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BUR LIVES.

Our lives are fabrics fortune weaves Of varied patterns, to her mind; Of varied patterns, to her mind; Some lives are woven of fluest stuff, Some of a ruder kind.

But 'mid the charsest, homiliest warp. Some shining golden threads will E'en in the most forsaken life Something of good is spun

There is no life, howe'er lonely, But knows some comforter therein; Saraal, howe'er sad and weary, But has some wayside inn.

Patiencel the humblest of our lives Has God's own mission to fulfill, And the Great Weaver, ever wise, Wegares in them good and ill.

LADY WILFUL.

The old house at Whimple Friars was lighted from basement to roof, and sounds of galety and mirth were to be heard on all sides. It was lady Wilful's twenty-first birthday, and a great gathring had assembled to do her honor. Early in the day a deputation of tenants and villagers had gone up to the hall to present Lady Wilful with a stell tearing a formal congratulation on her having attained her majority; at two o clock there had been a dinner for the temants; at five, a huge tea for the villagers and children; and at eleven the county gentry were arriving in great force to do the fair Chatelaine honor.

Lady Wilful herself was moving about the large ball-room studying the pleasure and comfort of her guests and evelving with graceful thanks the numerous good wishes for her happiness which was showered upon her, On this day she had come into uncontrolled of half a million of money; Whimple Friars and all belonging to it were her own. She was extremely beautiful, with large eyes of that deep gentianella blue which is as rare as it is ovely, her hair was of a reddish golden hue, and her features were of the delicate clearness of a cameo. In addition to all these charms, her figure was one of exquisite grace and elegance. She eight to have been, and looked, radiantly happy, yet the question of the evening was, "What's amiss with Lady Wilful to-night ?"

It was a question no one was able to answer, although all could see that something had gone grievously wrong Her blue eves had that bard with her. gleaming look which so often comes after much weeping, and the faint streak of pink which usually tinged her checks had faded, leaving them as pale as the white fire of the diamonds on her breast. Ah, those diamonds! It was the presentation of them that had given rise to the question, "What's amiss with Lady Wilful to-nigh t?"

The ornament they formed was a star in the centre of which were large stones of exceeding beauty; on the outer edge was a double row of smaller diamonds he had let fall one sultry afternoon, which added greatly to the brilliant ef- when she had gone across the square to fect of the whole; the setting which her cousin's, and Mrs. Descourt had was of silver, was evidently very antique. It was certainly not a gift which | back to her mind over and over again? should have brought tears to the eyes of a great heiress, more especially the day of her majority. Of course her name was not really "Lady Wilful"; but that was the pet name given to her in early childhood, and, like most of such appellations, it had clung to her, and, unlike the generality of them, it still suited her. Her wilfulness however was invariably in the direction of something good. Her aupt, Mrs. Stamer, with whom she lived, always addressed her and spoke of her as Kath trine; to mere acquaintances she was Miss Dundas; but to all her friends size was Lady Wilful. At twelve years of age Lady Wilfut had been left to the care of Mrs. Stamer her guardians being Lord Ormsby and Sir John Baldwin Mrs. Stamer was a widow, with one son, Hugh, the member for Swamptown, the little place of which Whimple Friars was the great wife house; and to him Mrs. Stamer inten ded uniting her niece Katharine Dun-But Lady Wilful had formed other views. She was an exceedingly clever girl, perfectly capable of judging for herself in all things; and when, at eighteen, she was presented and ran the gauntlet of the London se ison as one of the richest heiresses of the day, she made up her mind to marry only a man she should love. She prudently declined a dozen noble alliances, which she instinctively felt were prompted as much by her wealth as herself, and until the previous season was still as unfettered as she had been two years before. During that season however she met a cadet of the house of Brahason, one Captain the Honorable D'Arcy Brabason; and D'Arey, Lady Wilful determined, should become her lord and master. He was handsome one of the handcomest men in town-tall, stately, with the yellow hair and blue eyes which were hereditary in the Brabason family -a man with rigid notions of caste and race, and withal the most winning voice and fascinating manner possible Truly D'Arcy Brabason was the pride of his regiment. Well-born? Was not the Braba on family the oldest in the Peerage? Nay, the race was far older than the title; and D'Arcy would tell you gravely that his brother was only the seventeenth earl. They had royal blood in their veins too. Was he accomplished? He was the deadliest "shot" in the kingdom; and who so large an array of "brushes" as D'Arcy? e could do almost everything-was she feared his affairs were more hopemusical, sang with a rich baritone lessly involved than ever. voice, played the piano and violin equally well, danced to perfection, was oted in his profession as one of the test soldiers of the day. As he was the hero of the girls, their ed by a note from D'Arcy Brabason, darling, their beau-ideal, so, unfortu tately, was he the terror of the mothers; for the Brabason family were poor, and had been so for generations; and tain Brabason had had a dispute about Captain Brabason, living in the style some trifling matter, and a bet was made. If Lady Wilful lost she was to e which he had been accustomed, soon ran through his younger son's pertion forward D'Arcy her photograph; if and found himself at six-and-twenty with only his officer's "pay." He had D'Arcy, he was to send her a present also two rooms furnished with great on her birthday, D'Arcy did lose and spiendor, a mail-phaeton with a pair of the diamond star was the article with which he discharged his debt. The splendid bays, two chargers, six hunpresent was the subject of much discus ters, a gigantic St. Bernard named Bob, sion, not to say quarreling, at Whimple and, in addition, something like thousand pounds owing in various parts of Friars. the kingdom. "You must not keep it, Katharine," said Mrs. Stamer decisively. "I certainly shall do so," answered "I like D'Arcy for his own sake," said a gracions Belgravin matron one day, after he had stopped a moment to Lady Wilful. "You shall not." said Mrs. Stamer, greet her in his especially winning way -"I like the poor boy dearly; but I keep Gertrude out of his way." decisive reply. "I forbid it," insisted the elder lady. How Mrs. Stamer anathematised the "My dear aunt," exclaimed Lady Wilful haughtily, "you cannot forbid me to do anything. You forget yourday when Lady Wilful met D'Arcy Brabason! How she abused him and scoided the girl for dancing with him so often, and keeping hum by her so self.' ong!

