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REPLY TO I "WANT A WIFE."

DY "HUSDAND," "I want a wife, I want a wife;" You pray in solemn song, To share the joys and pains of life,

And happiness pro You know not half the misery Which marriage doth disclos You deem it nought but poetry,

And not a line of prose. Alas for me! I have a wife, ..(You will not think it wrong For one to say), she plagues my life By scolding all day long.

At 3 A. M, 'tis " now my Dran I bid you to arise, ... The market will be closed, I fear, Get up and rub your eyes."

"I want some ham and sourkront, Some tusnips, beets, and cabbage— You lazy, worthless brute—car out!" She shricks in manner savage.

If tattered coat or vest I bring, She screams in voice of BAILER, You cruel, good for nothing thing If pants and shirt are buttonless

And stockings fraught with holo he calls me "fool"—with carnest "Your sex are vold of souls." Take my advice, avoid a wife As one avoids the fire; 'I'm free from care and sorrow's strife;

Should vixen wire expire.

Selert Cale.

MY DIAMOND STUDS.

"Diamonds of a most praised water."-PERICLES. 'Sir,' said the stranger, ' those stude are

We were alone together, face to face. The train was flying on at the rate of thirty miles an hour. It was already verging toward eve Liege and Brussels.

locks; his eyes were wild and brilliant, and them: They will help thee to begin the he wore an ample cloak with a high fur col world.

Int. I thought the man must be mad and I Ind. turned cold all over.

"Did you speak, sir ?" I found courage to

'I spoke, sir You wear a set of studsdiamonds set in colored gold-very graceful design—stones of an excellent water; buthey are not yours.'

Not mine, sir! The stranger nodded, I had purchased them only a week before They captivated me from the window of a

jeweler's shop in Berlin, and they cost memy wife should chance to see this article. I took out my pocket book and handed the bill to the stranger...

Sir,' I said, ' be pleased to read this little impatiently, 'Judess you tell me where to find paper, and convince yourself that the stude them?" are mine, and mine ouly. He just glanced it over and returned it to

Methodist E. Church, (that charge) reducted Main and Pitt Streets. Rev. R. D. Chambers, Pastor. Services at 11 o'clock A. M. and 55 o'clock P. M. — Muthodist E. Church (the charge) Rev. Thomas Daugherty, Pastor. Services in College Chapel, at 11 o'clock A. M. and 35 c'clock, P. M. Roman Catholic Church, Pomfret near East street. Rev. James Barrett, Pastor. Services on the 2nd Sunday of each month. "I "seo,' he said, shrugging his shoulders my story, and no doubt we shall presently contrive come plan by which to settle the question of ownership."

. My heart sank within me at the cool cerainty of his voice and countenance. 'Shall I go on?' he asked lighting a cigar. O, by all means, I replied. I shall be

delighted.' He smiled ominously to himself-then sighed and shook his head, passed his fingers wice-or thrice through his elfin looks, cross-

ed his feet deliberately on the opposite cushions, and fixing his eyes upon me, thus be-Petersburg, I am of Hindoo descent. My them!'

grandfather belonged to the province of Hy- Kept them, sir! that's it? said the stran derabad; but, travelling then while yet a grandfather. Uninstructed himself he was that in time he should obtain his price, suff asked another. But my graddfather conjy for one huddred and four thousand one hunheld his peace; and after a time the marvel dred and sixty-six pounds, thirteen shillings died away and was forgotten. And thus and four-pence. Count Orloff was , Cath. eleven more years passed on; and my father, arine's favorite, and to her on her birthday, at the age of twenty-two was summoned bome to Ralaghant to receive the last benediction of after he had made the purchase. his expiring parent. He found the old man

stretched upon a mat, and almost apeschless less with astonishment Is it possible that Adjai, he murmered Adjai, my son these are all facts?' these are all facts?' "Redit?' school the

turned his face saide, · Adial.' said my grandfather, . I have a ter-

rible secret to confide to thee; one which my go on sir. soul refused to carry to the grave. Canst

My father urged him to speak." 'It is to my own shame to revenl it to thee, idjai; but I how my head to the punishment.

My son. I'bave sinned. My father became more curious than ever. Thou wilt not despise my memory, Adjai?' By Brahma, no!' said my father raising his hand to his head.

