial, Many mothers unconsciously again slip into this position in their effort te "Well, here's a letter from my wife: save time. trouble and those little consay, come out and have something?"

They went and had something; when

they came back the wild-looking man

resumed the letter "She writes me,"

he continued, "to get her a white can-

vas back dog in cross-"" "Now you go," said the bird man se-

no time to fool away."

kindly.

saved man."

ran it over.

plain enough."

be found?"

white

verely. "Business is business, and I've

He sat down on the curbstone to rest.

He was still reading the letter when a

sympathetic lady stopped to look at

"Poor man, are you ill?" she asked

"Heaven bless you, madan, read that

letter. If you can and will, I am a

The lady took the letter as if she were

"It is easy enough to read," she said

"Your wife, who seems to be an excel-

white dog in cross-stitch, stamped on a

canvas splasher, with crowels to finish

it, and send by express at once. I'm sure there's nothing about it that isn't

"Thank you, ma'am. I'll never for-

"At any art-embroidery store," and

get your kindness. Where did you say the cross-stitched dog on canvas could

the lady walked away, remarking sotto

est. Not to know what cross-stitch is!"

"Of all stupids, men are the stupid-

lent woman, wishes you to buy her a

humoring the whim of a lunatic and

trained.