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Choice Miscellann.

From the B st in Patients, Engine Clarette. BERTHA. the turbor of "The New Year's Blossing

Years rolled away and three great sorrows cause to Earnest Leunarison. Wilhelm died, and no father ever mourned the death of a beloved son with a deeper grief than he who had and been such a faithful friend, and who now sorrowof for his young brother; Bertha, from her disthat home, sent words of truest sympathy and outfort, seeming to forget her loss in anxiety to never before had seemed so irksome and long.

on the n his, and thus, though far apart, they No, no, nothing but the music you ordered," in date it his, and thus, though far apart, they so med drawn nearer to each other by their mu-The see and change that took place was the a passing better, the brother who never told how

and sent them forth to be loved and sung by high ther feet and merry voices greeted her.

is said that the victor sto went, and, that proud heart concealed till it unconsciously found was been the address to him, her we manly tuils was but a by many who had known and

loved the remember hearted sincer The other stong desire that now possessed him, was to purchase back the home he loved so he labored day and night cheering-himself with visums of a culm old age and a pleasant home, | seemed, toward the remote nook where he sat; wherein to we loome Bertha when she came again And at length she did return to her native in I, and to the city near which she had once dwelt unknown, but which she was now proudticlaim her as its own and welcome her with

leaving messages and gifts, was one whose face shone with an eager joy, as, with the freedom of a well known friend, he hastened through the throng toward an inner door where stood a servent receiving and answering the inquiries show-

enng upon him · Mademoiselle is engaged, sir, you cannot en ter,' he said, as the new comer would have pass

with a smile, " my good friend I am her guardian, and she will be expecting me among the first to greet her "

. He is the gentleman who will soon make a Countries of Mademoiselle, if the world speaks truly, and surely his right to enter cannot be questioned I finey," answered the servant, care-

"I have none; I am like the rest of the world ! ing the clust r of enrefully gathered roses he flung them carelessly away and passed slowly

i out. 📞 "Firnest Lemmitson," read the servant, as he tossed the eard into the heaped up basket, muitaring as he outhered up the scattered leaves "Some old lover of my lady's, doubtless; the handsome young Count will soon win her t fing them all by like these poor things" Beyond the city gates walked Ernest, through the quiet wood paths, saying to himself, while

"I will not treable her, but wait till she comes freely to me as of old to tell her joy. I will believe nothing and judge her by herself alone.-She will come, and I will not doubt my little

the e d pain sharper than before starred in his

door, hid her go up and seek for herself, muttering pertishly the while at being roused from her
noonday nap Up the dark stairway Bertha
stole with a heating heart, and, meeting no anwhat is it, Henri?"

wise and good; that he may be the more worthy
of her."

are those gone before?" said Ernest as the man him since you came, until I led you here, where
oned breathlessly against a tree.

"You spoke of some purchase made for her;
speak "my master had a quarrel at a gambling he still binks of you, with unchanged affection, stole with a beating heart, and, meeting no answer to her light tap, timidly entered, to find the room deserted. Standing there alone she looked with pitying eyes at the desolate place so unlike the home she had fancied his. Poor as she knew he had became she had never dreamed of the light this and important for what the heart had been the beautiful spot want like this, and, ignorant for what cherished purpose he desied himself so much, she gared me here? Good night, then, and pardon me if sadly upon the gloomy room so scantily suppli- I have unwittingly pained you by my thoughtless ed with comforts-its only ornaments the instru-words."

with sunshine, flowers and music; wait a little tient hope and labor were in vain.

marriage of sister Gertrude, who journeyed away a Well, well, I would not have the memory of farewell. to chom across the sea, where as a happy wife me a task. To night I shall see and hear her and mother, she forgot in her own cares, save by and will try to be contout with that. Hence till the sound of sudden laughter and voices bloody grass, and no sound broke the silence but and with a sigh, Bertha stole back to the inner forth I must teach myself to think of her no reached him as he entered an unfrequented the mournful ripple of the stream. great his benchmess became when the united in re as my little Bertha, but the Count's be- street, and saw, just entering the house before household was thus separated, and he was left trethed. Sighing heavily he entered his room him, Count Alaric and a sinister looking man, to thim
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Looking and listening silently, while others saw and applauded only the fair singer, Ernest was socking to read the woman, and to discover the true easse of the weary restless look that now a moment she stod silent, gazing intently as it be yours." his mind, when he caught sight of a young and richly drassed man a short distance before him, beaming with delight to meet and answer her

glance with one as warm and bright as her own.