'Then hearken.' The old-miner lifted bimself upon his elbow and collected all his strength. My father knelt down and listened.

'It happened,' enid my grandfather, 'just three and twenty years ago, and I was then but a working miner. I chanced one day upon a vein of extraordinary richness. My son, I was tempted; the cvil one took possession of my soul: I secretad five diamonds -One was incalculably valuable, -larger than a walnut, and, as far as I could judge of admirable water. The other four were about the size of pens Alas, Adjai ! From that hour I was a miserable man. Many and many a time I was on the point of confessing the theft; and was as frequently deterred by eliame, fear, avarice or ambition. I married and a year after my macriage thou went born. Then I resolved to dedients this wealth, to thee and thee alone; to make thee prosperous and learned; never, never to profit in my own person by my sin.

Generous parent l'exclaimed my lather, nthusiastically. "When I took thee to Bennres, Adjai," co

tinued my grandfather, 'I sold one of the four smaller diamonds; and with this I have defrayed the expenses of thy education. never spent one fraction of the sum upon myself ; and some few golden ropees of it are et remaining.

. Indeed !' eaid my father who was listening with the greatest attention. And the res of the geme?" . The rest of the gems, Adjai, thou canst re

store them when I am gone ! Restore!' echoed my father. 'Yes, my child. Thou hast education. I will make thee far happier than the possession ning and we were about half way between of ill-getten riches; and I shall die in peace, knowing that the reparation will he made, I shrank back into the farthest corner of As for the few remaining rupees, I think, if my little compartment and stared at him. then art not over scrupulous in the matter-His bair was dark, and hung in long loose thou mightst almost be justified in keeping

> 'Indeed!' said my father with a curious sort of smile flitting about the corner of his mouth.

At this moment the old man changed color and a shudder passed over him. . I - I have told thee just in time, Adjai, he said falteringly. I feel that-that I have

not many moments to live. Come hither that I may give thee my blessing ; "My dear father," said Adjai Ghosal, 'you have forgotten to tell me where the diamonds

are hidden. 'True,' gasped the dying man. 'You will no, I dare not say what they cost me, for fear find them my son you will find them but thou wilt be sure to restore them as soon na Lam dead 2

'How can I restore them,' said my father

'True-very true, my Adjai. Look, then, in the roll of matting which I use for a pillow, and there thou wilt find the three small

er gems and the large one. See-ace the superintendent-Adjai-my-my-' . A rapid convulsion, a moun, a heavy fallby right of inheritance. I can make this ing back of the outstretched hands, and my

> The stranger broke off abruptly in his his. tory, and laid his hand upon my sleeve. 'And now, sir,' said he, 'what do you sup

pose my father did ?' "Went into mourning, perhaps," said I deeply interested. 'Nonsense, sir. : He went to the roll

matting. And found the diamonds ?" 'Not only found them, sir' said the strar ger, laying his finger on his nose, 'not onl' found them ; but-can't you guess ?'

.. Well, really, said I. hesitating, 'I-that Though a native of Russia and born in St. supposition, I should guess that he kept is-if I should not he offending you by the

ger, rubbing his hands triumphandy; and young man, established himself of Balaghant, in my opinion he was quite right too. Well, and became a worker in the great diamond sir, to cortinue. As soon as my venerable mines, commonly known as the mines of Gol- ansertor had been consigned to the grave, my sonda. A grave, silent, unsociable man was father left Balaghant for Calcutta; and emmy grandfather, and little beloved by his fel | barking there on board a Russian vessel, sailw miners. The superintendent, however, ed for St. Potersburg. Arrived in that city, laced great confidence in him; and by and he consigned the gems to a skillful artist, by by, being promoted to the situation of over- whom they were cut and polished. Sir, when seer, he married. The only off-pring of this out and pollshed, it was found that the larunion was Adjai Ghosal, my father. The ger stone weighed no less than one hundred Hindoos, as you must be aware, place a high and ninety-three carate! My father knew that value on learning and even the poorest evince his fortune was made, and applied for an audience of the Empress Catharine II. The or to the working classes of a more enlightened community. Of this feeling no man in shown; but the Empress was unwilling to ac his position partock more largely than my code to my father's terms; and he, believing ardently desirous that his son should benefit ered the matter to drop, took a beautiful by advantages, which, generally speaking, mansion overlooking the Nava, naturalized ere accessible only to the wealthy; and in himself as a Russian su' ject, under the name pursuance of this ambitton, sent Adjai Ghosal of Peter Petroffski, and patiently bided his at the age of eleven years to a large native time. Thus nearly a twelvemonth passed; academy at Benares. People wondered at and my father, who had long since parted first, and asked each other what the thing with the last of his golden rapees, began to mennt, and where the overeeer found menns feel nervous. The event proved however that to do it. Have you found a lag of rupees he had done wisely; for one morning he reto do it. A linve you round a law to he had one wisery; for one make a diamond merchant of little Adjai? loff, and sold his diamond to that nobleman he presented this regal gift, some few days

