Showing How a Miss Hopeful Came Within an Ace of Playing Her Cards Successfully, to the Disadvantage of Her Elders.

greenble, hateful, tyrannical old maids on earth, those two are my step-sisters, and you neow it, Miss Reade."

Miss Reade looked uncomfortable. "As your governess, you know, Ella, I ought not to listen to your remarks on your sisters-" she began, ner-

"Step-sisters, please," snapped Ella, "Oh, Miss Reade, if you had only been before they came. It was so

"Didn't they always live here, then?" asked the governess.

"Oh, dear, no. Their father died twenty years ago, when Laura and old, and when mother married a year Inter, Mr. Newton's mother took them to live with her. Then mother died two years ago, and father said I wasn't old enough to take charge, though I was fifteen. So as oli Mrs. Newton had died a year or so before, and Laura and Theo were staying with their father's sister, father wrote and asked them to come here. They've done nothing but interfere with me ever since they came. You haven't been long enough here to find out yet, but you will soon. The idea of taking that book away from me."

"Well, you know, Ella, dear, it is not quite a book for young girls; but hush-I hear Miss Newton's voice. Do go on practicing.

The door opened, and a tall, graceful girl entered. She looked as much younger than her real age as Ella looked older, and no one would have guessed her to be more than twentythree or four. She looked very pale and there were tears in her eyes and a quiver in her voice as she addressed

"Miss Reade, I have just had a tele gram to tell me that my aunt has had a paralytic stroke. My sister and I are going to her with the next train. Will you kindly take charge here? I will give you all directions if you will come to my room. Ella, you will explain to father, dear, and be kind to the little onts."

All was bustle and confusion for the next two hours, and then the sisters drove off to catch their train from the

"It's too annoying," cried Major Leigh when he arrived later in the afternoon and was met in the hall by Ela. eager to tell him the news. Just exactly my luck. Why couldn't their aunt take ill at some other time? What on earth shall I do? Write and put them off, I suppose."
"Put who off? Have you asked any

body down?" asked Ella, who was accustomed to her parent's incoherent style of conversation.

I met two friends in town to-day, explained her father, "whom I haven't seen for six or seven years, and I asked them down for some shooting I suppose I must put them off."

need for that," answered Ella. with a toss of her head. "There are plenty of good servants, and Miss Reade can order dinner and chaperone Who are your friends, father? I suppose they are quite old."

will. They are some years younger ribly." than myself, both on the sunny side of forty. It's too bad of the girls," went on the Major, absently, and half forgetting his auditor. "I always thought there was something between Dot and Ashby, and it would do very well now that he has come into his uncle's property. And Courtenay's always talking out his ideal woman. I wonder what be'd tilink of Laura. Run away, Ella; wasn't talking to you. Go and tell Miss Reade I want her."

Miss Reade was a weak and foolish woman, who, being incapable of exercising any control over her strongwilled pupil, managed her by means of gross flattery and unlimited indulg-She was writing in her own room when Ella ran in to tell ber of the expected visitors.

"And I shall have them all to my self," cried the girl, exultantly; "with sisters to keep me in the background; no hateful Laura to look maestically at me if I venture to speak detestable Theo to snub me. I look Quite grown up, don't I, Miss Reade?" 'You are grown up, dear," replied

the judicious governess. "You look alte twenty. And seventeen is a mar-ageable age, you know. Wouldn't it fun to steal a march on your sisters, get married to one of these gentle

"Wouldn't it? And the point is Miss Rende, that I believe father asked these men down to meet Laura and Theodora—I won't call her Dot; so absurd to keep up baby names when she is so old. I mean to have some with these men. Wouldn't it be jolly if I were to marry one?"
"It would indeed," Miss Reade as

"It is a distinct leading of Providen

that the sisters are away." laughed Ella. "If they were at home I shouldn't have a chance. I should be kept in the ground; and besides, Laura is isome and Theo really lovely." But you have the charm of youth

your artiess ways are more win g than the finished manners of

Ella did not mawer. She stood look-g absently at the window,

" asked Miss Rende, after a p

TF ever there were two disa- | plan, Miss Reade, and if you help me I'll take you to live with me when I am married. I'm going to act a little comedy. I am Cinderella; ill-treated by my step-sisters, who are old, ugly and jealous, but I am too noble to complain. I am resigned, gentle, ever

obliging." "I see. 'Pity is akin to love.' And you think you can interest these men by playing Cinderella. Well, it is not a bad idea. But how can I help you?" "I'll tell you later, Meantime you had better go to father. I quite forgot to tell you he wants to see you."

