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Church Rules For Ladies.

Dress hard all morning, such is fate, Then enter church some minutes late. All eyes will then be turned on you. And will observe your bonnet new. Let humble modesty wreathe your face, And take your seat with faultless grace.

Let all your thoughts be fixed on high, And re-arrange your cardinal tie. Think how religion's prone to bless, And criticise your neighbor's dress.

Let all your heart be filled with praise, And notice Mrs. M-lace.

Pat from your mind all thoughts of sin. And re-adjust your diamond pin. Think of how good religion proves,

And then smooth out your buttoned gloves.

Catch well the precepts as they fall, And smooth the wrinkles in your shawl.

Think of the sinner's fearful fate, And notice it your bonnet's strait.

Pray for the influence divine-That lady's basque, mark the design.

Let tender peace possess your mind, And criticise that hat behind,

Reflect on Christian graces dear, And fix those curls beside your ear.

Let your heart warm with silent prayer, And view that horrid green silk there. Reflect upon the wicked's ways; See if your gold chain's out of place. Think of the peace the good shall find, And wonder who are sitting behind.

Think of the burdens Christians bear, And notice those strange ladies there: The last words hear with contrite heart, And fix your dull back when you start.

A HARD MAN.

TT was a poor room, scantily furnished, L bearing poverty's signs in the miserable fire, the pinched air of every object, and in nothing more conspicuous than the haggard, care-worn face of its only occupant. She was a woman middle lits value. Jane Thornton was his only aged, but with a face that needed only sister, and his nieces and nephews were health and brightness to be beautiful. Her | probably inheritors of all his wealth, so dress of close mourning was of course he was sure of a cordial welcome whenfabric, and had no pretty coquetries about ever he went there. His pet of all was it to save its meagre look. Her hair of Jennie, a beautiful girl of sixteen, whose golden brown, waved glossy and abundant, jewel box bore witness of her uncle's inwas gathered into a knot at the back of a dulgence of all her whims. Hard as he small, shapely head, and was as yet un- was in business relations, Mr. Vaughn's touched by age or trouble. Although her sunken eyes and hollow more tender than the niche where he cheeks spoke eloquently of overwork, she carried Jennie's image. He believed her was not working, but listening. The as pure, true, and womanly as she was snow struck against the glass as it fell lovely in face and form. with a sharp tinkle that told of bitter cold; but it was not for that Mrs. Bur- "I will let Jennie find out about that lington held her breath almost to listen, poor girl and help her. She is never so but for footsteps that came at last. She happy as when I let her help the poor. hoped the feet would spring up the stair. Dear, generous girl!" case, light as a fairy's, and her eyes dilated with fear as they came slowly, heavily, as if under a burden. "Something has happened !" she whispered. "Alma has met trouble!" The door opened as she spoke, and a girl entered: a winsome copy of her beautiful mother, upon whose fair face sit up, so she's sure not to be late.' trouble had not yet drawn its heaviest lines. But the face was very pale as she came in, and, putting her bundle upon a books were spread, and amongst them a chair, looked at her mother with despair- large sheet of past-board with a map uping eyes. "You have brought the bundle back. on it. But the outlines were all smeared, and the map almost illegible. "That is Alma," Mrs. Burlington said, in a tone not a very nice piece of work, Bub," of absolute terror. "Did Mrs. Thornton Mr. Vaughn said, taking it up. "Iam find fault with the work?" The girl paused before answering, as if her news were so heavy she dared not tell it. Then, in a husky voice, she said : "The cloak is ruined, mother, and they say we did it!"

trifle for it, or have it dyed and sell it.-Don't-oh, don't cry so! It breaks my heart!"

But having once allowed the tears to start, Mrs. Burlington could not at once control them. All through the long evening mother and daughter, supperless and chilled, talked of the misfortune that seemed the climax of three years of toil and suffering. They had been thrown from luxury to poverty by the death of Alma's father, but had managed to live by their needles until Mrs. Burlington's health failed. After that it was a sore fatrher died, was brave and industrious that." and worked doubly hard.

Their chief employment was in ordered work for the wealthy class, and the labor. Mr. Vaughn, who kept the store where the work was ordered, and supplied materials, was, as Alma said, a man perfectly just, but most strict in all business dealings.

He was a bachelor, past fifty, living alone in a large, handsome house, controlled by h housekeeper, who kept the large, but he held wealth in real estate, prosperous state.

On the evening when Alma and her mother sat in their poor room wondering | ure in business, sickness and death, and vaguely if they must starve literally, Mr. | their own struggles. Vaughn sat in his cosy, well warmed library, busy with heavy ledgers. But his thoughts would wander from the long rows of figures to the brown eyes of Alma Burlington, sorrow laden and entreating, as he had last seen them.