'Is it possible,' I exclaimed, almost breath-

"Facis!' echoed the stranger indignantly. could not have borne to die without seeing Turn to the article on diamonde in any en evoluted lin. and convince yourself. Facts My father pressed his hands in silence, and indeed ! Why, sir, that incatimable gem now adorns the sceptre of Russia!

"I beg your pardon, I said humbly; pray He seemed voxed, and remained silent; a

I spoke again.

CARLISLE, PA., WEDNESADY JUNE 10, 1857.

"In what year did you say this happened?" | Katrina, sir, was the only child of Prince immense commercial influento; so he em mothers! I respect her memory.'

Here the stranger paused, and wiped his eyes with a very fine cambric bandkerchief, which filled the carriage with an overpowering perfume of patchouli. Presently, conquer

ing his emotion, he resumed : two years from the date of my father's wedding, the newly created family of Petroffski must have become extinct. As it was, there especially at St. Petersburg.

He paused for a moment, and a question abstracted: I fell into a listless dreaming which had long suggested itself in my mind mood, and replied at random when spoken to, now rose to my lips. above all I wandered like and best in and out 'You have not told me,' said I what of the saleons and gaming rooms where I had

your father did with the three smaller dia of late been so eager in the pursuit of pleasure. mond's. 'Sir,' replied the stranger, 'I am coming to that presently

So I bowed and waited in silence.

injure your health by over application.'

Never was good advice more trapulously ant. "Are you in debt, and does the dear parfollowed. My studies at Heldiburg were padraw his purse strings too closely?" pleasant rather than profound, and consisted . I shook my head. I had no debts but such chiefly in rowing drinking and figuring. By
dint of striot attention to these duries I carp,
ed for myself the rank of a moss head, and
indeed I may say that I gradual in Bavevian beer, and took out my desire. The that.

'Not that!' exclaimed Skampsikoff! 'well,
then you must be in love. Why, man, you
note. At length I seeded the office of the same. outs. At length I reached the age of twentyone, and returned to St Petersburg just in and Peter, the magnificent Peter, is in love!

Now, by all the saints, this is too ridiculous! time for my birth-day. On this occasion my Who's the girl?'

father threw his house open for a succession 'The Princess Katrina,' I answered with a morning of the actual day he called me into groan. his study, signifying that he had something to say and something to give to me. A small morrocco case of triangular form was lying on his deak. From the moment I entered the room I felt convinced that this was intended for me, and my attention, I fear, wandered. sadly away from the wise and affectionate discourse which my father (leaning back complacently in his great arm chair) was pleased dying day by day !' to heatow upon me. He said n-great deal about the extent of his trade, and the satisfaction it was to have brought up a son who head upon my shoulder . Cheer up; for I should succeed him in it : informed me that think I know of a plan by which to gain you from this day I was to fill the position of junior partner, with a munificent chare in the why you must accomplish the rest for your yearly profits; and finally taking up the mor. self. You will throw yourself at her feet. rocco case bade me accept that as an earnest of his parental love. I opened it, and beheld marriage. She will not have the heart to re a superb set of diamond study. Each stone fuse you. We will set relays of horses for was a brillingt of the purest water, and about you on the road to the nearest seaport; you the size of an ordinary pea. Their value, 1 will embark on board a schooner ready hired feel convinced, could not be less than three for the purpose; and, once off and away, who hundred guinens of your English money. For is to follow? Come, come, I see nothing but some moments I was speechless with delight success for you; and if you will but look a and astonishment, and could scarcely stam trifle more lively. I'll set out at once to see mer forth a word of thanks. Then my father smiled, and told me the history which I have just related to you. I had never heard anything of this before. I knew only the common story current in the city, that my father life