Colonel Ashby arrived next evening. Sir George Courtenay was not expected for a day or two, and Ella felt Theodora were six and eight years rather relieved. One man was enough to begin with. The Major mentioned casually at dinner that his elder daughters were from home, and Ernest Ashby felt a pang of disappointment. He had hoped to meet Dot, for he had heard of the death of her mother and of the sisters having gone to live with their step-father. His brief love story had been played out one autumn in a country house where Dot had been visiting alone. Ashby had fallen vio-lently in love with Dot, but although she had returned his affection, their engagement was never announced, for they had quarreled almost at once, and Ashby had gone abroad in a fit of temper.

As soon as the Major had fallen asleep over his dinner, Ashby made his way to the drawing-room, where he found Miss Reade at the plane, and Ella prettily reposed in a window re-cess. He quickly joined the latter, and began to make conversation.

"You have sisters, haven't you?" he asked, after a time. "Step-sisters, and three darling little brothers. "Your sisters are from home just

"Oh, yes," with an arch smile, "or shouldn't be here."

"Shouldn't you? Why not?" "Oh, well"-a pause. "You see, am rather young, and my sisters keep me in the school-room. They are very good and kind, but quite old; they think me a child."

"Quite old!" he exclaimed. "Why, they cannot be. At least the one I knew cannot be much over twenty."

Ella bit her lip in annoyance at her blunder. She had forgotten that Ashby had known Det. Ella hesitated a moment, then risked

a daring step.
"Darling Dot," she murmured. "Ah,
Colonel Ashby, did you not know!

Dot died two years ago."
"Dot dead!" he cried, in a voice of anguish. It was over, then; his dream of reconciliation. He could never ask forgiveness now; never explain away his harsh words; never hear her dear voice whisper pardon. "I am sorry to have distressed you," he said, wearily, after a pause. "I had not heard ofof your sister's death."

Ella smiled through her tears like an April morn. "I can't quite talk of darling Dot yet," she said, unsteadily. "We were so much to each other, and I am so

lonely now she's gone." "They don't think so," said the Ma-"They don't think so," said the Ma-r with a grin, "though no doubt you tenderly. "You must miss her ter-

"Oh, I do," cried Ella, pressing her handkerchief to her eyes, and there was a long silence. At last Ella looked "I must say good-night now, Colonel Ashby," she said, with a little

"Already?" he remonstrated. "Why, it's very early. Don't go yet."
"Oh, but I have such a lot to do night," she answered, simply.

"Do you still do lessons, then?" "Oh, no," cried Ella, earnestly. am going to the nursery. Baby Bertle won't let anybody else put him to bed. And then, my sisters have left me things to do."

"Tasks?" asked Ashby. "Mending, and things like that. They

have taken their maid with them, you "Rather hard lines on you. Don't

they ever take you out with them?" "Oh, they are very kind," said Ella, "and they have promised to take me somewhere some day, when the boys are old enough to be at school and I am not so much needed at home."

"Rather a distant prospect," remarked Ashby. "I'm afraid it's a case of Cinderella and the cruel stepsisters.'

Ella rather forgot her part next day. Her father was laid up with a sudden fit of gout, and Miss Reade was kept busy looking after household affairs and subduing a mutiny in the nursery. Ella sauntered round the grounds with the Colonel, chatting gayly, and then insisted on rowing about on the pond, as unlike a household drudge as possible. This occurring to her very forcibly, she made an effort to resume

her role. "What a nice holiday I'm having?" she remarked, accordingly, resting on her oars, and fixing gleeful eyes on him. "That dear Miss Reade has undertaken all my duties this week that I may have a complete rest Tap't it sweet of her?"