with a man like Captain Brabason- and wept; but she would not alter her and refusing the duke too!" "The Duke is nothing to me, aunt," decision; and finally, putting her fingers into her ears, she declined to hear anyreturned Lady Wilful defiantly.

thing more on the subject. Then Mrs. "The Duke can offer you 'strawberry Stamer swept away with a dignified air leaves'; and, though I don't wish you to fe ch Hugh to try to bring the culto accept them, it would be impossible for you to think seriously for a moment ed the room Lady Wilful ran to him of Captain Brabason. I shall give or- and clasped her pretty hands about his ders to be 'not at home' when he calls arm. and you must discourage him as much

ful was to be left in peace.

were not mentioned.

name.

bye.

as possible. "I shall do nothing of the sort," replied Lady wilful; "and, if 1 am at home when he comes, I shall see him ' "A mere fortune-hunter! sneered

Mrs, Stamer. "And so is the Duke," laughed lady wilful. "It is rather early to be troubling yourself about a man whom I did ing his cousin by other than her proper

not know three hours ago. Why, for anything we can tell, he may think me perfectly hideous." "His whole conduct looked like it!"

cried Mrs. Stamer furiously. "If you think that," said Lady Wilful innocently; "I wonder that you suffer yourself to be so terribly disturbed Aunt Stamer."

The Brabason family were proud as well as poor. This characteristic was the previous day with the gaiety natustrongly shown in the shrug with which ral to a young lady in her circumstan-D'Arcy greeted the news of the Earl's engagement to Miss Cobb, the rich city heiress. His brother might raise his lowered fortunes and build up the falling house with his wife's money; but in D'Arcy eyes, he had cast a blot on the escutcheon which could never be effaced.

Pride was D'Arcy Brabason's great failing; and, although he had indeed fallen hopelessly and honestly in love with Lady Wilful, her half-million of money kept him at arm's length. Day after day throughout the whole season did Lady Wilful expect to hear the old story-the story which, although the oldest in the world, sounds fresh and new with each repetition. Whenever her aunt suggested a re-

moval to Whimple Friers, Lady Wilful persuaded her to remain in town; and Mrs. Stamer, believing and hoping that Hugh was the attraction, consented gladly. Day after day Lady Wilful met D'Arcy Brabason at the hundred and one entertainments to which both for money. were hidden; but most frequently she saw him at the house of her cousin

Margaret Descourt, whither she used te go in the drowsy summer afternoons for five o'clock tea. The torture of uncertainty went on until the "House" was prorogued and the whole family went down to Whimple Friars without D'Arcy Brabason having made a sign. At last Lady Wilful felt that she must face the truth that she, who from earliest childhood had never known what it was to be denied anything. must forego the only thing she really desired. Evidently Captain Brabason cared no more for her than she did for

"How dismal the square is, Mrs. her cousin Hugh -so she told herself. And yet how was it that a few words worst." "It is not Margaret," said Lady Wilful in a quaveri left them alone together, kept coming "It's an awful thing, Lady Wilful," he had said, speaking of his brother's marriage, "for a man to be dependent before on his wife, even if he does not care much about her-though then it becomes more or less a business transaction. But, if he chances to care for her, why, he must be afraid to make the least demonstration of affection, lest Wilful she should think the caress or kind word was bought with her gold. "You don't seem to consider," she had answered in a choking voice. "how very hard your theory is with respect to the unfortunate rich woman. If such a one married a man she loved who held such notions as these, then Heaven help. her, for she would sorely need it !' Soon afterwards Lady Wilful had gone home, understanding some of the scruples which had prevented D'Arcy Brabason from asking her to be his After their little passage-at-arms, D'Arcy was colder to her than he had ever been before. Lady Wilful's voice with the ominous sound of tears therein, haunted him for many a day; but so igid and stern were his notions of mour that the fear of being termed 'fortune hunter'' kept him from ownwite. ing, even to himself, that for him dear Lady Wilful was the one woman the world contained. Although Lady Wilful was doubtful, always she felt much happier after this. "I will wait until my birthday," she but cruel. told herself; "then I shall be quite sure; and I will let the world see that I was not called Lady Wilful for nothing. She waited patiently and bravely all

"When you see a trick, take it." The shot struck him as she had intended it should.

