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FACE TO FACE.

f my face could only promise that its color would 12 my heart were only certain it would lide the

if my tremisling hand were steady, if my smiles had not all fled,

If my eyes spoke not so plainly of the tearn they I would most you and would greet you at the old and perchance you'd down me happy if you met

if the melody of springtide awoke no will re-If the autumn's golden burthen awoles no living s would meet thee and would greet thee as years.

ago we net, Before our hearts were ship wrecked on the occan "If my woman's wond were stronger, if my heart I would long have cented remembering the love

Until wo most in beaven, when tears have passed

away. - Mark Lemon to Temple Lar.

HER HUSBAND.

It is now over four years since I, Elizaboth Graves, first met Doya Hamilton. 1 was at Nice, on a brilliant day in February. I had just recovered from a sharp attack of typhoid fever and had been sent to the Riviera by my physician to conploto my convalescence. One of his proacriptions was a drive every day when the weather was fine, and it was strictly for lowed. I enjoyed beyond measure my excursions in the environs of the city, the glorious sunshine, the vivid asure of sea and sky, the rich vegetation-in fact, all those elements that cause Nice to resont a set seene in some magnificent theatries. spectaçle. But I was far from strong and could endure but little fatigue, an one afternoon my drive was prolonged far beyond the point that was either healthful or prudent. My driver lost his way, and . after circulating about through various unknown roads for a long time, he finally brought me out on the heights of Cimiez. about half an hour after sunset. I was chilled and exhausted, and seeing the little bewindered twent lights shining by the wind — of a superb

which This car brought hearted, motherly looking who, seeing my pallor and my hair fainting condition, insisted upon my alighting and coming in to rest. I was so spent and weary that it was impossible for me to rewhen a handsome equipage dushed through the gates, there was a brief parley between the lodgekeeper and the new arrivals, and a lady entered the little room where I was seated, all eager kindness and hespitality, who introduced herself as Mrs. Hamilton, the tenant of the I must come at once to the house, she

said; impulsively. I had been ill? Then I must wait and rest, and take some re-freshment. And her brother, Dr. Somers, was a physician, and would know exactly what to do for me. My own carriage could come back for me later-that is, if It would not be best for me to stay all night. So, half craxing, half compatible, break down utterly. Are you sure he is she hurried me into her landau, and I found myself in a few minutes salely en but you can come and see for yourself, called because the crown princes of hussla had once spent a week there, with wine and biscuits and ton set out on a

blazing on the hearth. *
Dr. Somors, a tall, grave looking genclared that I was in need only of a few suddenly and unexpectedly become my hostess

I think she was one of the lovellest women I have over seen in all my life. She was not positively beaming, but she slender figure that reminded me, in its litheness and swaying movements, of the stem of a calla fily. Her feature a were soft yet lustrons may. Her comp! had the pourly whiteness and varying health; and indeed her whole aspect gave the impression of one that had an much and patiently endured. It is possible for me to give by description any idea of the fascination of her man the poculiar aweetness of her lose mark voice, that seemed to bold a come a in each of its meledious tones. Shows on the gant costume in gray crepe de Chine, par n bonnet trimmed with cleaters of pa tinted violets, and the refinement in delicacy of her supert appeared to be eartinued in hor attire.

I had never heard of Mrs. Hamilton. and Nica is not prucisely the place where it is safe to form haphanard nequalitaneos, but it was impossible for me to resist the winning charm of that fair lady's voice and m must, I introduced myself as well as I was able, though she declared that no constatation of my identity was necessary. and after she had laid aside her bonnet, she came back and sat down beside me, and began to talk with the naive frank-

