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their "hunny bridegroom." It was evident that she was insane, and the general belief was that she frantically stabbed her husband. From that moment she made no other rational communication, but pined away and died in less than three weeks. Young Baldoon recovered, but would never enter into explanations regarding the tragic occurrence. Perhaps it is this mystery alone which has given rise to belief of the many descendants of Lord Stair, that the Stairs are a family of madmen.

happy relative, but by Lord Rutherford, who, they say, secreted himself in his chamber, and then fled, and escaped afterwards by a window. This notion seems to us contrary to all probability, not merely because the conception of such an act was far too gross for a man of rank even in that day, but because, had it been acted upon, something must have come of it, either in the way of private vengeance or of procedure before a criminal court. The

David Dunbar is described in an elegy by Mr. Andrew Simpson as a most respectable country gentleman, an agricultural improver, and yet of studious habits. He died by a fall from his horse, while riding between Leith and Edinburgh, in 1682, and was interred in Holy-

OUR WIVES.

From an article in the last Harper, under the above head, we make the following extract. The wives' sensitive organization is much enhanced by the nature of American society, which, however, has

stantly favors changes of fortune as of locality. We are, as a people, in a continuous revolution, and in city or country, the man who lives and dies in the old homestead of his fathers is the rare exception. This mutability tells something sadly upon the happiness of women; who are naturally adhesive and conservative, and take ready and deep root in the soil where they are first planted. The ordeal of the first years of married life, which

ere trials before two natures in some respects different are assimilated, is all the severer when attended with the frequent changes and startling incongruities of the social position; and the American girl who has been the pet of her father's house, may, without falling into unkind hands, have many a misgiving and sinking of heart when she finds herself in a new and a strange home, with a husband directed by business, cares that never intruded upon

neighbors who are strangers to the companions, and perhaps to the associations, and remembrances of her youth. Let her be of average, good fortune, she must find society in many respects is unsatisfactory and aggravating, and she is tempted by the universal emulation to increase her condition by what she desires. At last, by what she possesses, and unless she has a better guide than the ruling fashion, she is led to count her competence a disappointment.

The habit of invidious comparison is the talisman of American families; and when the wife's envyings happen to cross the husband's ambition, and her social vanity refusing to enter into his business-schemings, claims for temptation the time and substance he needs to cope with some rival's grasping competition, — *woe* comes to the household, and the good wife veils his face, and is ready to deroga-

the wife who, who should know him best, repudiate the heavenly guest, and if, lonely self-discipline, or devout sacrifice be too great an effort, let her bring social fellowship to her aid and comfort herself and her husband by such society as blesses and edifies the home. Therefore who will use the good privileges of any village or city, and encourage the presence of friends, whom, though few, she most respects? And find herself mightily strengthened, and a co-laborer of the good and true church and state!

far more than the whole world of frivolous  
sionists, who care for her the less after all  
attention to them, and not seldom make  
port of her best endeavors to entertain them  
style. Let the wife know that every associ-  
whom she and her husband both like and  
respect is a tower of strength and a treasure  
comfort to the family, and a few sensible,  
well principled, good hearted, independent  
men and women may be a match for all the

which every good attention and right purse thrives. Happy is the wife whose best ends are also her husband's and who is nearer him and his worthiest purposes by their unionship. It fires the wife who takes another course, and surrounded by frivolous flatters who despise all serious thought or toil, prompts her husband to like folly in the opposite extreme, by quitting home to chat for hours with the drudges of the market place, if

**What Are You Looking For?**—A man was angry with his wife, either because she talked much, or for some reason or other, and resolved not to speak to her for a long, long time. He kept his resolution for a few days very strictly. One evening he is lying in bed and wishes to sleep, he draws his night-cap

he hears nothing of it. The wife then seizes a candle, and carries it to every nook and corner of the room: she removes stools, chairs, and tables, and looks carefully behind the bed. The husband sits up in bed, and gazes curiously at her movements; he thinks that this must have an end at last; but he is mistaken—his wife keeps on looking and feeling. The husband loses patience and asks, "What are you looking for?"—"For

found it, tell me why you are angry." Upon they became good friends again.

**COOPS, FALSE HAIR, HIGH HEELS AND MATRIMONY.**—An act was introduced into the English Parliament in 1770, "that all women, of whatever age, maidens or widows, that shall, at and after such act, impose-upon and be introduced into matrimony, any of her majesty's

GEN FROM AN OLD BOOK.—It has been recently and truly said, that if Christianity compelled to flee from the mansions of

**CALCULY BUSINESS.**—Three young men

Anderson, Ill., a few days since, tele-  
phoned to glisten eye long about their ta-

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gracy has been well tormented the soul of  
great designs; perhaps more has been  
by concealing our own intentions, than  
recovering those of our enemy. But great  
succeed in both.