derful diamond to the Empress Catharine a nobleman of his acquaintance, and was premany years ago. If, therefore, I had been sented in due form both to Ivan and his daugh amazed before, I was now still more so, and ter. He did not remain there very lung, bat listened to the narrative like a man in a contrived to enter into conversation with Ka dream.' "And now, my dear boy,' said my father, to me and waved his band. - She instantly in conclusion, these diamonds, as I dare say raised her glass. They exchanged a few senyou have already guessed, are the three re- tences. She looked again, and I felt as if the

father's pillow of matting just sixty years moments he had made his bow, taken his ago.' From this time I lead an enviable life. I owned the handsomest droshky, the finest hands gaily; the ball is rolling and the horses, and the smallest tiger in St. Peters- game's begun. She saw me recognize you burg. My pleasure yacht was the completest and naturally asked me who you were. that lay alongside the quays of the Neva. My fellow, said I, with the best heart and the stall at the opera was next to that of young handsomest stude in St Petersburg. Of hor-Count Skampisyoff, the great leader of fach- ses?' asked the fair Katains. No. said I; ion and folly, and close under the box of of diamonds." Whereupon she looked again. Prince Ruffantuff, who was at the time one Not but that he has horses too, I added, and of our most influential nobles, and generallis. plenty of them. He's a noble fellow and my almo of the Russian army. It was not long most intimate friend; but he is for from hapbefore Skampsikoff and I became the warmest | py. She surveyed you with more interest friends in the world; and before aix months than ever. There's nothing like telling a wo were over, I was known far and near as the man that a man's unhappy. She's sure to be fastest, the richest and the most reckless half in love with you directly. 'He looks scapegrace about town.

held the peerless Katrina. The stranger paused, as if he expected me tinued to listen with a countenance indicat I took my leave; and I think you ought to be tive of polite attention he looked at his watch; very much obliged to me. ran his fingers through his bair, hemmed And I was very much obliged to him, espe-. Harrier (1985) - Arthur Britania (1984) (1984) (1984) story.

peerless Katrios ! Sir, she was a vollat bloombosom of a thunder cloud- She was the est fallow in the world. dream, the poetry, the passion of my life! Henceforth life assumed for me a new and

'In the year 1772,' he replied, falling back Ruffantuff, whose name I have already men insensibly into his parrative. My father tioned. Strange that the fairest, the most new found himself in a position to command etherent of beings should come of so stern a parentage I As Katrina was the gentlest of barked a portion of his wealth in the for trade women, and the most loving, so was Ivan and became in progress of time one of the Ruffantuff the flercest of soldiers and the f-remust among the merchant princes of Rus | severest of fathers. He carried the discipsing During many years he devoted himself line of the camp into the privacy of his hom utterly in the pursuit of riches; for gold, I and made himself dreaded as much by his musiconfess, was my father's weak point. At household us by his troops. I never saw so last, when he had obtained the reputation of forbidding a countenance, or one more exbeing at the same time a millionnire and an pressive of pride and defiance. Gazing upon irreclaimable old bachelor, be married, mar- the delicate creature seated beside him in his ried at eixty years of age, just thirty eight tox one wondered how nature could have years from the time when he left Balughani. played so strange a turn, and sought in vain The object of his choice was a fich widow, in for the faintest trace of apparent consanguinity every way suitable as regarded money and between them. Prince Ivan was a giant in station; an excellent woman, and the best of stature; Katrina was almost childlike in the graceful slightness of her apropotions. Prince Ivan was proud and cruel, Katrina was loving innocent-born for all purposes of tenderness and womanly compassion. What marvel, then, that I loved her? Loved, her, sir, as only few can love-loved her with all the force, and But for my birth, which took place within self abandonment, and passion of which man's nature is capable. I had never been in earnest before' I was in earnest now -hopelessly in carnest, as I well knew, but despair itself fore, my appearence was hailed with extrava- fed my love with fresh energy, and obstacles gant rejoicings. I was christened after my only served to make me more determined .father, Peter Petroffski. My schoolfellows For a long time I loved her with my eyes and called me Peter the second , I remember heart alone, as a devotee worships a saint little of my boyhood, excepting that I had al- upon an alter. I could but gazo upon her ways plenty of roubles in pocket, a pany, and from afar I had never even listened to the n mounted servant to attend me to and from sound of her dear voice, though I would have school; and plenty of indulgence from all my died only to hear her pronounce my name. teachers. No boy in the academy played so Night after night, during the whole operamany pranks or was so readily forgiven as season I sat and watched her from my stall, myself; but money ocvers a multitude of sins I heard no more of the music than if I had been in Siberia; I grew thin and pale and