ness of a child. "We have come to Nice for the whiter, my husband and I," she said, "for Edgar la delicate and cannot endure the cold of America or the dampness of Paris. In and attention. For unately, my brother is a physician, and he resides with tery possible care of Mr. Hamilton. Of being alleged in support of the theory. Still living, and nother stream. Still, a with her. She being alleged in support of the theory. Then more multicous persons declared by his imaginary be stream may be made that Mrs. Hamilton was an adventuress by his imaginary be stream may be made that Mrs. Hamilton was an adventuress by his imaginary be stream may be made to who concealed a whole troop of lovers untalk to him, and?, if it be returned to

that I should never know a moment's der the identity of the one unseen invapeace if i did not have a medical advisor lid; but that wicked report was speedily not very strong toyself, and my husband | nation of the matter which I was inclined needs all the time and attention I can to consider correct was, that Mr. Hamilstairs, but I wish he would do so this ries received in some accident or other And naught should ever show you the wrong that evening, for I should like to introduce him to you. Perhaps he has decided to from permitting strangers to look upon dine with as this evening, and then that his marred and distorted features. This dine with as this evening, and then that would by very pleasant."

She called to a servant, who had come ne down this evening." The servant, an elderly, grave looking

to leave his room.

malden instead of a wife of many years'

ored and fluished as a miniature. It reensual and coarso in outline and In exression. Moreover, the face was that of much younger man than I had expected to see. Mrs. Hamilton, charming as she was, was evidently not far from 40 years of ego, and the photograph of her husband was certainly that of a man under O. There was no trace of ill health visible in the high colored, handsome face of the picture; so, after inspecting it for some moments, I asked: "Is this a refees not look like the portrait of any one who had ever been ill.

I was infinitely amazed at her emotion which seemed to me so needless, and was distressed at having unwittingly aused it, especially as I had not the fuse. I was scarcely installed, Lowever, faintest idea of how to proceed in order to soothe her. Just then, to my infinite rellef, the door opened and Dr. Somers entered. Taking the miniature from Mrs. lamilton's hand, he said to her, gravely: 'My dear Dora, you are very foolish to

> plied Mrs. Liandton, smiling up at him through her tours, and Mrs. Graves that consider me a very absurd person, at you know whenever I think of poor Mear's precarious health I am apt to

drawing room of the Villa Vintoria on presently. Mrs. Graves will excuse you for a few monients, I am sure."

Just at that moment my carriage was announced, and I gladly availed myself of little table beade me, and a bright fire that excuse for taking leave at once, resisting all the hospitable entreatles of Mrs. Hamilton that I would stay and tleman, came in, felt my pulse, and ded the, if not remain all night; for I could clared that I was in need only of a few not but feel that I was in the way, as inhours of thorough repose. And then I took a good look at the lady who had so have been under the roof that sheltered so beloved and all absorbing an invalid as Mr. Hamfiton evidently was.

I called a few days later to return thanks to my kind hostess for her hospitable care, and also to restore to her the was exquisitely graceful, with a tell | numerous wraps and rugs in which she had insisted on enveloping me for my hamsward drive. I did not see Mrs. Hamilton, however. Dr. Somers received delicate and finely cut, her eyes most moin her stead, and excused his sister on lovely, being large and transparent, of a the ground that she was then in attend ance on her busband. And as I crossed the hall I heard a voice of exquisite blush rose tints of a person in fractile sweetness, that I readily recognized as

> "What a charming voice!" I remarked. "It is a pity that so fine a talent should

> be entirely lost to the world." "My sister spends a great deal of time in singing to the invalid and also in reading to him," answered the doctor; "and she is happier in her self devotion than the praise and applause of society could

After that day I had occasional glimpses of Mrs. Hamilton as her carriage passed value during my daily drives. She never a handsome fortune. Some twenty years felled to lean forward and greet me with a protty, eager gesture, and one of her weet, pathetic smiles; but that was all that I ever saw of her. Her card was bandsome person of Edgar Hamilton, an only left by her footman at the hotel for adventurer and gambler of conspicuously me, and greatly as I had been attracted evil character. She loved him passionately, by her, I shrank from again intruding on the privacy of that jealously guarded