"I have my ideas of honor, Miss Dundas," he said in a tone which he

prit to reason; but the instant he enterhide the passionate tale of love his eyes would tell hers if they should meet. Ife bent his head down upon his arms, which were folded on the mantle-shelf; the action gave Lady Wilful fresh

"Don't you turn against me, Hugh," she said in her coaxing way, "I must keep my star; it is so pretty." strength to go on. "And would you sacrifice my happi-Hugh Stamer was but flesh and blood. and he went back to his mother and whispered.

"If I had been unfettered," said told her rather sharply that Lady Wil-"Lady Wilfull" repeated Mrs. Steamer-for Hugh was not given to call-"Do you not think," continued Lady Wilful, very much in the tone she "Has it got to that?"

atter having made me-care for yon. I But Hugh left his mother to her own have some claim upon your honor?" reflections, and Lady Wilful's whims The day was hers-her sweet wilfulness had broken down the barriers of

The girl was dull and sad all day; pride and so-called honor; for, when but, although her head ached distress-Mrs. Descourt came back an hour later ingly, she held up bravely until the last guest was gone. With the morning the girl was sitting with her hand in light however she was her own bright D'Arcy's-and she did not remove it although her cousin came in with much self again, and discussed the events of coughing and rustling and other small heralds of her approach.

"I am afraid you must think me very February soon arrived, and the Starude," she remarked; 'but really such a stream of people came in for tea that I could not leave the drawing-room. mer family returned to town. On the first afternoon Lady Wilful went across to Mrs. Descourt's, for her husband Katharine do you know what time it is? had come up for the opening of Parlia-ment a few days before. Her cousin It is nearly seven, dear; you ought to be going.' was in the hall when she arrived.

"You can say good-bye to Margaret, D'Arcy," said Lady Wilful, rising; "I was just going to send for you, she said as she kissed Lady Wilful. "and then you can see me home." "D'Arcy is here; he has sent in his pa "George had better do so," suggested Margaret. pers and leaves town for Southampton

this week. He has come to say 'good-"No; D'Arey will," said Lady Wil-"What will Aunt Stamer say?"

"Good-bye!" faltered Lady Wilful. "Where is he? Where is he going?" ' Aunt Stamer will say I 'am an un-"To Natal, I think, darling. Go into rateful girl, and bemoan to all her friends that Whimple Friars are going the boudoir; I will come presently. The Levisons are in the drawingroom, ut of the family. "Then you've arrrnged the African Mrs. Descourt had known Lady Wil-

ful's secret for some months, and en-tertained great hopes that, when the ousiness?" said Mrs. Descourt, beaming. "We are thinking of taking it in the time came to say farewell, her blue

honeymoon," answered D'Arcy gravely. eves would prevail upon D'Arcy to put "This is an exceedingly self-willed young person, who doesn't know what's aside all the nonsense about marrying good for her." With a painfully beating heart and

"I've had a great deal of trouble to teach you," langhed Lady Wilful. "I trembling fingers Lady Wilful opened the door of the boudoir. She felt that verily believe, Margaret, that he thinks during the next hour her fate would be we are not good enough to be allied decided; and, knowing D'Arcy's pride and indomitable resolution of purpose, with the House of Brabason; but let me tell you, sir, that you are parcenus she feared the result When she entered the room he was standing with his compared with the Dundases."

back towards her, looking out of the window. A faint gleam of sickly win-Lady Wilful came down to dinner ter sunlight was resting on his yellow that evening with the diamond star hair; and, as Lady Wilful caught sight blazing on her bosom.

of the outline of his face against the frosty sky, her heart failed her. Oh, "So you have got that thing on again?' said Mrs. Stamer severely, 'Yes, aunt." answered Lady Wiful how cold and stern it looked! sweetly. "I must have a ring to match

Descourt!" he said, without turning. "Captain Brabason has never dared." I shall remember London at its very

calmly, "to please myself."

on the continent for a lengthened tour.

bibus, for urgent reasons compelled

Lady Wilful to return to Whimple

Friars; and there, in the spring, with

the young leaves and the violets came

the heir to the old house-a very mini-

ature of Lady Wilful, with the azure

blue eyes and reddish golden hair that

ful women of three London seasons.

Constantinople.

Next to Rome. Jonstantinople is th

most interesting city of Europe, and

town on a dark night, when suddenly a

light shone from the north, and revealed

was a miracle wrought by the goddess

Diana, to whom the inhabitants built

crescent as the emblem of their city.