At last Skampsikoff come to my rooms one morning and remonstrated with me upon my madountable despondency: 'You don't do justice to me, my dear fel-From school I went to college; and, as low, he said, twirling his moustnehies. . I my father's position excluded me from the have introduced you, set you going, made you, college of nobles, I travelled into Germany in point of fact, the fashion; and I take it and studied for five years at the University of rather unkindly that you should reflect so daring a discredit upon my judgment. You Peter, said my father, as we parted, 're- might as well be at La Trappe, as far as your member what a priceless life is yours. Above conversational powers go at present; and as all things, my darling son, be careful not to for your looks, why hang it, you know the least a man can do for society is to look pleas

blush ! The thing's as clear as the sunlight ;

Skampsikoff started and whistled dismall The Princess Kutfina! he repeated. I laid my head down upon the table, and burst into tears.

'I know that I am a fool,' I said, sobbing 'I know that I have no chance-no, hope-no resource-but-exile or death; and yet L love her, O, I love her and I am dying-dying-

My friend was moved. *Cheer up, Petroffski, he said, laving his an interview with her; -and that once done, You will propose an elopement, or a secret about the ways and means.'-I felt as if night had turned to day on hear

ing these words... Skampsikoff, I said, 'you have saved my

had been a great Eastern merchant before he That evening, to my surprise, I saw him settled in Russia, and that he had sold a won- enter Prince Ruffantuff's hox in company with

trina. Just before he left the box, he nodder maining stones which I took from your grand- whole theatre were turning round. In a few leave, and returned to his stall at my side.

'The ball is rolling,' he said, rubbing hi

pale,' said the fair Katrina .- What is the "It was at this period, sir, that I first be- cause of his sorrow?" I smiled and shook my bead. Princess Katrina, I said meaningly. 'you are the very last person in the world to to be syrprised, but finding that I only con- whom I could confide that secret.' With this

twice or thrice, and then went on with his cially when I saw that Kutrina's attention wandered constantly that evening from the You will ask me perhaps who was the stage to myself. Once or twice our eyes met The first time, she started :- the second time ing upon a rock; a rainbow born out of the | be blushed ; and I thought myself the happi

me an interview.'

ind sighed heavily. 'Excuse me, sir,' he said, in a broken voice. My-my emotions on recalling this portion of my bistory are so overwhelming, that (with

your permission) I must smoke a cigar.' I have, be it known, a particular aversion to the odor of tobacco. To speak plainly, it tread the downward path of vice. disagrees with me. However, in this instance I waived my objections; the stranger lit his Havana; and presently the story of my diamond stude went on.

'Those only who have loved,' said the strauinterview. I could think of nothing, but Ka- had lost it, my favorite horse and lost him; trina. To me the universe was all Katrina, and there was only nothingness beyond. Dusk this, somewhat startled, I paused. came at last-the dusk of a Winter's evening. when the tinkling bells of the droshky horses. | iy. and the guttural 'Yukh, yukh!' of the drivers, rose from the streets and public squares, where the snow lay thickly on the ground, and on the bare branches of the trees, and and upon the roofs and balconies of palaces. Then dusk turned rapidly to night, and the frosty sters came out; and I wrapped myself in my cloak of furs, and went out alone or

Swiftly and silently I traversed the fer thoroughfares that separated our dwellings; and gliding along by the wall at the back of Prince Ivan's gardens, stationed myself in a deep angle of shadow, and waited patiently. Presently a small side door opened, and an old woman, closely muffled, looked out.

'What art thou doing there?' she asked in a shrill, tremendous tone.