There was evidently something mysterious about the malady and the seclusion of Mr. Hamilton. Gossip at Nice ran riot on which they were traveling into wreck on the subject, and suggested all sorts of and disaster. Mr. Hamilton was instantly solutions for the riddle. One was that killed, and his bride received sundry merica or the dampness of Paris. In selutions for the riddle. One was that the invalid was not ill, but was simply in severe injuries, chiefly on the head. She save, the constant presence of Dr. Somers and the peculiar tacitumity and reticence of the servants in the face of questions, and trave, with us, and takes and trave, with us, and takes the peculiar tacitumity and reticence of the servants in the face of questions, and—must it be added?—even of bribes, being alleged in support of the theory, being alleged in support of the theory, the being alleged in support of the theory, being alleged in support of the theory, the being alleged in support of the theory, being alleged in support of the theory, the invalid was not ill, but was simply in severe injuries, chiefly on the head. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the resides was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the resides was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the resides was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead. She was ill for many weeks, and, on her received sundry and on the lead on the lead of the invalid was deaf and bought and on the res fact, his health gives me much uneasi the invalid was not ill, but was simply ins, and traves with us, and takes and-must it be addedi-even of bribes,

constantly at hand. We never go into stlenged, having no foundation in probaociety and receive few visits, for I am bility, as it had none in fact. The explashortly after his marriage, and shrank theory was corroborated in my own mind by the tears Mrs. Hamilton had shed over to remove the tray: "Jules, go upstairs ber husband's miniature, and by his re-and see if Mr. Hamilton will be able to fusal to come down stairs while I was in

The mouth of March had passed away, man, vanished, and speedily returned and the Riviera was fisshing forth into all with the message that Dr. Somers did the brightness of early spring, when, one not consider it prudent for Mr. Hamilton day, on my way home from an afternoon reception, I chanced to pass the Villa Vit-"Ah, well," said Mrs. Hamilton, with a toria, and was surprised to observe that smile, "it would not do for him to be im- the usually tranquil and solitary home prudent. But I should have been so was the center of a universal commetion. pleased to present Edgar to you-he is so Servants were hurrying to and fro, groups andsome and so intelligent, and such a of people hung about the lodge gate, talkbrilliant conversationalist. However, ing and gesticulating, and within the sunhere is his picture, and you can judge his windows of the distant villa might be from that how very good looking he is, observed a stir and confusion altogether part from my conjugal projudices," she | foreign to the usual customs of the house. d, with a blush as swift and vivid as I sent my servant to inquire the cause of though she were a newly betrothed the excitement, and the lodgekeeper's aged wife came hurrying out herself to impart her tidlings. They were both tragic The picture that she put into my hand and distressing. Mrs. Hamilton had gone was a beautiful photograph on ivery, colout for an early drive to Moutboron. Her horses had taken fright whilst descending presented a singularly fine looking man, the mountain, had run away and had with blue eyes and blonde bair and nus-tache, but the eyes had a sinister glam unterlady was thrown out, and was in overturned the carriage. The unfortuin their depths, and the full, red lips were | jured so terribly that her life was despaired of. Dr. Somers, who had accomsauled her, had escaped with some slight bruises, and had been able to superintend

the removal of his sister to her home. "He has been watching over her ever since, madam," continued the old woman, and he sent far and near for the best doctors in Nice, but they did not stay long when they came, and I am afraid the poor

Acting on my first impulse, I sprang

"No; that is true." She took the pho- threshold of the open door, but Dr. in both legs, and had, besides, sustained tograph from my hand and seemed Somers, who was seated by his dister's troubled, and also, to my astenishment, a bed, looked up and saw me, and signed to wanting my professional advice he de little bewildered. "It was taken before me, without speaking, to enter. Mrs. aired an examination, with a special view we were married twenty, where we want to a think she western aware of my presence. suit for \$20,000 damages, which he in artlef. Paramot tell why, for to ma ho is shadow of approaching death rested upon aways the same. Edgard my Edgard her features and dimmed the luster of her clothes, and I found at once that there are also as a constation. On the contrary, his pressed the picture to her lips, beautiful eyes. She was pleading with the terrs streaming down her cheeks as her brother as I arrived, and she went on body was remarkably well nourished. He with her pitcous prayer as I approached