"Poor little woman," he rejoinedthey were on quite familiar terms now-"it's a shame you should be so overworked, and I shall tell your fa

"I promise, I promise," he soothed THE STORY OF THEIR WOOING her. "I won't say a word, you loyal little soul. It's hard lines just now. Cinderella, but remember how the fairy tale ends, and this may end

sooner than you think."
"How? What do you mean?" asked
the child, with wide, innocent eyes, and Ashby hastily changed the subject, resolving to say nothing more to disturb her "heavenly innocence." As soon as Sir George Courtenay arrived, Ella turned her attention to

him. He, at least, could not bore her about the defunct Dot. Ella restly was a clever girl, and she knew that simple pathos becomes wearlsome in time, so without abandoning her role of Cinderella, she kept it rather in the background, and prattled so happily and even wittily that both men were amused and inscinated by her. So skilfully did she play her part (developing histrionic talent in a way that quite dazzled Miss Reade) that by the end of a week her success had far outstripped her wildest hopes. Loth men had resolved to propose for her. Ella had determined to accept Courtenay, If she chose Ashby, he must inevitably discover her decep-tion about Dot, but Courtenay had never met her sisters and could not hold her responsible for any discrep-

"I may as well own it to you, little one," he said, one afternoon, as they strolled on the lawn, "I was engaged to your sister. It was rather a hopeless affair, for I was wretchedly poor, so we kept it to ourselves. But a secret engagement is an awfully trying thing, and I was a jealous fool. quarreled, and parted, and so-and so-I lost her."

ancies he might notice between her

description of them and reality.

Ella was sflent. When she was gone, Courtenay fell into conversation with Miss Reade, and Ashby went indoors. Running upstairs, he stumbled over a bundle which, on investigation, turned out to be a sobbing child of tender years. "What's wrong, little one?" he asked.

picking it up carefully. "Ella slapped baby," sobbed the child.

"Ella did? Where is Ella, then?" "Don't want Ella," walled the baby so heartbrokenly that Ashby felt quite touched. He was trying to console it when to his relief the nurse appeared with a flood of apologies.

"I'm so sorry. sir, but I had to go downstairs for something, and Master Bertle ran after me. We're all at sixes and sevens just now, sir, for the young ladies being away makes such difference.

Baby burst into renewed sobs, walling, "Me no want nursie; me want Dot. Oh, me do so want Dot." "Ah, poor little man! I, too, 'do so want Dot,' " sighed Ashby.

That evening the Major received a letter from Laura, informing him that her aunt was better and she and Dot would return the following afternoon. He kept this to himself, intending a pleasant surprise, and had himself established on the lawn next day at tea time. Ella made such a pretty pic-ture of filial love as she hung about her father's chair that Courtenay made up his mind to delay no longer, but to ask her at once to submit to be trained -after marriage-into his ideal woman. So he presently asked her to come for a stroll around the lawn, and Ella, reading his purpose in his face, rose with alacrity. But, alas! in the very act of raising the costly cup to her lips it was dashed to the ground. At this very moment there appeared two ladies, hastening from the house across the lawn to join the party around the father held out welcoming hands.

"The girls!" he exclaimed, joyously. "Welcome home, dears!"

At this moment-whence, no one could tell-three children dashed across the lawn and up to the newcomers, uttering shouts of welcome.

"Ob, sisters, we're so glad you're back!" cried the eldest. "Ella's been horrid. She's made us live in the nursery and never come downstairs."

The two guests had been looking or mystified, but as the ladies came neares Ashby fairly gasped for breath. For the lady round whose neck baby was clinging was no other than his lost Dot. As for Courtenay, he was stricken speechless by Laura's calm loveliness. Here-at least in appearince-was his ideal woman.

"Don't you know my daughter, Ashby?" asked the Major. "Dot, I

"It can't be," gasped Ashby, hoarse ly, "It isn't possible. Dot is dead. Ella told me she died two years ago." "Dot dead." repeated the Major, stupefied. "What-on-earth do you mean?"

"But-there must be-some awfu mistake. Ella told me," faltered Ashby, and then Dot raised her eyes to his and said: "Ernest!" and he had n more doubts.