' Wuiting for the sun to shine,' I replied, is the words of the signal which we have previously agreed upon. The woman extended her hand to me; led

me in, closed the door, and so guided me in utter darkness through a long passage. Presently I saw a thread of brilliant light, when a door was thrown suddenly open, and I found myself in a brilliantly lighted apartment. Here my conductress desired me to wait, and hobbled out of the room. A quarter of an hour elapsed thus. I counted the seconds by a time piece of a console table; but every minute seemed to be the length of an hour. At last the door opened. I turned; I fell at her feet : It was Katrina !

For some moments neither of us spoke. I do not now recollect which first broke the delicious silence; but I believe it was myself. The remembrance of what was said has altogether passed away from me. It seems to me new like a dream, or the dream of a dream, so bright, so far away, so unsubstantial.

head upon her kness, and covered her little hands with kisses. And so we told each other the story of our love-a broken, fultering turned up sixes. story, interrupted by exclamations and questions tears, and kisses, but the sweetest that is told (once only during life) by human lips. Suddenly, while I was yet kneeling at her

foet, while my arm clasped her waist, and one of her dear hands was resting on my head, we heard voices close at hand. 'Her highness,' said one, 'is in her bou-

sense, man, throw for the stude. I feel condoir overlooking the terrace.' "Good,' replied another, at which we both shuddered. 'You need not announce me.' 'Alas,' oried Katrina; with trembling lips 'it is my father!'

The heavy steps came nearer. I sprang my feet: I encircled her with my arm, for lue the paltry winnings ?' she was about to fall, and before I could draw another breath the door flew open, and he entered.

- For a brief-instant-surprise seemed to usurp every other feeling in Prince Ivan's breast. another moment all was confusion. Blows Then the stern features flushed beneath the swarthy skin, and a terrible expression glared the light extinguished. I received a severe from his cruel eye. - He was in full uniform, wound upon the temple from falling against and never stirring a foot from the threshold the open door, and fainted. where he had paused upon opening the door, plucked a pistol from his belt. Without word, without a pause, he pointed the weapon | geon bending over me. The morning sun was at my head.

There was an explosion, a piercing shrick, and-and Katrina-Katrina, my beloved-my adored; had flung herself between us, and received the deadly charge!

I caught her as she fell, senseless and blee ding; I uttered wild words of hatred, of love, of despair, of cursing; I threw myself upon the ground beside her, and I strove to stay the purple stream that gushed from her bosom. Alas! it was in valu! Before the smoke had cleared away, before Ivan himself well knew the deed he had committed, all was over, and and partly from his opinion of my condition. the heautiful Katrina had passed away to that He then said that I must not be moved, and heaven for-for which-'

The stranger's voice faltered; and, letting down the window next to him, he leaned out for a few minutes in the evening air. When he drew in his head again, I offered him my pocket flask of brandy. He emptied it at a draught, returned it to me with a long drawn sigh, threw away the end of his eigar, and resumed:

You will forgive me, sir, if I hasten over

this portion of my narrative. It is of a na-

ture so agonizing to my feelings, that I must content myself with merely stating a few lead. ing facts and passing on to subsequent events. Prince Ivan struck with remorse and horror, solicited the Emperor's leave to retire from the army and entered a convent of monks near Moscow. I received an intimation from the tender-cares I owed a second existence. As government that I should do well to travel for soon as my health was tolerably established; the next eight or ten years. It was a polite my father went back for a few weeks to Russia, form of of exile, to which I was compelled to accede, greatly to the sorrow of my parents: For my own part I was utterly heart broken. and cared little what became of me. I went direct to Paris, and plunged into a course of

conutiful aspect. Somehow or another the most reckless dissipation. Billiards, race (whether through the hints dropped by my horses, dinner parties, betting and follies of friend, or her own attentive study of my clo- every description; soon brought upon me the quent glances, I know not) the fair Katrina expostulations of my family. But I was carebecame aware of my passion, and was not so less of everything-of health, fortune, reputaoruel as to discourage it. Sometimes, when tion-all. When my father refused any longthey stood near me in the crush room, she er to supply my wilful extravagances, I inwould drop her handkerchief or her mn, that curred innumerable debte, and, giving no heed I might have the opportunity of handing it to to the consequences, spent and drank and her. Sometimes she left a flower from her gambled stiff. At length, by some unaccountabouquet lying upon the front of her box, that ble chance, a rumor got about that my father I might go round and take it when she and had disinherited me. From this moment I her father were gone. At last she accorded could find no more credit. The celat by which my follies had been attended seemed to vanish. The stranger buried his face in his hands, away. My friends dropped off, one by one, and, except by a few blacklegs, and two or three good natured chums, I found myself deserted by every one. And still such was my infatuation, instead of reforming—instead of