> "I know that I am dving, Mark," walled the melancholy tones, still so sweet and him more than the news of my death will his hand was very weak, but at the same do. Oh, Mark—dear Mark—de tell Edgar time his muscles were large and well o come to me!"

ide; but there was no human being to be

change passed over the features of the dyng woman. The light returned to her face, as, half raising herself on her pilnear the foot of the bed. There was no one there—she spoke to empty space—but never shall I forget the pathetic tones of her voice, the loving tenderness of her xed, diluted eyes.

"I knew you would come to me, Edgar," she panted. "It is hard to say good-bywe have loved each other so fondly, and you will miss me sadly, dear hosband. But do not mourn for me-it will not seem long-our separation-after all. And think what it would have been for me had you died and left me alone in the world. I should have gone mad with grief, I think-but now-I go-to sleepto dream of you-and when I wake youwill be beside me-Edgar-my Edgar!"

her arms toward the invisible being to whom she spoke-a spasm crossed her features, a rush of blood came to her lips, that of Mrs. Hamilton, pouring forth its and she fell back upon her pillows. Dr. edicate notes in a scarcely known melody | Somers bent over her, hearkened for a

upon her brow. "All is over, Mrs. Graves," he said, as he raised his head. "Dora is with her

Before the doctor left Nice he paid me a long visit, to thank me, as he said, for the interest I had manifested in his sister. and also to explain to me the riddle of her seemingly mysterious existence. The brother and sister had been left orphane at an early age, and each in possession of before, Dora Somers, then a very young and sensitive and affectionate girl, had been captivated by the showy graces and and became his wife in the teeth of the opposition of all her relatives. Immediately after the wedding the young couple

annel before it leaves

to him, precisely as though he were really present. Her brother, with noble self devotion, gave up his whole life to the care of this gentlest of maniacs.

"And, thanks to my watchful affection, Mrs. Graves," continued the doctor, "she devote to him. He seldem comes down ton had been disfigured for life by inju- led a happy and peaceful life. Her Edgar -not the scamp that she married, but the bright creation of her own loving fancy—
was always with her. The real Edgar,
had he lived, would have readered her
fond, sensitive nature unspeakably
wretched. She escaped all the sorrows of
such a unlon; and I cannot but fancy that
abo and the visionary sports that abo she and the visionary spouse that she low got between the rollers and been loved and tended for so many years are crushed, and had thus saturated the cotloved and tended for so many years are now united, where, beyond these voices, there is peace."—Lucy H. Hooper in Frank Leslie's.

PRETENDING TO BE CRIPPLED.

A Class of Malingerers Who Seek to Recover Damages from Rathroads. Of inte years a new class of malingerers has arisen. This is composed of the people who, when any accident bappens to a railway train, steamboat or other convey ance owned by a corporation or rich person at which they are present as passengers. pretend that they have been seriously injured and forthwith bring sult against the proprietors in immense sums for dam ages. Asmattering of medical knowledge is very soon acquired by these people dur ing their examinations by their physicians. and they are thus often enabled to cut a pretty good figure before a jury I do not think it is at all difficult to detect these

It is rarely the case that they are consistent in their detail of alleged symp toms and in their conduct as to deceive s medical man thoroughly well skilled in his profession. Besides this, they gener ally overact their part in their efforts to deceive, and, if subjected to close scrutiny for some considerable time, or at periods when they do not suspect that they are watched, scarcely ever fall to show them selves in their true colors.