Ella, meantime, had most judiciously disappeared and her mystified father postponed inquiries till next day. Then, however, her little brothers, who had hung about the gardens many an evening and been unsus pected witnesses to tender scenes and pathetic plaints, told enough to reveal the astonished and wrathful Major Cinderella's little plot,

Some months later a double wedding ook place in the village church. The bridegrooms were Colonel Ashby and Sir George Courtenay, and the brides were Cinderella's sisters.—New York

German in Chicago Schools lan adopted in Chicago scho ovides that German shall not be night in a school unless seventy-five apils ask for it, in which case the posssary teachers will be furnished, tudents in other schools wishing Germay be transferred to those wh



EGARDING the route of the proposed State road from Elmira to Horsehea ; there is some difference of opinion as to the most desirable route. To the Lake street route many farmers object because of the street-cars. On Grand Central avenue there are two crossings of the Lackswanns, Rallroad, one at Hawley street, in Elmira Heights, the other at the portheast entrance of Eldridge Park. These are but a short distance apart, and the Lackawanna Railroad will oppose the maintaining of so important a thoroughfare, when two such crossings are needed. To obviate the latter difficulty it has been suggested that Grand Central avenue be changed so as to follow the east line of the railroad from Hawley street, south to the park, without crossing the tracks. This proposed route was yesterday inspected by the Highway Committee of the Board of Supervisors—Chairman John J. Crowley, Supervisors Crowley, Chamberlain, Welles, Van Order and Holleran. The road, when completed, will form a link in the great national thoroughfare from New York to Chicago.

The special reason given against the use of Grand Central avenue is that the road is about sixty feet wide between the gutters, and while the State roads are constructed only sixteen feet wide in the driveway, it would be placed in the middle of the road and with the soft readway on each side, would be of little use to drivers. The Lake street road is narrower, and it is understood the Elmira Water, Light and Rallway Company is willing to set its tracks over on one side of the rond the entire distance of the way between Elmira and Horseheads, giving the entire two-thirds of the road

to the macadam driveway. Another point is given in the state-ment that the State Good Roads law will not allow the construction of one of the State macadam roads inside the limits of a city or village, but only in the open country. In that case the road could not be constructed through Elmira Heights village, but would be gin at the northern limits of Elmira Heights on Grand Central avenue, and extend only about two and a half miles to the village limits of Horseheads. If the proposed macadam road is placed on Lake street, it would be extended from the northern limits of the city of Elmira to the Horsebends village limits, a distance of about four miles.

It is understood there is \$30,000 balance unused in the State Good Roads Fund, which is available, and that "the powers that be" who are in touch with the State Government, are in favor of the Lake street road.-Elmira (N. Y.) Star.

Good Country Roads.

The Pennsylvania Road Drivers' As sociation proposes to appeal to the Legislature of Pennsylvania to do something at this s. ssion for public road improvement. New Jersey, Massachusetts and New York have ceased to agitate for good roads and are enjoying those already built and industriously building more. We have a good roads law on the statute book another time. several years old whose efficacy has never been tested because its going into operation is made contingent on the Legislature appropriating \$1,000,-000 for it, and that provision has proved thus far only a good way to put it to s'eep.

The Legislature of 1809 provided for the appointment of an expert commis sion to get data and make a report on the general subject of good roads, and a very competent commission was appointed, of which President A. J. Cassatt, of the Pennsylvania Railroad, Festerday. was Chairman. The commission did Its work and reported at the last session, with no corresponding result in legislation. The State now is prosperous. It will have for its Governor a practical farmer, who understands the economic value of good roads. It has the example of several States before it, which have successfully grappled with the good roads problem, and it will have the Pennsylvania Road Drivers' Association spurring it to action. All this ought to result in some practical good roads legislation.

The Federal Government has built sample roads in Maryland, West Vir. ginia, Ohio and North Carolina. co-operation with the Southern Ea'lway Company, it has carried on a campaign of education in Virginia, North Carolina, Tennessee, Alabama and Georgia. The railroad company assisted in this because of its conviction that good roads develop the counery round about, and it is therefore helpful to the business of a railroad to have good country roads leading to its stations. If that idea should find lodgment in the breasts of the very efficient management of the Pennsylvania Railroad there would be inereased hope for the early construction of improved roads in this State.-Philadelphia Press.

