A BUNCH & S OF LILACS.

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BY CAROLINE LEROW.

RTHUR NORTHRIDGE was dis-A couraged. Sitting on the broken-down stone wall, he looked over land to the little, weather-beaten house beyond, and decided that he had never been quite so much discouraged in all his life.

It had not been a very long life, it is true-only 14 years-but he felt that morning as if he had lived a great while, and to very little purpose. He wanted so many things, and had so few! More than all else, he longed for an education, or, concluding that that word expressed too much for him, for a few books, at least, He could read, and think over what he read even, without a teacher; but he certainly could not read without books. As for buying any, that was an absurd idea, under present circumstances.

Arthur and his mother could hardly buy enough to eat, and had to pay interest, too, on the mortgage placed on the little house-a poor piece of property, but all Mr. Northridge had left when he died, six months before. Mrs. Northridge took in sewing for awhile. but the rheumatism in her hands was growing worse every day.

Arthur had worked at very small wages nearly all winter for a machinist in the village; but the machine shop had burned down and the machinist had moved away. To tell the truth, Arthur could not feel sorry about either of those occurrences, even though he tried from a sense of duty.

He positively loathed machinery. He loved birds and flowers as much as he hated wheels and lathes and gearing. Still, when the machinery stopped the money stopped also-that was the worst of it-and apparently no way in which he could earn more. He wished the words from one of the pieces in his old reading book would not keep the country-in the crowded, dusty, going through his head in that monotonous manner:

"I'll find a way or make it!"
I'll find a way or make it!"
He could do neither, he was sure. And so, what was to become of him and his mother?

"Oh, Morton! Morton! Look at that!" Arthur gave a start, coming back in an instant from a visit to the great trees of California, and saw a carriage rolling by, which, in accordance with the wish of the lady who occupied it, drove to the stone wall.

She was not looking at Arthur, though her eyes were shining, and her line parted in a sort of delight 'Some thing on the g und he attention. Arthur look

direction. A bunch of lilacs, which ne had been holding in his hands during his long reverie, had fallen unawares. and the lady had seen it. He sprang down, picked it up and offered it to

They're a good deal wilted," he said. "If you'll wait a minute I'll run home and get some fresh ones."

"No, indeed!" the lady replied, quick-

She pressed the withered flowers against her cheek. There were tears in her eyes, though only a moment before she had certainly been smilling. Her husband was smiling then as he her mood. He put his hand into his powher, looked more closely at Arthur, besitated, and withdrew it.

"My wife is not well," he explained "and the likes remind her of her old home. She is very fond of them, and they'll help her more than medicine It's the first time she's been able to tirive out from the city. We are very much onliged to you

Arthur only bowed. He was a little overcome by such a display of emotion over a simple bunch of lilacs-half-wilted, too-und watched the carriage with interest as it drote away.

A moment later a sudden idea occurred to him, in so perfect and practicable a shape that he did not even stop to consider it. He started off on a run to a house which stood near by. in a turn of the road.

Farmer Sanford was busy building a

Will you please lend me your old Ente and the red wagon for the rest of the duy, Mr. Sanford? What?

The old man could hardly believe his eurs, which, perhaps, was not so strange after all, considering that he was gradunlike growing deaf

"I'd like to hire it if I had any money," he went on boldly. "I'm going to try to make some, and if I do I'll pay you as soon as I get back. If not, I'll work

it out on the fence. Will that do?" Farmer Sanford heard plainly enough this time.

"That sounds more like business," he said, in his peculiar rasping voice. "I don't keep horses to lend, and old Kate isn't so young as she once was. Mind that when you're a drivin' her."

Arthur's next trip was to his own home, a little further on.

Mother, I've borrowed Mr. Sanford's horse and wagon, and I'm going to take a load of lines up to the city and try to sell them."

And while he spoke he cut away large clusters of them, putting them into a couple of palls of water he had placed in the wagot.

"Why, that's a crazy idea, Arthur!" his mother replied. "Paying money for Blues! What made you think of such a thing?"

"I'll tell you when I get home, mother-after you've helped me count the money I'm going to bring with me."
And he laughed for the first time

that day. He was too busy and too exited to explain just then.

old Kate's infirmities, made the trip seem long to him; but he at last reached that part of the city where he had men-

tally decided to go into business. Kate halted in a dejected attitude at the corner of one of the principal bustness streets. It was a street in which nothing was bought or sold but money. Great crowds of men surged in all directions over the sidewalks. Wagons and cabs filled up the space between. It was all roar and rush and rattle.