"Her happiness same po use one green outer town low and earnest conversation.

"This must be the Count: little wonder she ing child swept over him like a cool wind in a At first their words fell idly on his car, but labor as I once could, even for your dear rake, I am broken in health, and may become a burden loves so young and ardent a friend," thought as he looked down on his threadbare dress, and remembered the silver hairs among the brown locks that fell about his thin and care worn face. He did not know that the gayeyoung lover was unteen, and that the sight of him alone called the deep color to her cheek, and gave a tenderer melody to her voice, as she mang her farewell nir, and, with a lingering look behind, vanished

from the eager eyes of the excited throng. "I must see her again, if it be but an instant, through the ebbing crowd, while a bitter conflict thus forget yourself." that no one should disturb her after Count Alar- of sorrow, lave and jealously went on in his ic came; therefore pardon me, sir, but even you troubled heart. He gained the private entrance connet pass, replied the servant, glancing where her carriage waited, and mingled with the friend, the Count stood silent for a moment, somewhat suspiciously at the poor garments of group of gentlemen who gathered there for a last struggling to collect himself, then flinging down somewhat suspiciously at the poor garments of the stranger, whose quiet dignity forbade all look as she passed out. Presently she came, though he still stood at the door, say-closely veiled, leaning on the arm of a grey head-closely veiled, leani eav a word to her, when the young stranger stepped before him to the carriage door, whispering a few words to the old gentleman, who re-

plied, With a grateful bow he sprang in and they er. were gone, leaving the wondering group to diseasly, adding more respectfully, as he saw a persent will. Ernest stood for a moment, with udden change fall en the stranger's joyful face, la pale cheek, and an unwonted fire in his eye, of will take any missage you may choose to looking after the departing carriage which had went out.

Lave, sir, and see that she receives it, "glancing left nothing but its dust on his cloak to remind.

A burder him that what had happened was reals A young friend spied him out, and taking his

the stronger brading a card "The flowers me walk with you, Lennartson, and offer my So will not ene for, let them go," and erush congratulations on the success of your fair papil When may I offer them upon her bridal? he added, with a meaning amile. "Henri tell me what you know of this Count," replied Ernest, heedless of the question. "I have

not seen Bertha alone, and should be glad to "All I can tell you is this," said the young gan without looking into his listener's anzion face; "he is a nephew of old ilerman's, the gray headed gentleman we saw to night, whose daughters are Mademoiselle Bertha's friends, and thro' them Alarie came to see and love her. I cannot pasting her bither, and the late purchase he has made for her, one may be pretty sure that she will ere long make him happier than he deserves." "How is that? is he less noble and worthy

than he looks?" asked Ernest quickly. Meanwhile Bertha had dismissed the Count, and, nassen, unattended, had stolen away from hopes and noble aspirations," returned his friend; welcoming friends and curious strangers to the poor home where she had harned her master, as she still called him, dwelt. Through the noisy narrow streets she hastened on wondering how he, so fond of light and air, could make his home in the angeles and noble aspirations," returned his friend; hopes and noble aspirations," returned his friend; hopes and noble aspirations," returned his friend; hopes and all was still again before the comprehended what had pessed. Then, stand her wish the desay read, he strained his eyes to follow streets she hastened on wondering how he, so for the hone? He might gain in whatever he underturned in the anneally suggestion and ill these years, and grown stronger, he dead all these years, and grown stronger, because, the comprehended what had pessed. Then, stand her till it has become the light and beauty for the hone? He might gain in whatever he underturned his eyes to follow streets she hastened on wondering how he, so for the hone? He might gain in whatever he underturned his comprehended what had pessed. Then, stand her till it has become the light and beauty of the comprehended what had pessed. Then, stand her till it has become the light and beauty in the anneally suggest grown stronger, and grown stronger, he still again before the comprehended what had pessed. Then, stand pessed ill it has become the light and beauty in the anneally suggest grown stronger, and grown stronger, and grown stronger.

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ment she had first used and a little rose tree from the garden she so well remembered. A single ray of snulight that stole in fell on the well worn keys and flickard about the crimson flower, whose fragrance affect he air as it waved in the warm wind. Tests shone on Bertha's cheek as she marked this, and all the dear past rose up freshly to her mind, as she whispered softly to her self.