The crescent is now the emblem of the

they adopted it on taking possession of

Byzantines were a commercial people,

and at one time enjoyed a position of

great prosperity. They are described

by ancient authors as an idle, dissipated

the rest of the city lay behind the pres-

Nothing succeeds in the end like in

fall

By-

length

A Russian Prison. The fortress of St. Peter and St. Paul is huge, hideous and slabsided, and

surmounted by a thin and tapering spire that looks like the end of a Brobdingtried to make cold, but could not, to nagian syringe. The fortress is in the centre of the city, and faces the impe rial palace. During the day it is part a public thoroughfare, and people pas-through a narrow defile of gloomy and

tortuous vaults, where heavily armed sentinels march to and fro, and stone slabs in niches hold aloft burning ta ness to your ideas of honor?" she pers. But at nightfall all is closed, and

D'Arcy in a husky voice, "it might with gaslights, the prison here dedica-have been so different." ted to St. Peter and St. Paul remains might have adapted to a child, "that and noblest of the unhappy land which ed its gloomy portals, and as fast as they perish or depart the great army of miserables is reinforced by fresh victims. Most of them only remain for a time, either pending their trial or until they are removed to a central prison or deported to Siberia. But there are some

> and never will be-men and womenwho are kept in prison generally for years, often for life, simply by order of the Czar. In one casement, dving of consumption, is a woman whose identily is as great a mystery as the "man in the iron mask." Neither her jailors nor her fellow-prisoners know either her name nor the nature of her crime.

in that woman's heart, if it still beats! The casements are cells five paces long and three wide, equal to about seven and a half feet-dens into which little light struggles through a strongly-barred slit. The walls steam with moisture. For furniture the inhabitant has

the image of a saint, and a pile which serves for all purposes and remains there day and night. The prisoners are never allowed to communicate with or ex change a word with their jailors, Once a day the door is opened, and the wardens signify to the inhabitant by a gesture that it is the hour for exercise. Silently he rises from his little bed and follows his custodians into a narrow

places go mad. For clothing, the prisgasped Mrs. Stamer, "I have dared," said Lady Wilful malefactors. Instead of shoes and

of his agitation.

row in the place.

them it's a false alarm."

father

the roof fell."

The Lady in White. I announce myself to the reader as 'What ails you?' asked a policeman the man who Beheves in Ghosts-perof a boy on Fort street, Detroit, who haps. At any rate, I believe in my had a rock in his hand and was mena father, and he believed the story I am cing a woman in a doorvard. about to relate. My father resided at 'Look a-here,' answered the boy, as Ipswich, and once had occasion to go to ne dropped the stone and sat down on London upon business. It was during the horse block, 'she's been deceiving

a period of great popular commotion, men in the awfulest manuer." and the city being very full, he had 'How?' some trouble in finding a lodging. The master of the house observed that it ago, and we've never been up to see his was a good large room-for he could grave since. Every week she's promget but one-and very comfortable, if sed to take me up on Sunday, and he did not mind-but there he stopped, every Sunday she's said to me: for his wife gave him a nudge. 'Never mind, sonny. We can't go Then my father suspected something

was not quite right. 'It isn't over a slaughter-house, or a 'That's kind o' unfeeling like,' reburial-ground, or a dissecting-room, is marked the officer. it?' says he, 'You bet it is, but it don't begin with

'Oh, dear, no,' says the landlord, 'but what she's said and done. She took off ome people say the next house is mourning and began to drink lemonade haunted, and that anybody who sleeps and chew gum inside of three months, in this room can see a lady in white cryand she keeps speaking of hum as the ing at that window that you can see late deceased. Last Sunday I wanted there. to go up and put some pansies on pap's

'Oh, is that all?' says my father. grave, but she gin me a clip on the ear 'Perhaps there's some poor maniac conand said: fined there. Whether or no, however, that's no objection, for 1 don't care a to wash for six shillings a day to buy rush for all the ghosts that ever were his whisky and tobacco, and I'll pansy

invented! you if you don't quit your pestering!" Well, he took possession of the room, 'I don't say as pap was perfection, but and before night closed in he had an

I do blame mam for feeling so kinder opportunity of taking an accurate surgay over it." vev of the neighboring premises. 'Will she marry again?' asked the A lead roof, apparently over a work-

office in a cautious voicer. shop, lay between his window and that 'Will she! She's dying to! She's on one where the ghost was said to appear; track of five or six different men, and only there was this difference-that he she'll run some of 'em down onless they could easily step out of his upon the jump the town. I guess that's why she leads, where as the neighbor's was don't want to hear about pap's grave. about nine or ten feet higher. My fath-Just afore you come along I say to her: er always vowed that he was perfectly 'Mam, it's a beautiful day, let's you sober when he went to bed. He couldn't and I go up and see if anybody's put : tell how long he had been asleep, when sunflower on pap's grave he was suddenly awakened by loud 'And she wheeled on me and yelled

screams; and when he opened his eyes he saw the opposite house was on fire. He was out on the leads in a moment. The haunted room was filled with bright flames, and at the window stood a lovely young woman, clasping a baby "Humph!" sighed the officer.

in her arms, and screaming for help. 'Oh, save my child!' save my child!' she kept on crying in tones of such anguish that they went to my father's very heart.

'Give it to me,' he said, 'and then hands and I'll rob everybody, and when ump out into my arms. The distance I get rich I'll come back here and take is nothing; you cannot be hurt. Take that second husband and mop him all courage! Now, give me the haby! over pap's grave and pound him to a She leaned forward, and dropped the jelly!

baby, wrapped up in a shawl, into my father's arms. Just as he got it safe, it seemed to him that the roof fell in. There was a crashing noise, but not very oud; the flames disappeared, and so did the young lady.

In at his window he rushed again, and through the house, shouting, 'Fire, fire!' with all his might, and with the at a fight. aby still in his arms.