In the heart of it stood Arthur Northridge, in the old wagon with the

"Holloa! My wife would like some of those. How much, youngster?"

And a hurrying man stopped short and handed Arthur a two-dollar bill. "That's a whiff from my mother's

front yard," exclaimed another man before Arthur had time to reply to the first one. "Give us a bunch, boy. I can't wait for the change."

And, flinging down a quarter, he seized a cluster of the flowers and rushed on again. "I'm in a hurry, too," the first cus-

tomer explained. "Don't keep me wait-And he held out his hand impatiently. But I can't change it, sir," Arthur

replied. "I've just gone into business.

Plenty of stock, but no ready money." The gentleman laughed at the words, and looked at Arthur appreciatively. "And I have nothing in the world but this one bill," he said, in his turn. "Plenty of money once. Made it alleasy-on this street. Lost it all-easy. too-in the same place. Keep out of it, boy, unless you come on this sort of

passed on. By this time quite a group surrounded the wagon.

"Lilacs, five and ten cents!" This was the formula which Arthur had thought out for himself as he drove old Kate along, wondering if it could possibly be considered extortion to charge so much for what was to him so valueless. But he did not need to adopt this plan of calling attention to his wares. The sight of them was enough-so suggestive of the solitude and sweetness of wearying city street.

When the last flower had been disposed of and old Kate was heading for home, Arthur had ample leisure in which to reckon up his profits-three dellars and fifty-five cents.

He could hardly believe it, and counted the money again and again till he proved the accuracy of the calcula-

"What am I to pay you for the horse and wagon?" was his first salutation to Farmer Sanford, as he drove into the yard. "I haven't fed her, for I had no

chance.

Farmer Sanford with respect and admiration for the lad as his willingness to go hungry for the sake of making a little money. In his vernacular, that was "su'thin' like."

day, I suppose 50 cents would cover the damages.

Without volunteering any explanation. Arthur engaged the horse and wagon for the next day, and went home. He had a long story to tell his mother that night; and the next morning, taking all the lilacs that were on the place, he started off on his second looked at her, seeming to understand trip to the city, selecting another corner this time, but on an equally

busy street. Fortune seemed as ready to favor him as on the preceding day, and sales were brisk for half an hour. At the end of that time, Arthur felt a hand on his shoulder, and looked up to see the gentleman who had met him by the

roadside two days before. "Gone into business, have you, my boy? How did this happen? He asked the question with great in-

"Oh, sir!" Arthur answered, with animation, "it all came from the bunch of Illaes. I thought if the lady cared so much, other city folks might care, too, a little. At any rate, I thought

I'd try and see what came of it." "Was it necessary-that is, did you-

did vou-"We are very poor, my mother and I." Arthur replied, without waiting for the completion of the question. "I don't know what will become of us when the Iliae money is all gone, for I can't get anything to do. If we lived in the city It might be different, but-"

Arthur was obliged to turn his attention to a customer.

"Come around to my office before you

go home to-night." And the gentleman, handing him a eard, walked away down the street.

Arthur Northbridge was happier when he went home that night than he had been since his father died. He had another long story to tell his mother, and even more interesting thus the first one.

"It seems that Mr. Emery's son, his only child, died six months ago. It almost killed Mrs. Emery, so they gave up their home in the country and went to the city to live. Their front yard was full of lilacs, just as ours is. Their boy was very fond of them. He was about my size, and when she saw me sitting on the wall, and saw the lilacs, too-well, you see, it sort of upset her. Mr. Emery says they keep two servants, and if you go there to keep house for them you'll only have to oversee things. I know I shall like to work in his office, it's so pleasant. Mrs. Emery is coming to see you to-morrow. Isn't it strange what great things have happened just from a bunch of lilecs and half-wilted ones at that? I sent Mrs. Emery a lot of fresh ones-the last I had left. I'm never going to worry again, mother, as long as 1 live!".

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He fumbled in his pockets, found a ten-cent piece, gave it to Arthur, and passed on.

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"Had any dinne yourself?"

"Not a moutatrui. I've been too busy."

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