Botter Ronds ve. Better Schools, One of the most beneficial results o road improvement is the facility it gives to consolidate country schools and thus concentrate our children into central buildings, so making graded chools possible in our country In traveling around the State we have noticed that where improved roads exist the children, by means of ycles, easily go long distances to itral schools; thus graded roads he possible graded schools, the im-wed roads working in harmony

with the State education law, giving the children of the rural districts the same advantages as those residing in cities. In one year forty-four Connec ticut towns, by means of improved roads, were enabled to give free transportation to a large number of their pupils. Eighty-four small schools were closed and 849 children rode to the central schools. The cost of trans-portation was about \$12,000, but a gross amount of some \$20,000 was saved, leaving a net saving of some \$8000. This saving was only a small part of the benefit derived, for it resulted in a better attendance and better schools. This close co-ordination between improved roads and education cannot be too strongly impressed upon the public attention.—New York Tribune.

CAPITOL "WHISPERING GALLERY." What Causes Its Remarkable Peculiarity

-Attempts to Remedy It. The "whispering gallery" of the old Hall of Representatives in the National Capitol, new known as Statuary Hall, has long been an object of interest, and, to the uninitiated, of curlosity In an apparent erratic manner, but with actual mathematical accuracy, the voice of a speaker, even when uttered in a whisper, echoes with remarkable distinctness from one place to another, and a person standing in the gallery on the extreme east may express whispered remark, audible only at the opposite side of the chamber 110 feet away. From a scientific standpoint this phenomenon may be easily explained. The chamber is in the form of a quarter of a sphere, the centre of which would come five or six feet be low the floor. Sound waves projected neathst the spherical ceiling rebound as a billiard ball carroms.

While this peculiarity is interesting and curious it niways seriously interfered with the use of the chamber for legislative purposes, and numerous expedients were resorted to with the hope of remedying it. At one time a canvas false ceiling was stretched across the room and the objectionable acoustic properties of the hall were destroyed. In recent renovations the old wooden celling has been replaced with fireproof construction, but the echoes may still be heard. When the chamber was renovated last summer, in painting the columns to resemble marble the artist worked into the marblelzing excellent likenesses of Presidents Me Kinley and Roosevelt, but their presence, in form similar to the newspaper picture puzzle, was deemed inappropriate and they were subsequently re moved. Although not generally known there are many curious pictures in the real marble columns of Statuary Hall which cannot be removed, for they are in the natural veins of the marble, which is known as pudding stone. An Indian, a deer, a girl's head and some emblems are clearly discernible once

they have been pointed out. There are other echces in the Capitol, notably in the Supreme Court roon and the various committee rooms, and even in the rotunds, but they can be heard only when perfect quiet prevalls .- New York Tribune.

WORDS OF WISDOM.

The plainest face blossoms into real beauty when the heart is the home of

love. Whenever we lift at another man's burden, we gain more strength to carry our own.

Do not confine your children to your own learning, for they were born in

As a rule of life, one finds that the truth lies somewhere between first impressions and final decision The moment past is no longer: the

future may never be: the present is all of which man is the master. The source of all passions is sensi-

tiveness-it is the errors of imagination that transform them into vices. A man should never blush in confess ing his errors, for he proves by his part in college athletics. He recently avowal that he is wiser to-day than played in the Yale tennis tournament.

There are three who are especially beloved by God: he who is forbearing. he who is temperate and he who is

A man who talks constantly has a thousand ways at hand in which to Washington, who was Grand Master make a fool of himself. A silent man of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Fire-

has but one. We do not grow away from our beginnings, nor from any of our successive stages of crowth; we simply keep adding, inch by inch, to our mental and spiritual as well as to our physical stature, but we never grow away from

any part of it-we can only "add on."

Worry is the dominance of the mind by a single, vague, restless, unsatisfied, fearing and fearful idea. The mental energy and force that should be concentrated on the successive duties of the day is constantly and surreptitious- through unlucky and risky railway ly abstracted and absorbed by this one fixed idea.

Worry must not be confused with anxiety, though both words agree in the meaning originally, a "choking," or a "straugling." referring, of course, to the throttling effect upon individual activity. Anxiety faces large issues of life seriously, calmly, with dignity. Anxiety always suggests hopeful possibility; it is active in being ready and sibility; it is active in being ready and The Rev. E. M. Mills, correspond-devising methods to meet the outcome. ing secretary of the Methodist Episco--New York News.