Out rushed the landlord as pale as a ghost, and his wife after him in such a monument of a night-cap that it quite over-awed my father even in the midst of the palm, which they drink out of

buckets. Jersey lightening is like water compared to the stuff. I drank

You bet I will!

Elephant Fights in Burman.

In the elephant fights at Theyatmo

NEWS IN BRIEF. Italy has 4,800,000 lemon trees. France is decreasing in population.

NO. 30.

A war is raging among Pittsburg fish dealers.

- There are 60,000 trees in the streets Washington,

-British postal savings banks have \$223,868,865 on deposit.

-The fortune of the Marquis of 'She's my mother. Pap died 2 years Ripon is \$600,000 a year.

-Good crops and prosperous mining operations are reported from Arizona. -A marked falling off in the consumption of alligator skin leather is

to-day, but your pap's grave won't run reported. away, all the same. He's there to stay ' ______The -The United States now furnishes

me-half of the world's supply of gold and silver

-Whooping cough is on the rampage a Tallahassee, Fla., but no deaths are reported yet.

-Irwin, Penn., boasts of a one-armed bicyclist, and Chicago claims a bicyclist with a cork leg.

--It is claimed the experiment of making black glass from shale has pro-'Your pap's grave be hanged" Thad ven successful,

-Nearly forty-nine million dollars are on deposit in the savings banks of New Hampshire.

-It is expected that river fire boats will soon be added to the fire depart ment of Chicago.

-Passengers by the overland route to Portland from San Francisco make the trip now in about 59 hours.

-A ee stung a little New Orleans girl recently on the ball of the eye, com pletely destroying the sight.

-- Iowa has 35.9 cattle to the square mile, a larger number, it is said, than any other State in the country.

-Only about one-sixth of the counties in Georgia, it is said, have failed to adopt either prohibition or high ticense, -Ants are said to guide well diggers

'Pap's grave again! Allus pap's grave! I'll have a pap around here in in selecting spots in Dakota, as the litabout a fortnight who'll wollop pap's the toners themselves build over water veins.

A resident of Geddes, Ouondaga 'And so,' said the boy, as he slowly ounty, N. Y., is reported to have sold counted the five coppers out of his vest his wife for five dollars, saying he "was pocket, 'I guess I'll skip, 1 guess I'll hard up." go to Arizona and become a stage rob-

-Sturgeon from Lake Ontario are ber. I'll learn to shoot with both said be manufactured into "smoked halibut" to as great an extent as the real article.

-Loc owood, said to be indigenous to Nevada, is relished by horses, and brings on a species of mild maanity which lasts some days.

-Nine Brooklyn saloon-keepers, who were charged with selling on Sunday, surrendered their licenses recently rather than stand trial.

there were fifteen elephants on a side. - During all seasons of the year, it is A pair of them are never started alone said, the earth at Yakutsk, Siberia, is The fights are always arfrozen at from the depth of lifty feet to ranged for the amusement of the nothat of about 1,000 feet. bles, and are great events. The battle

-New Bedford, Mass., carpenters is terrific. The elephants are given shingled one side of the roof of a house toddy, made out of the fermented junce before they discovered they were work-Ing on the wrong building.

s said to look, when viewed from above,

-A teiler m a Providence bank was

a few days ago to be made cashier, but

instead hanguished in jail for being a

The die from which the Franklin

ent was made is now used, the N. Y.

Tribune says, as a paper-weight in a

-- The Kentucky State Prison con-

tains 78 prisoners sentenced for life terms. This, it is said, is the largest

amber in any prison in the country,

-A pair of steel boiler heads, 102 in-

hes in diameter and one-half inch

- Michigan holds the championship

of the union as a shingling manufact

uring State, From 1,649 establish-

ments 2,584,717,000 are made per an-

-A roller rink proprietor, in whose

riously injured a short time ago, has

-Not a single fire that required the

paid over to her parents \$10(8) as dam-

establishment in Chicago a girl was se

thick, were rolled at the Spang Stee

and Iron Works, Pittsburg, recently,

like a cobble-stone pavement.

defaulter in the sum of \$32,000,

hardware house in New Haven

-Baldheaded men are so in Chicago that an audience in that city

when darkness covers the capital and the quays of the Neva are all aglow sbrouded in gloom like some huge maw. ever ready to swallow up all that is best it curses with its presence. During the last twenty years thousands have enter

whose fate is still more terrible. There are prisoners who have never been tried

She is a number, and nothing more. What a terrible tragedy must be hidden

a straw mattress and a thin quilt, a jug,

iiI vard so hemmed in by high walls as to seem like the bottom of a well. Here he paces to and fro for the allotted time like a wild beast in a cage, and is then

led back to his den as silently as he was brought out. The prison is full of people, yet for every inhabitant of its casemates, its bastions, its ravelins and its curtains there is the isolation of death. No books are allowed in this disma! solitude not even the Bible. If a prisoner wants religious consolation he may look at his saint and raise his thoughts heavenward, if he can. It is no wonder that men immured in these dark