"I wonder if that absurd story could trouble you." be true," he muttered at last, pushing back his books; "what slight of hand friend, now I have found you out?" could have ruined the cloak in the time it passed up the stair case! Stop a minordered! I wonder now if I could get

This idea once started in his busy brain, Mr Vaughn could not rest till he tested heart had many a tender spot, and none

a dollar or two, when a knock at the door was followed by the entrance of Mr. Vaughn. Mrs. Burlington shrank back PLA into deeper shadow as he came into the

room, but Alma stood up to greet him. "Miss Burlington," he said, abruptly, "I have just learned the truth of your trouble this morning, and have come for the cloak. You must blame a careless boy for the mishap. What were you to recieve?"

"Fifty dollars, sir, of which I owe you thirty."

"Yes-yes! That can wait till the tsruggle, but Alma, only fifteen when her | next order. You need not hurry about

"Oh, mother!" the girl cried, almost hugging the crisp notes, how can we thank Mr. Vaughn!" The gentleman cloak represented weeks of incessant turned to the corner where Mrs. Burlington sat, and in a second alvanced hurriedly towards her.

> "Am I mistaken ?" he cried ; "or is this Edith Lecompton?"

"That was my name long ago," was the answer, in a tone of quiet dignity. "I know now why your daughter's face

always seemed so familiar. May I set servants in order. His business was not down?" Blushing deeply for her own omission of such an invitation, Alma and worked harder than any clerk he em | placed a chair for her visitor, and in a kindness, Mrs. Burlington had told him of her father's death, her husband's fail-

> "And you did not, let me know," Mr. Vaughn said, reproachfully, "or, perhaps, you did not know I had left the West and settled here?"

"I was not sure that you were my old friend," said she gently, "and I would not

"But now-you will let me be your

"You have proved so already," said Alma, impetuously. "Mamma, I must ute! That was the infant's cloak Jane tell him. We have not one cent except this," and she held up the notes he had any solution of the mystery by going up just given her, "and we have eaten noth-there."

not know how we can work now!" "And you will come to me, will you not, if I can in any way serve you?" Mr. Vaughn asked eagerly.

"I will," Alma promised. "Then I will say good-night. I have Insurance Co. of N. A., Phil., " your daughter's promise !" said the visittor, cordially shaking Mrs. Burlington's hand. Then he added in a lower tone : "Surely Heaven guided my steps to-night. Edith."

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He left her then, and Mrs. Burlington Fairfield Fire "Fairfield Fire Ins. Co. South wept softly, thinking of their last partrng, when he had asked her to share his Royal Canadian, of Montreal, life, and she, worshipping James Burlington's handsome face, refused the hand of this less favored lover. Twentytwo years ago! Pride had kept her from ever seeking her old admirer when she was sure from Alma's description that the Mr. Vaughn who supplied their materials was the same Dick Vaughn who had left his old Western home after she had refusad to be his wife. She told Alma that he was only an old friend, smiling softly as the girl expressed her surprise at the change in one she had considered ever strict and stern. "He was not a bit like himself, mama, she said." "His voice was as gentle as a woman's. I should never think of calling him a "hard man" after this evening. I think I can find something to eat if you will keep up the fire, and then we will sleep.



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"Rained !" cried Mrs. Burlington, tearing open the package. "Oh, Alma! child ! how did that happen ?"

For she held up an infant's cloak of fine white merino, embroidered heavily in white silk, daintily lined and finished, a garment fit only for the child of wealth. But across the entire back was a stain of different colors, a great unsightly blotch, that made the exquisite garment utferly valueless.

"I cannot tell you how it happened, but they say we did it! I sent the parcel up to Mrs. Thornton and waited in the hall. I heard voices in the sitting-room, at the head of the stair-case, but I could not distinguish any words, till the servant told me to go up stairs. There I found the cloak in that state. I nearly chock-Mrs. Thornton and her daughter holding ed laughing over the girl's face. She up the cloak, with that stain upon it. looked all over the room as if she They scolded me, and sent the cloak thought the colors had rained down from back!"

"How could that stain have come there

unless you dropped it?" "Into what? A dye vat would not have given all those bright colors. I cannot tell what it is ! I-I went to Mr.

cloak thrown back upon our hands? Child, we must starve !"