With a hasty adieu Ernest turned away, and the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to the wood, through which lay the nearest path to had borne a hidden sorrow, and cherished an afterior of nothing but Bertha and her spried more fection far more unselfish than my own.

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"He still thinks of me, and cherishes the Once he had counted his little store with growthings I loved. Ab! dear master, the day is pleasure, picturing to himself as he added sum very near whou I can show by my gratitude and joy for some part of the great debt I have owed and blessed by her love. Now, both home and so long. I have won the power to fill your life wife were lost to/him, and the long years of pa-

Long she sat in the lonely room lost in sweet motionless in the silent room—while the shadow and bitter musings; still he did not come. So, leaving a few lines of affectionate greeting, speak- night wind, sweeping across the chords of her ing of the duties that called her away and beg-ging him to come to her soon, she left the spot whisper in fitful music her own words, "I will where she longed to linger and hastened away. Vet fill his life with sunshine, melody, and prove "No note, no message left for me? you are I never our forget." But he saw nothing, heard sure, Gretchen?" asked Ernest, as at nightfall nothing in the outer world, till, from the gray he came wearily luck from his daily task, which steeple near, midnight sounded over the hushed

never before had seemed so irksome and long.

"No, no, nothing but the music you ordered,"

Roused by the sudden clang of the great bell,
mumbled the old woman, in whose memory the to l grid, which, as time went on, softened into sight of Bertha only lingered as a part of the dim that led him forth, he threw a clock upon his colorless lips, own noble examined the old woman, in whose memory the large and lost on his colorless lips, own noble examined the old woman, in whose memory the large and lost on his colorless lips, own noble examined up, and stole quietly out toward the city of It is as well so. Be kind to little Bertha, we to follow." shoulders, and stole quietly out toward the city "The old master is forgotten, then," he said. gate, beyond which lay the home he went to bid and bid her think sometimes of the old free.

On he hastened, through the deserted squares,

uined," whispered one bystander to another.

voice seemed to breathe in his ear-"If he is rained, your home is your own ! again. If Bertha knew it, she would mever be slept at her post, when the hollow eyes unclosed longed to you, though unsuspected and unovershadowed the face he knew and loved so well. his wife. Let it go on, and the gloom about you and Ernest waked weak as a child, but calm and sought "

well, for this solitary heart now longed, for this Once only it lit up with a sudden smile, and for [will gather about him, while his happiness may conscious. A dim mist seemed at first to float but hardly had the glad thought fisshed through and the lights swam before his eyes for a me familiar objects of his room, while voices sound ment only, then through the tumult, within and ed through the twilight round him.

> who bent eagerly forward, his bandsome face echoing the words he had spoken long agodesert place, and scorning busself for his two- soon he listened, like one in a dream, powerless Ernest drawing back with an unconscious sigh mentary weakness, he thrust the temptation to speak or move. The Count was saying eager-

qual contest, quit it before it is too late." "Who are you that dare interfere thus? and in whose name do you warn me to stop, sir?" eried the Count, hotly starting up.

said Ernest, within himself, as he hastened such a mad hour as this. For her sake do not and reading the truth and honor of his unknown

his cards he frankly offered his hand saying, with thank you. I have been mad, infatuated,-but the magic of the name you have used is strong enough to stay my reckless folly at its height.

tle past accounts, and then quit this place forev-"I do trust you. Think of her and evil ean not tempt you," whispered Ernest; and pressing sees, I owe them all to him who has been, through his hand, with a friendly warning, he silently secrew, neverty and absence, a fond and faithful

A burden of bitterness and gleom seemed lift: ed from his spirit as he passed along the mocalit road he had so often trodden, with little Bertha to her now, so give her this if you lik " said arm said, gaily "As our routes are the same let at his side. Now no childish foot tripped over the green pathway, but a beautiful, proud woman seemed to glide before him, looking back if I grieve that his happiness becomes my sorwith grateful tender eyes, and beckering him on,
row," marmared the count with a heavy sigh.

deep delight.

He reached at last the well knows path that led, through blooming shrube and trees, to the entrance of his home. But now a closed gate barred the way, and leaning there, he looked, leng and sadly, through the iros bers, at the meglected garden, where the fountain behild the said sadly, through the iros bers, at the meglected garden, where the fountain behild show and is passed in the fountain was the only sould find that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould show a state of the fountain was the only sould that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould state of the fountain was the only sould be sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould state of the fountain was the only sould be sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould state of the fountain was the only sould be sould be sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould state of the fountain was the only sould be sould be sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould be said that broke the silence, till kirnest half a sould sould

darted away.