meriting my father's aid and forgiveness-I only sank lower and lower, and continued to An event, however, occurred which altogether changed the tendencies of my career. I had been dining with some wild fellows at the Maison Dorce. After dinner, when we were all very nearly intoxicated, we called as ger, 'can picture the condition of my mind usual for cards and dice. I soon lost the conduring the hours that preceded that eventful tents of my-purse; theu I staked my cabriolet my watch, chain and seals, and lost them. On

> 'I'll play no more to night, I said dogged-'Pshaw!' cried my antagonist, 'Throw again; next time you'll be sure to win.' But I shook my head and rose from the ta-

> 'I'm a beggar already,' said I, with a forced

De Lancy shrugged his shoulders. As you please,' he replied somewhat contemptuously. I only wanted you to have your revenge. I turned back irresolutely.

Will you play for my house and furniture?" asked.

Willingly.'

So I sat down again, and in a few throws nore found myself homeless. This time I was eckless. I poured out a bumper of wine and tossed it off at a draught.

'If I had a wife,' I cried madly, 'I would stake her next; but I have nothing left nowgentlemen-nothing but life and liberty, and myself. As this is no slave country, you won't play, I suppose, for the latter ?" 'Not I,' said DeLancey sweeping his gains

into his hat. 'I suppose you have no objection to make out that little affair of the house, cabriolet, &c., in writing have you?" There was an easy, satisfied, sarcastic triumph in his tone that irritated me more than the loss of all the rest. I made no reply; but

tearing a leaf from my pocket-book, wrote hastily, and half threw the paper at him. 'Take it, sir,' I said, bitterly; 'and I wish

ou joy of your property.' He surveyed the acknowledgment cooly, put it in his purse, and said with a sneering smile.

Does it not seem a pity now that you should have absolutelely nothing left whereby to retrieve these things? Another throw. another billet of a hundred france, and per-There was a fauteul close at hand. I placed haps they would be yours again. By the way, her in it; I knelt down before her; I bent my you forgot your diamond stude all this time. Will you try once more ?'

And he threw the dice as he spoke. They

'You might have thrown that, Petroffski." he said, pointing to them.

I was sorely tempted; but I resisted. 'No, no,' I said, not my diamond studs. They are an heir loom; and-and I shall write to to my father to-morrow.' 'Like a penitent good little boy ;' said De

Lancey, with an impatient gesture. ' Non-

vinced you'll win.' Say, rather, you feel convinced that you'll win, De Lancey. Have you not stripped me of enough already?'

'Insolent!' he cried. 'Do you think I va-'I think you grasp all you can get.'

'Liar!' The word had scarcely passed his lips, when I flung a glass of wine in his face. In were exchanged, the table was overturned,

When I came to myself I was stretched upon a sofa in an adjoining room, with a surstreaming in at my windows. My companions were all gone-no one knew whither.

What is the matter?' I asked faintly. 'Am I dying !'

The surgeon shook his head. You are severely hurt, he said; but with care and quiet you will recover. Had I not better communicate with your friends ?'

'Write to my father,' I murmured, 'you. will find—his address in my pooket book." The surgeon took up pen and paper and wrote-immediately, partly from my dictation must, above all things, avoid excitement. As he uttered these words and rose to take his leave, a sudden idea, or rather, a sudden pre-

sentiment, struck me. I put my hand to my bosom. The diamond

studs were gone. After this I remember no more. shock produced upon me had that very effect which the surgeon had been so anxious to avoid. I lost consciousness again; and on being restored to life, passed into a state of delivious fever. For many weeks I lay upon the threshold of the grave, and when I at length recovered it was to find my dear father and mother at my side. They had hustened over with succor and forgiveness, and to their disposed of his business, realized his fortune in money, and returned to France an independent man. The excellent man did not long aurvive this chauge. Within two years from the pa-Concluded on Third Page.

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