AND BLANK BOLK MANUFACTURING mother : "Uncle Dick has never been pairing sob, and sat down, covering her the thought of his own share in the just the same to me since that horrid AT REASONABLE PRICES. face with her shaking hands. Montrose, May 2, 1877. truelty that praseed upon Alma Bur "I told Mr. Vaughn so, mother, but he lington was almost unendurable. Scarcecloak business. I have found out now Binghamton, May 3d, 1876,-9-inis a hard man, just and upright, but ly hearing Bob's piteous entreaties that what people mean when they call him a A SSIGNEE'S NOTICE. P. J. DONLEY, strict. He said if he once established he would remain, he put on his coat and 'hard man'." "De new preacher is mo' larnt dan Mistuh Bales was: but Lor' bless you, Sah 1 he ain't got de doleful sound like Mistuh Boles had. No, indeedy!" FURNISHING such a precedent as to allow his bill to hat and went out again into the driving. increase, he would have all the embroi- storm. Mrs. Burlington and Alma were derers asking similar favors. Don't sob still up, counting by the light of a candle so, mother! Some way will open. Per- their limited stock of materials, to see if BINGHAMION, N. Y., haps we can clean the cloak, and get a come trifle could be manufactured to earn e. The latest improved Coffins and Caskets on hand-Hearse to order. Shrouds, etc. april 19. '76. and the second

"If I cannot do any better," he thought,

But when he arrived at his sisters' he found Mrs. Thornton and Jenny had gone to a concert. Bob was at home, doing sums, and he dragged his uncle into the sitting room.

"Wait a little while, uncle," he urged, and mother will be in. She said I might So the uncle took off his overcoat and sat down. Upon the table Bob's school on it. But the outlines were all smeared, afraid you won't get any praise for that."

"That is all Jennie's fault," said Bob; "but she did the cutest trick you ever heard afterwards."

"What was that ?" "Why, this afternoon I finished my map, and spread it out here upon the table to dry. It was awfully wet, for I always do plaster the colors on thick. Well, it was here drying, when a sewing girl came with a new cloak for the baby. and what does Jennie do but throw it over this table. You ought to have seen it when she snatched it up again, all red. blue, yellow, green and black. Mother commenced to scold me for leaving the map there, but Jennie stopped her, and whispered to keep quiet, and she need never pay for the cloak. She just whipped the map into table drawer as quick as winking, sent Ann for the sewing girl. and gave her the greatest blowing up you ever heard, for daring to bring home the ceiling, and she stammered and stut-

tered as if she was going to be killed; and Jennie stormed and fumed till she fairly run her out of the house, bundle and all. Then she laughed till she had to sit down."

"You are but a boy !" his uncle said, &c., &c., for sale by I. N. BULLARD, Mrs. Thornton's face; added gently :-and might be excused for thoughtfulness P. A. HOPKINS & SONS, PROMITTORS Thirty dollars! Oh, Alma, how often I Then he paused. It would scarcely do to "Let us forget all that now! Will you Montrose, Sept. 9, 1874-tf. have spent four times that upon useless tell Bob his opinion of Mrs. Thornton come to my room, Jennie, and take off No. 41 Court Street, 2d Floor, Binghamton, N. T. triffes, and never thought of it again! and Jennie. He was fairly sick with the your hat? We are cousins, are we not, A SSIGNEE'S NOTICE. ، **نے چ**ے and good friends?" And Jennie com-plied; though to this day she assures her A. N. Bullard having assigned all his estate to the undersigned in trust for his creditors, all persons indebted by book account or otherwise are requested to make immediate settlement, and all having claims against the estate will please present them to keen pain of this "oute trick" of his fa-ALL STYLES OF BINDING She spake the last words with a des- vorite nicce. A man of rigid integrity,

"Don't go far, dear. It is late, said Mrs. Burlington; and Alma promised haste. But it was the last time the girl had to face storm and darkness for food.

Dick Vaughn, found that the wan, wasted face of Edith Burlington had the same power over his matured, but empty heart, as the blooming, happy Edith Lecompton had over his youthtul one. Business excuses were framed to account for frequent visits to the poor rooms. lucrative orders were sent or carried, and the sad heart of the widow brightened under the delecate thoughtful attentions of her old friend. Every day some new proof of his care for her touched her

tons's deep vexation over the fact of her brother's marriage, was only equalled by her amazement when introduced to his step-daughter.

"I-surely I have seen you before?" she said, as graciously as possible, for after all, it was better to keep on good terms with Dick.

"Yes," said ber brother, dryly, "the Vaughn,s, and told him axactly what had "You think it was fun, then, to swin-New Milford, May 1st, 1875.-tf. last time, that you saw Mrs. Burlington happened, and he-mother, I know he dle the girl out of the price of weary was the day when Jennie threw the badid not believe me-he said I must not **Powder!** Powder! Powder! weeks of labor?" "I did not think of DINGHAMTON by's cloak, she had embroidered, upon that." he said. "I suppose that it was rough on the girl!" come again for materials till the last bill Blasting, Rifle and Shot Powder, Shot, Lead, Gun Tubes, Caps, Ponches, Flasks, Fuse, &c., Bob's wet school map." And Alma, is paid." BOOK BINDERY bitying the confusion and dismay upon How can we ever pay it with the