The Way It's Done in Turkey.

Turkish methods are usually arbitrary, often contradictory, Mr. Morawitz, the author of the Finances of received within 45 days. Turkey, has received from the Sultan the Grand Cross of the Order of the Mediidle in recognition of the excelence of his work. At the same time the Turkish censor has prohibited the circulation of the book in Turkey, and has ordered the police to seize any copies which have come under their rottes.

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NEWSY CLEANINGS.

Paris has two daily papers devoted entirely to automobile interests.

Newspapers are now being through automatic machines in Berlin. The Somaliland operations during the present financial year will cost about \$1,250,000.

The income of the gambling estab-lishment at Monte Carlo fell off by \$60,000 last year. An eagle is to be the badge worn a

the Washington's birthday banquet of Americans in London. Including some troops under orders for India there are now some 55,000 British soldiers in South Africa.

Of every 1000 men accepted for the United States Army, 32.44 were born in Germany and 24.78 in Ireland.

Seattle's exports to Japan are now about \$5,000,000 per annum — eleven times what they were six years ago. Of the 12,398 German naval and military delinquents sentenced last year, forty-two were punished for dueling. Real estate dealers in North Dakots

se automobiles for showing prospect ive buyers the lands they have for sale The number of Bismarck monuments of all kinds in Germany and other European countries now exceeds 300 by

The biggest mail order business in the world last year did \$123,000,000 business. It was Uncle Sam's post-office business that accomplished it. Several wealthy Philadelphians are

back of a scheme to establish a school where novices may take a full course in the art of handling an automobile. Compensation in the form of a pen-sion of \$425 a year is being sought at Frankfort by a man who received a paralyzing shock while using a longdistance telephone.

Representatives of the fish trade of Boston, opposing the fishery interests of Gloucester, have passed a resolution by a vote of twenty-one to one in favor of the ratification of the Hay-Bond treaty.

PROMINENT PEOPLE.

The Crown Prince of Germany is a akillful violinist.

Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson has just celebrated his seventyninth birthday. Joaquin Miller, the "Poet of the Pa-ciac Slope," has, it is said, made a for-

tune out of Texas real estate. The eminent German playwright, Gerhardt Hauptmann, recently celebrated his fortieth birthday. He was born at Obersalzbruna in Silesia. His father was a hotelkeeper.

President Hadley, of Yale, is the first man in his position to take an active easily beating his opponent. Senator Mitchell has presented to the

President Major William Hancock Clark, of Portland, Ore., the oldest liv ing descendant of Colonel Clark, of the Lewis and Clark expedition. Commissioner - General Sargeant, o

men for seventeen years, has been pre-sented by the order with a handsome silver service of 191 pieces Former President Steyn has been spending some months at Clarence, on the Lake of Geneva, where his children go to school. When he first went there he was so worn out that be could hardly speak, but his health was soon

restored The man who invented the Swedish safety match, Karl Kiesewetter, died a few weeks ago in Roumania in great poverty. His invention had brought him a fortune which, however, he fost speculation. He was born in 1819,

As a sort of reward, after preventing his relative from becoming a member of a London stock-broking firm, King Edward has allowed Prince Francis of Teck \$10,000 a year until the prince can obtain some remunerative position more in keeping with his standing as a member of the royal family.

Blg Thank Offering Raised

thank fund offering, has complet ed his final report. Dr. Mills says all of the \$20,000,000 called for three years ago has been raised. More than \$500,000 for educational purposes was

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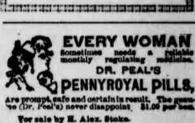
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A New Parasite. The London School of Tropical Medcine has discovered a new parasite which is the cause of a tropical fever which resembles malaria, but does not yield to the same treatment and is generally fatal in its results. The ew creature does not inhabit the corpuscles like the malaria parasite, but is free in the blood current, like the fliarine, which are the cause of elephantiasis; and it is either identical with or closely resembles the parasite ommunicated to certain animals by the tsetse fly. It is described as a trichosoma. Its discovery is too recent to admit of more than a bare mention, but it undoubtedly opens out a prospect of cure in a class of cases which have hitherto proved almost ab-solutely intractable, and once more demonstrates the wisdom of establish-ng such a school of medical research.