After a brief pause to collect his thoughts, Then, from his unconscious lips, I-for the first time learned how long and faithfully he too

the wood, through which lay the nearest path to had borne a hidden sorrow, and cherished an af-

that he might speed the faster, on he struggled,
till at last be gained a little knoll, and paused a looked out with dim eyes at the distant river side,
moment to see where next to turn. The most and for a moment nothing broke the sunny sishone dimly, but there, just below him on the lence round them. Then looking up, with pity opposite the sinister stranger, who leaned on a said, low wall, with a scornful sneer on his dark face. "Forgive me for the pain I cause you, and longer and Bertha will prove that she never forlaid his head upon his folded arms, and so sat and the eager face of the servant was visible as two freely, gladly take as yours.

But this cannot and the eager face of the servant was visible as two freely, gladly take as yours.

> and breathless, sprung from the knoll as their The young mon warmly pressed the hand she weapons gleamed in the light, and, darting across offered, saying, bumbly and seriously, lay upon the ground, saying faintly, with a smile rendered worth saving by the silent rebuke of his on his colorless line.

who, to the last, thought of her happiness alone." with a mient glance into the sweet approving.

Then he fell back, white and still, upon the countenance before him, the Count was gone, CHAPTER VI

In a distant recess, Ernest saw the pair he fore, sought. Short as was the time since they entersought the foreign for the land and sound by the little is. The change her friend forefold had come, and be the sound as a trace of the young girl in the color had afteredy loss heavily, judging the pair face on the pillow grew more the colorless and thin, the gray locks wither with by the gold that lay before his evil-faced companion, who watched his excited and unwary opporting the rain of his color with a crafty smile, luring or goading him only after the color with a craft smile with a craft smile with a color with a craft smile with a color with a color with a craft smile with a color with a color with a craft smile with a color with a c Night and day she sat in that husbed room,

seemed to leave him. before him, and low murmurs filled his ear, but of your womanhood, with such a bright path His face finabed and paled, his heart best loud slowly the cloud passed, and he beheld the old spread before you, be content to sacrifice the

without, sounded the low voice of his better self, Looking through a half open door into the choing the words he had spoken long ago—

"Her happiness shall be the one great object Count Alaric standing in the light together, in "I am poor,

aside and stepped forward, saying, as he laid his ly, as he sought to look in Bertha's half averted hand on the young Count's shoulder,

"My friend, let me warn you, this is an une"Will you not only let me hope then? I only worthy as I am. Will you not grant me this,

Bertha!" Ernest bent and whispered, "In Bertha's name "I cannot, Alarie," she replied, firmly and again, he whispered feverently, I ask it. I am her friend, and, as such, cannot kindly. "Listen, and I will tell you why I will "God bless you for this hour, I ask it. I am her friend, and, as such, cannot see you wreck her happiness and your own in such a made hour as this. For her sake do not thus forget yourself."

Looking fall into the poble from hefers him been so long concealed; but you deserve it; as "Has Bertha proved forgetful of her early

fidence freely as to a brother " uplifted to his, and met the frank glance of her affection that has lived so long in secret, will not eyes which never changed, though, her check vanish now when all is told I have won what

less little child, and the same kind hand that led | for Love's simple wreath of flowers. I have a I will play no more. Trust me. I will but set me over yonder threshold then, has guided me, dearer tack now than to please a fickle crowd through all these years, to womanhood and hap-

Whatever virtue, power, or success I now possorrow, poverty and absence, a fond and faithful who will watch and cheer you with such real friend to me. Should I not be grateful for all delight as she for whose sake it was lost? If this? and can you blame me that the first you are old, am I not here, strong and loving. thought of my heart should be, how best to render his life calm and beautiful, as he has render- from obscurity to happines like this shall mined mine?"

"Hear me out," said Bertha, "and you will bloom and safight as you bave filled the spring with grateful tender eyes, and bestoning aum on, while she senttered roses at his feet, and sang "Hear me out," said Bertha, "and you will bloom nous."

Strange melodies that filled him with a new and strunge him any joy, however great, when not gradge him any joy, however great, when of hous."