a month previously, in getting off a street one notices among those who are "up railway car, he had been violently thrown inte." Many, in fact the majority, of cently taken likeness, Mrs. Hamilton? It from my carriage and hastened to the railway car, he had been violently thrown villa. The sound of voices guided me to to the ground, so that he had wrenched the room of the sufferer. I paused on the his back, had become partially paralyzed serious internal injuries. In addition to was no emaciation. On the contrary, his complained of pain in the upper region of the spine, and screamed in apparent agony when I slightly touched that part of his body. It seemed to me then that their feebleness. "Call Edgar—do call there was an unusual degree of sensitive Edgar—let me see him once more before I ness, and not at all such as would have go! I cannot die happy unless I look | been developed had he been reafly injured gain on his dear face. It cannot burt in the way he described. The grasp of his hand was very weak, but at the same

formed. Without a word, Dr. Somers arose and I was satisfied even at the time that he ang wide open a door opposite to that | was making the most of his condition, if by which I had entered, and which led to not actually deceiving me. I next asked an inner room, all laundated with the him to walk around the room until I told roblen plory of the April sunset. The him to stop At first he toftered over the shele interior of the apartment thus dis- | floor as if about to fall at every step and closed was visible to me from where I | complained of great pains in his legs | As tood. There were flowers everywhere; he continued walking however, I kept and pictures, and books, and exquisite him in conversation, so us to divert his illes of all kinds, were visible on every | mind from bimself As a consequence be was thrown off his guard, as I expected he would be, so that after a half a dozen With the opening of the door a sudden | turns his guit was measurably improved and at times was as good as it ever had been Of course, if there had been any yes, and a faint color tinged her pale | real paralysis, every step he took would have added to his lameness. Some other lows, she fixed her eager gaze on a point methods of examination with instruments of precision placed the fact of his fraudu lent pretensions beyond a doubt. I then accused him of deception, and recapitu lated to him the points which by his in sufficient knowledge of the subject had led to his detection. After numerous pro testations be confessed that he had been drilled by an attorney to simulate spinal injury with a view to defrauding the mil way tompany .- Dr. William A Hammond in Boston Globs.

Fires on a Steamboat.

I don't think there is a boat on the Mis slasippi ever that is without all the best modern appliances for extinguishing fires. but when a fire breaks out on the boat She made a gesture as if to stretch out | there is nobody who knows how to handle the apparatus. Fighting fires is a science that it takes years of experience to ac quire Steamboat managers never seem to have thought of this, so their boats when once on fire, are certain to be desecond and then pressed a lingering kiss stroyed. One experienced fireman em ployed on each boat could drill the boat boat to burn. A few years ago, when the go down to the leves and put out the fire. although the harbor boat has on her lower deck the finest kind of apparatus for fight ing fire .- Assistant Fire Chief in Globe

The Pervasiveness of Lightning. A correspondent of The Springfield Republican, describing the effects of a ro cent lightning stroke, says that "the cell ing of the room had been replastered the preceding spring, and the sand of this lo cality, which is used in mortar, is fer ruginous Every metallic particle in the latter the fluid seemed to have found and detached, so as to give the plastered sur started on a journey to Niagara Falls and Canada. A broken rail hurled the train on which they were traveling into wreck my command "—Scientific American

A farmer near Chebanse, Ills., having

Not long ago a lot of Sea Island cotton New Jersey warehouse, and when the flames were extinguished in one spot they would immediately break out is another. An examination showed that it was roller gin cotton; that is, cotton of which the lint is drawn away from the seeds by a pair of rollers, set at such a distance apart as to keep the seeds from entering between them, while the fibre passe on and goes into a bag. In the present case, more or less of the seeds had some ton with oil, which, in due time, had

aused spontaneous combustion. A still more curious case occurred in a Massachusetts factory. In the middle of the room a milling machine was turning knife handles, the dust being blown up through a metal tube into the room above and thence forced out of doors through a wooden pipe. A spark from an emery wheel, fifteen feet from the milling machine, struck a window, and rebounding, entered the mouth of the metal tube, set the wood dust on fire, so that the flames oured out of the wooden pipe in a stream wenty feet long.