The storm which followed lasted for she said severely; to go down to supper expostulated, Lady Wilful trembled "What is th

through the dreary autumn and winter months, having in addition to her other troubles, to parry the advances of Hugh Stamer; for that gentleman was quite of his mother's opinion that Katherine's money should stay in the family, though he did not care much about Lady Wilful herself. Still he knew that she would be a wife whom a rising politician might be proud of, and that she

would help to make his house one of the most attractive in London. During these months Lady Wilful's one consolation was the news which she recived of D'Arcy through Mrs. Descourt. From her she learned that his regiment had been removed in the autumn from Aldershot to Norwich, near which town their country-house was. Mrs. Descourt told her that they had seen a good deal of him, but that he seemed dull and distrait, and that

Amongst the packets and notes with which Lady Wilful's plate was heaped on her birthday was a morocco case loves her dearly." containing a diamond star, accompani-

saying that it had belonged to his mothaway from him, and stood with clasped er, and had for that reason additional value in his eyes. Some months previously she and Cap-

impertinent."

politely.

this man, with his chivalrous notions of honor and prido of race; she could not but note the restless craving in his eyes as they wandered up and down her faultless form and face. She unloosed the rich sable fur at her throat

absclutely counterfeit. "I don't think you know anything of

This was so utterly different from what he had expected that D'Arcy Brabason stared at her in undisguised

"At any rate you do not seem

"What is that?" he stammered.

"A bankrupt, a beggarly younger He turned quickly: the hot blood rushed for an instant to his temples, son, with neither money nor then receded, leaving him paler than 'You forget." said her niece haugh-

"Miss Dundas, I had no idea you tily, that you are speaking of my future were in town! I hope you are quite sband "And this is the reward I get for all Lady Wilful's heart sank, "Miss I have done for you!" cried Mrs. Sta-

Dundas!" It had hitherto been "Lady | mer furlously. "I owe you nothing," said the other We came this morning," she stamquietly. "During the time I was un

der vour care my trustees remunerated mered. "We were obliged, because of you liberally. Since I have become my Parliament, you know." own mistress, those terms have been "Yes? I hear, Miss Dundas, that I doubled. I do not wish to quarrel with have to congratulate you."

"Congratulate me? Oh, yes-on my baying attained my majority I Thank you! And, Captain Brabason, I wan-tain Brabason I shall leave your house ted to tell you how pleased I was that and remain with Margaret until I am you remembered my birthday. It was married,"

"Dinner is served," aunounced the so kind, too, to give me your mother's star. I had a great struggle to keep it butler at that moment; and the converfor my aunt did not wish me to do so; sation was at an end. In due time the wedding took place, but I am Lady Wilful, you knowl" she

said, laughing and gaining courage and Captain and Mrs. Brabason went from the sound of her own voice. "I am glad that you like it," said The African expedition remains in au-

D'Arcy, with a great effort to keep calm and cool. "I hope you will wear it sometimes when I am far away and you-you are Hugh Stamer's happy

Lady Wilful laughed outright. 'Thank you," she cried gaily; "rest assured I shall wear it as Lady Wilful had made her one of the most beauti-

Cantain Brahason looked hurt. Evidently this heiress was not only wilful

> "I have no doubt." he answered oldly: "you do me too much honor

by wearing it at all." "Now, Captain Brabason," said the girl drawing near to him, "take my advice and don't go in for sarcasm. affecting the de-times of mankind. It occupies to a great extent the site of the greatest scene of remarkable events You'll never keep up your reputation ancient Byzantium, which was founded if you do."

by a Doric colony from Megara, in 666 "My reputation is of very little con- B. C. In the reign of Darius Hystassequence, for I sail for Natal next pes, Byzantium was taken by the Persians; but, subsequently to the battle week.

Lady Wilful felt a great lump rising of Platzen, it came once more into the in her throat, but she controlled herhands of the Greeks, by whom it was re-peopled by a mixed colony of Atheself and went onnians and Lacedæmonians. After pas-

'What to do there, may I ask?" "Certainly. I belong as you know sing through many fortunes, it was atto an impoverished family. I cannot tacked by Philip of Macedon, whose keep up my position here; so I am go- soldiers were silently approaching the ing to take myself to a place where I shall be unknown."

"Are you?" thought Lady Wilful, the danger by which the citizens were then aloud-"I didn't know your peo- threatened. It was believed that this ple was so very poor. I'm sure your brother lives in good style."

"My brother," said D'Arcy, flushing an altar as an expression of their gratitude, at the same time assuming the hotly, "married for money, Miss Dun-

"I don't agree with you. Lady Bra-Turks, and it has been thought that bason is a charming girl, and the Earl

"Probably," said L'Arcy, in a dubi-Constantinople; but there is reason to believe that this figure had long been ous tone. the symbol of the Moslem faith. Katherine Dundas moved a step zantium was compelled to submit to Alexander the Great, and in later ages

ands, nerving herself for a final effort. was ravaged by the Thracians, Scyth-ians, and other barbarous tribes. The "Captain Brabason," she began, "I am going to say something to you which you will perhaps think both bold and