Therew dash of the fountain was the only you have learned how he deserves it, Alaric.

Therew dash of the fountain was the only and that broke the silence, till Ernest hall a sound that broke the silence, till Ernest hall a

house in the city, and they are gone to the river after this long separation side yender to settle it. I am hastening to him A smile so radiant and glad lit up her face, now, for he bade me follow when I had given his and inward joy lent such tender music to her note to the lady in case he never returned."

voice, that all her lost bloom seemed restored

"Who is your master?" demanded Ernest fourfold, as she replied, with "Count Alaric," answered the man, as he ward the stlent room within. fourfold, as she replied, with a fond glance to-"I never knew it till I came to tend him her

river's edge, stood the Count, pale and resolute, and affection shining through her tears, Bertha

A group of gentlemen were gathered near by, believe me, were I free, there is no heart I would he came hastening from the road beyond. be therefore forget the past, and give me still, With a vain effort to call them Ernest, faint what I most truly prize, your friendship."

the narrow dell, stood between them crying "It is yours forever, dearest Bertha. I can hoursely, "Stay and hear me." But it was too, give you up, without one selfish pang, to him was late. As the first word fell from his lips a sharp has so well deserved you Tell him this, and report broke the stillness of the night. The next God keep you both, to bless each other for these moment a man rode hastily from the field, and years of constancy Farewell, when I have learnthe rest gathered wonderingly about the Count, , ed to love you less, I will return to claim you as whose arm was tenderly supporting Ernest as he my friend, and thank him for the life he bee

room, looking with glad wonder at the placed smile on Bruest's pallid face, and the healthful Day after day went heavily by in the darken, sleep that seemed to hover round him, like a

Shall I tell it, Berth ""

Standing unseen, amid the few spectators, Er- knee. And through this long trial, though her went on, watching her changeful face as intentnest watched the game with intenser interest check faded and her eyes grewdim, her woman's ly as she watched the dancing waves "Look than any there, forgetting everything, for the heart grew stronger, and her hidden love burned | ing from the gloom around me, I saw you and ime, except the changing face of the young man with a purer flame, while her new found pay, Alaric in the sunshine near, and from your lips

hour after hour went by, and his low breathing by meet his own, and all her love gushed warmly As the words reached Ernest's ear a sudden grew more regular and light, while a healthful from her heart into her face and voice, as she rethought darted through his mind, and an evil dew stood on his brow, and the burning fever plied

Bertha was called away, and the old nurse story of a true affection, which always has be-"Bertha, can you, in the bloom and freshness

> many pleasures you might gain, to beautify and brighten the solitary life of your old master?" Ernest asked, with anxious tenderness, adding "I am poor, and cannot even give von a fit. I am broken in health, and may become a burden

on your generous care. Think of these things, and do not let me win my happiness at the cost of yours, my grateful Bertha?" Her only answer was to smooth the grey locks ask for that; months, years will I wait, until with a fond, light touch, and look upon him with you learn to love me as I feel you may, un a smile so proud and tender, that he needed no reply And coming to her side, while all the

glow and buoyant vigor of his youth seemed his

I cannot give you my love, I will yield my con- friend, as you foretold?" she asked, leaning in the old childish way upon his arm, adding softly The Count looked silently into the earnest face | "Ah ! Ernest, do not doubt the future. The crimsoned, and her voice grew lower as she went is dearer far then anything the world can give and am content. Fame, without love, to a true "Ten years ago I came into the house a friend- woman, is a brilliant crown she gladly lays down Loving and serving you is henceforth my true happiness and duty. If you are poor, can I not earn enough for both with the gift whose use you taught me? If health deserts you to support you? The hand be which you led me ister to every want, the ruice you trained with "I cannot blame you, Bertha, but forgive me patient skill, shall so the all weariness and pain

lected garden, where the fountain beblied settly and the wind stirred among the flowers, as please antly as when he sat there on a happy night that now seemed very long ago.

As he stood thus, unconscious how the night was passing, a carriage and several horseinan swept suddenly by, and, with a quick, foreboding start, he caught the sound of the Count's impation to the process of the count's impation to the count's count in the count to the count in the count to the count's intervent in the count of the c

grace which you would not linten to thy love, loss shrub its fairest crimson flower, and half the that he had already were the gift I have been full blown rose, in Ernest's hand, build the struggling so long to gain? You had not met withered buds.

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