An engineer, cleaning up a mill, put some cotton waste in front of the boiler. where it would be handy for the fireman in the morning. During the night this took fire spontaneously; the flames spread to the kindlings under the boiler, and soon raised steam enough to cause the boiler to blow off, badly scaring the watchman, who knew, or thought he knew, that there was no fire under it.

In another instance a man drove a nai into the ceiling of a jute mill. The nail glanced off, was struck by the rapidly moving beaters and caused a serious conflagration.—Youth's Companion.

There is always the proportion of night owls, men who work when others sleep. They have an air about them which is unmistakable, for while they look tired Not long since I was applied to by a from the toil they have just left, it is a young man, who informed me that, about different hind of fatigue from that which these are from the newspaper offices and they can always be known from the shop talk they indulge in. Curiously enough newspaper men do not talk very much about their business in the day time, not more, at least, than does any

but at night it would seem as though their brains are so full of the subjects they have just left that their chat be comes of the shop, shoppy style. It is as scene of some operation and were con-strained to speak of the flap and the drainage. Their talk is "caviare to the general," conveying as it does an odd impression of inside information among he speakers. Then, too, it is mostly in ie future; they constantly talk of that which others do not know yet. Their liscussion is of what the papers will reak to-morrow morning; the news of he afternoon has already become ancient history to them. That they deal in news recognized practically by others, for nothing is more common than to have some gentlemen apply for information .--New York Press.

Two Miles a Minute. Fancy travel at the rate of two miles a inute over an incline of polished fce, vith an eighteen inch toboggan for a carriage, a pretty girl for a bon comrade and a pair of electric balls hanging over-head like harvest meens. Recall the ensations of being in love or a hot bath. emember the details of your first merry round, the immediate influence of ampagne, chloroform or any other deicious intexicant, and you have a faint, very faint idea of the positively delightsensation that a fly down a toboggan chute produces. In the decent one seems to lose consciousness; the route lies be-tween earth and sky; you have your heart at your tongue's end, and when the bottom of the slide is reached it is with "shooting pulse," tingling blood and flaming spirits. You feel as though you had at last reached the some of enjoyment; that his was a dream, earth a vision and tobogganing the hoss game,--Inter Ocean.

Heart of the Sterra Madre. Owing to the peculiar climatic condi ions of the country, the mountains and valleys are green the year round; though in the winter months the summits of the peaks are often capped with snow, which approaches closely the summer belt of low land, where the air is redolent with the fragmace of the orange blos-While standing in an orange grove I have watched a snow storm cov ering the dead yucca stalks and chaperral, which was so near by that I could have sent a bullet from my rifle fairly into it. Winter and semi-tropical summen and manage the fighting of a fire, so mer were face to face, yet so subtle were that it would be impossible for a steam the conditions that there was no enthe conditions that there was no encroachment, the snow seeming a vericity's harber boat caught fire, we had to table truce between the opposing forces. —C. F. Holder in American Magazine.

Painting Palm Leaf Fans. The everlasting enamel paint with which the decorating English woman now covers everything not lively enough to escape from her, is employed to cover palm leaf fans to be carried with evening costume. The enamel hardens them, and they wear very well, and with the decwhether ornamented with flowers or not. And when the owner is tired of one color she can cover it with enamel of a different hue and be newly equipped.—

The doctor tells Morrill that if he doesn't stop work and take a rest he'll go into a decline, and then tells Blakely that if he does not abandon his sedentary position and go off somewhere and work on a farm he will die of torpidity of the liver.

One man is spending all the money can earn in taking a girl to the these and sending her flowers, in the hope the may eventually make her his wife, his usighteer is spending all the golden and the golden and the golden and the golden are the golden as a spending all the golden and the golden are the golden as a spending all the golden as a spending as a spendin

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