"I shall not think it either," he said

set, fond of music, dancing and galety. She saw how sorely she was trying and little disposed to martial exercises though.in the second Christian century, they resisted the Roman Emperor Se verus for three years, and at capitulated only on account of famine. The town was constantly full of foreign sailors, merchants and fishermen; and,

with a painful gasp as she spoke again, as good wine was to be found there, the with an attempt at coquetry that was carousing was deep and frequent. The citadel of Byzantium stood on the hill where the seraglio is now built, and

"I shall," was Lady Wilful's equally whist; do you?"

astonishment.

vulnerability. know what very good advice one of its Fortitude is another name for strength The brave man escapes where the timid

stockings, their feet are wrapped in rags. Even in the depth of winter the cells are seldom warmed, never suffibrains, assigned for ciently; at least, the fuel the purpose is insufficient, and embez-zled at that. H nce the cells are always damp. Water streams down the walls

and freezes in pools on the floor. So intense is the cold that when the director makes his rounds he never takes off his fur cloak, and shivers even then.

Our Country Before Man's Advent.

The work of the Geological Survey for the coming fiscal year has been mapped out and the plans approved by you, Aunt Stamer; but I warn you that Secretary of the Interior. The work of the map makers, while serving the many important ends. State and municipal, of the most exact geographical surveys upon a large scale, is, so far as the Government is concerned, merely designed to lay the necessary founda-

tion for the studies of the scientists of the institution. bundle, for her husband at that mo-The picture in outline of the young ment lighted a candle from the rushcontinent in quarternary times, just light, which had very imperfectly illuminated the scene before. before the advent of human life, into 'A baby!' says she. which, as one of a series, the gentlemen 'Yes,' says my father, and I think I'd of the department are now painting

the details, has but few familiar feabetter leave it with you, ma'am, while I go and endeavor to rescue the mothtures. The great mountain systems were already uplifted and were vastly The woman did not speak, nor utter more rugged and higher than now. The Southern Sea, now the Gulf of sound, but she just lifted up the Mexico, had possession of an immense shaw! from the child's face and dropped strip of the lower country and of the down like a lump of lead upon the

great valley and the Atlantic coast. The Pacific slope was a region of steep floor. Instead of attending to her, both my glaciers. The great basin was an father and the landlord looked into the inland ocean, or rather two great inland seas were found within it, of one shawl. It contained the skeleton of an infant, wrapped up in the rags of what of which the great Salt Lake is a petty had once been very costly garments. My father felt very sick, and the remnant. This region and that to the south, now so sterile and dry, was then landlord staggered back against the one of great humidity and where not wall and dropped the candlestick out of covered with water was very fertile. his hand.

When the landlady fell (she was a tall An ice sheet extended over the northern portion of the eastern and middle counheavy woman, and gave the house a try, covering the great lakes and the good shake) the maid screamed 'murder' louder than ever, and the lodgers ordering regions to the south for hundreds of miles. Continually moving called out yet more energetically to southward, this sheet deposited its car-goes of detritus century after century, That frightened the handlord back

forming the sub-soils of what are now into his senses; for he thought if they came down and saw what my father the Eastern, Middle and Northwestern States, and heaped up a terminal had got it would frighten them all out moraine, still distinctly traceable as of the house. So he caught up the cana range of hills through New Jersey, dle, which luckily was not extinguished Pennsylvania, Ohio, Illinois, Iowa and by the tall, and pushed my father; with thence northwest ward along the present his bundle, into the bedroom. Then he line of the Missouri through Dakota and up into British possessions. Great gentleman had had the nightmare. tongues of ice shot off from this sheet his wife had been frightened int. far to the southward, while an inland

fainting fit. region comprising much of the present The little skeleton was quietly burn State of Wisconsin remained bare, the next day by an old sexton, w There were, in fact, two great ice peri-ods, with an intervening season longer landlord was a respectable household and so they all concluded that the ghwas satisfied, and that that was the real during the interval torests of large con- son why she never appeared again. When my father examined the pla

closely by daylight, he saw evidmarks of a fire that had happened the a great many years before. In short tions to the country south of the great the whole affair of the apparition seem ed to shroud some fearful mystery

Some years after, when he was in London again, my father endeavored to

discover nothing but a mass of ruins. ished, to make way for that which is

"Well, one of 'em is a spoony old ing you that I'm going to be married. Ti evening whiled away, the moon

esven.

bu ox-

of to-day; the pig, more nearly resembling the peccary of South America than the familiar hog of our own coun-You can imagine how good natured and still lighting the old couple's facce, but of that city, in two seconds, the time jolly I feel." "Yes; but don't you feel a they were sad at heart and heavy. try, and other creatures curiously rehttle trepidation about taking such an Mosquitors and sentiment will not mix important step in life?" "Narry a trep, lated to the modern camel and rhino----

stranger." footprints are too few and indistinct

down in the kitchen, and the apprentisome under the impressices had tumbled out from under the a kind of cider. It smelled like order, I took only one tinger, and I never was counter in the shop, and were poking so drunk in my life. I never would their noses cautiously out, and kindly have felt the same amount of whiskey. It makes the elephants reel and tumble inquiring who was killing her; and on every landing up the stairs the lodgers

were calling out to know what was the about like drunken men. They sport matter. There was altogether a terrific and trumpet and create a terrible racket. In the fight at Theyatmo the mahouts or drivers straddle their necks "The next house is on fire!" said my and urge them on. The beasts had been maddened by prodding and beat-'It's only the old story,' said the landing and rushed at each other like mad lord, 'Run up stairs, my dear, and tell There were some that wheeled around

and ran away, but those that kept on "But it is not a false alarm," says my made the earth shake when they came together. They ran right into each father, for I saw the flames and I saw the roof fall in, and I fear that a lady is other. They locked tusks, and gored buried under the rains. Why don't you come and help her? She had just and lashed one another with their trunks. Tusks were run into elephant tropped her child into my arms when shoulders six or eight inches. The fights in India are the same, of course, The landlady then first set eves on the In Burmah fights take place between elephants and tigers. King Thebaw has men fight tigers. The Burmese in power are cruel. One king used to

make the people lie down for his pony to walk over. Col. George Arstingstall Barnum's Elepeant trainer, said elephants were fond of whiskey or any kind of liquor. One would take four or five gallons at a dose.

guarded by an officer.

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Debt in Mexico.

residing in the country occasionally

Luttle Things.

when you and I were young, ch?'

It isn't what you are, but what you

Gracious, the mosquitoes!"

the majority of them die.

services of the firemen has occurred in Pittsburg for one week, an incident that has not occurred there before for

titini.

ages.

-Of the long roll of English sover-When an American settles in Mexisigns, only nine have surpassed Queen co he should be prepared to pay cash for Victoria in longevity, and only three everything, and if he knows what is have occupied the throne longer than good for him he will always take a reshe has. eipted bill when he pays out money.

-The degree of doctor of laws which If he omits these precautions he may the University of Chili has just con-ferred on Dr. Logan, our Minister at wake up some fine morning in debt. In fexico, to be in debt is the worst thing Santiago, is the first it husever given to hat can happen to a man. Under the ferican law the creditor can have the foreigner.

ebtor arrested on the day when the -Fires have been discovered on two lebt falls due. The prisoner in such lifferent British war vessels a's Bermucases is chained to a post five days da, recently, and the authorities are said to ascribe them both to the agency At the end of the time, if the money of dynamiters.

is not forthcoming, the man's labor is -A scheme is being agitated in Pittsoung to create the office of purchasing sold to the government for 40 cents a day for as mary days as will be necesigent, the duties of which shall be the sary to discharge the obligation. The buying of the supplies for the various niserable debtor is sent to the silver city departments. aines, where he is chained to a gang of

-A meteor, which appeared to be fetons and compelled to labor under about the size of a floor barrel, was ground. He sleeps underground, and seen flying through the air recently by never sees daylight again until he is everal residents of Sherman and Ma restored to freedom. Not only do ig-Kinney, Texas, norant Mexicans fall victims to this

-A colored man, residing in Little ruel system of slavery, but foreigners tock, Arkansas, studied law while in ousiness as a shoe dealer, was admitted get caught in a tight glace, and their o the bar and has now been elected a preditors send them to the mines where police justice.

-Mosquitos have put in an unusua appearance at some of the seashore reorts, but the man who insists on taking poll of votes on the Presidential queson will not turn up.

it is the little things of life that rouble us more than all things else. -The largest business ever done by Mr. and Mrs. Smiley were enjoying he United States Patent Office, it i heir early evening hour on the verands. said, was that of April, when there shile the silvery moon hung high in the were 3159 applications for patents and \$100,640 received for fees, "I declare, ilamab, this makes me

-An engineer employed for the past think of the days, forty-five years ago, 0 years on 2 Georgia railroad claims to have traveled during that period a dist-"Yes, Ichabod. It is a reminder, ance equal to about 38 times the circumference of the earth. Mosquitoes! I should say on They

dian't use to trouble us in those days, -An average of 15 cents a pound was realized in Chicago for the several tons of cherries shipped there recently Now, they e'en a' most eat me up By there are some thing worse than from San Francisco. The grower's profit by the transaction is estimated at about \$100 a ton.

> -The despatch announcing the win ner of the Derby races was flashed from London to New York, says the Journal being carefully computed.

-A Boston city hospital nurse of large experience says that pure alcohol is the best thing to use to prevent bedsores, as it hardens the skin. It should be applied by rubbing three times a

mong nitoes." "YES, stranger, ' said a passenger

"What, I should like to know?" from Texas, "I am goin' down East on an important errand. Don't mind tell- man'

cerus. Then came man, but his early just when he came, while whence and how he came few venture even to guess.

than the time which has elapsed since the disappearance of the last sheet, and ifers covered the face of the earth. Long Island, which was created by glacial deposits, marks the southeastern limit of the sheet. The climate condiice belt were much the same as at pres-

ent, and the flora was similar though which was perfectly inexplicable. coniferous growths were proportionately much more abundant. Through the forests along the borders | find out the house in the hope of obtainof the ice sheet roamed strange animals, ing clew to the mystery, but he could

"Have you ever been mar-

among which were the huge hairy and more than elephantine mammoth: the The street and some others were demolhorse, a smaller animal than his relative of to-day, having well-formed hoofs now Regent street.

but still bearing in rudimentary form one or two of the toes of his primeaval ancestors; the great buffalo, two or three times larger than his descendant

