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any danger my son ?" Clearfield P. O., Clearfield Co. Pd

broad hearth. Still it could not be with the cold, for her eyes were like stars, and took its name. her cheeks with a blood-red heat.

The wind mound weildly in the great chimney of the Moor House, and rattled a loose blind against the drawingroom window. The pressure of air penetrated even that closely sheltered apartment, and struck cold and chill across the uncovered shoulders of the heiress. She drew up her magnificent shawl of some bright wools, and shruok closer into the protection of the deep arm-chair into great hillocks of foarsy white. she occupied.

OUT IN THE SNOW.

BY CLARA AUGUSTA.

"Nothing she said between her shut, 1 53 p. m. white teeth," could cross the moors to. paused-her red lips compressed, the veins standing out like cords on her forehead.

> ents, and in a moment Miss Prescott heard the thundering rumble of the train. It halted at Moor House station. only a few rods away, and directly there a fire in his heart which defied all the hall door was thrown open- some, at every fresh hillock of snow, and the body stamped off the snow, spoke to True dwarf pines thrilled him like the pre. drawing room was invaded by a tall fig ure wrapped in furs, and gray with

ooking at him with her eyes of fire. "Two hours; delayed by the storm.

Marplot Ledge is ten feet under. The men at the village turned out and shov. such a storm for years," He settled himself in his chair with a

not see Miss Pembroke nor my mother. I trust they are not indisposed?" "Mrs. Prescott is in her room. Miss

Madeline, coldly. "At the village? She was here this morning." "True. She went just before it be, gen to storm. She had a letter, an im-

perative call from"-she hesitated. "From Mr. Montgomery ?" "Yes, from Mr. Montgomery. You

meet him there." "She took the carriage, I suppose?" "No she went on foot. Papa use the herses himself."

"She will stop at Southgate all night, "I think it was not her intention;

while as when his letter came. We all sence. Now, she had gone to meet her but she would not listen."

Rolfe Erskine's face grew set as marble. Just then, Mrs Prescott came in. It was easy to trace the relationship be. Houte, to admire, it was difficult to de- sharp bark.

cide. She spoke to her son. "Rolfe, I am uneasy. Miss Pembroke early this evening. Her way lies across the moors, and it is full of perils in such a storm as this."

Rolfe re-invested himself in his fur

"Be at ease, mother," he said, cheerfully ; "I will go and find her. Come,

True. The hound leaped up, and whined in. telligently. Miss Prescott detained Erskine—her white jewelled hand on his arm.

than this. It is suicidal !

She was pale and rigid—her voice he loved her still, shook; she had forgotten the presence. The clouds brok of her step mother. Mr. Erskine shook cott turned . Madeline.

"You have lived here longer than I, and known the country better. Is there

There was no reply; the arm chair

was vacated. Madeline had gone up to and bearing to body of the girl. her chamber. When she entered its luxurious precincts, she shut herself in It was a fearful night in mid winter.

It was a fearful night in mid winter. The door, and dispensing with fire and lights set down by the window which lights set down by the window which less companion, and soon had the satisfies companion, and soon had the satisfies companion, and soon had the satisfies companion. of moorland from which the old mansion faction of seeing her eyes unclose. Like

Bare and bleak, and white with drifted snow, the dreary tract stretched out | tell on the face of Erskine. She coloror more than three miles. At its foot iny the village of Southgate. Madeline's set face was pressed closely against the glass, as if she hoped to pierce with those wild eyes of hers the gray obscurity of the night. The wind swooped first. down, and shook ruthlessly the tall old elms in the yard, and tossed the snow

Madeline did not know that she was cold-she did not think that on the morrow her roses would be white ones, night, and still be living. Well-, she if she kept this midnight vigil. She on. ly remember that Rolfe Erskine was in deadly peril; she indulged beneath all a cruel hope that Annie Pembroke, her duty.

Through the whirling blast Rolfe Erskine strode manfally on, There was was a sound of labored footsteps-the cold around him. He started nervously the great Spanish houd, and then the sence of a human being. Every dozen paces he stopped to listen, hoping, yet dreading, to hear the voice of Annie Pembroke calling for assistance.

"Your pardon, Miss Prescott, but the hall lamp was dark, and I could not see to get myself out of my packing. How comfortable you look. And without the atmosphere is fit for the poles."

"The train was late!" Miss Prescott, lating the residual particles of frozen sleet, almost blinding him. In spite of the time and place he found himself, almost inconsciously regioning his kriet. almost inconsciously, reviewing his brief acquaintance with Miss Pembroke.

A little more than a year before his mother, of whom he was the only child, elled us through. I haven't known had married Mr. Prescott, Madeline's father. Six months after the marriage, Rolfe had come to Scuthgate to practise breath of satisfaction. Miss Prescott his profession. The physician located brother. I would have willingly walktook up her crochet, and began working with fingers that quivered in spite of Rolfe stopped into the opening thus her.

"You are industrious, Madeline. I do had been spent at Moor House. That Annie! tell me, at once, is was his home, though he kept his rooms in the village. At Moor House he had Pembroke at the village," returned poor cousin of Madeline's. Her parents first marriage my only near living relawere dead, and Mr. Prescott had taken tive.' her home. She performed the part of seamstress and waiting-maid to her

haughty cousin. Madeline was beautiful, queenly, her admirers said : but she was not always gentle, and Annie's lot was a hard one Erskine had read something of her trial lied to me! God forgave her, I will act." have guessed it: I have not told you. in the sweet, sad face, with eyes of deep-not. O, Annie, I have lived an age of Uis regiment was to pass through South. est brown, and hair the same shade. agony since I thought I had lost you. His regiment was to pass through South. She had avoided him always. He would Bo you care?"

She had avoided him always. He would Do you care?"

She had avoided him always. He would boy on care?"

She had avoided him always. He would boy on care?" him no opportunity. He was piqued a little, and spoke of it to Miss Prescott. She laughed. Annie was engaged, she make me happy!" said, to Roy Montgomery, a young lieutenant in the army, and had no thought for any other man. And seeing her daily, the sweet countenances of Annie thought Mr. Montgomery may, if he Pembroke grew into Rolfe Erskine's remains, induce her to do so. She has deepest heart, until there was no nook not been so eager and fluttered for a long nor corner unfilled by the sacred pretried to dissuade her from going, the lover. Erskine said the words over moors are so dangerous at this season; slowly, bitterly, now there were none to

his obligation to save her, if possible. The violence of the storm had in a measure abated, but the wind still biew would have said some severe things to tween mother and son. The same with undiminished fury. A stray star proud, clear cut features, the same pure peeped out above the whirling masses of her.

"Then why do you not salute me be. tore addressing me?" inquired the brig. complexion and bronze gold hair. And dark clouds speeding eastward; it was the elegant, gentle-haired Mrs. Erskine nearly time for the moon to rise. Sud. had seen in Phillip Prescott,, the father | denly True started forward, his noise in | daughter." of Madeline, and the master of Moor the air, and gave utterance to a short

"True, old boy, what is it?" The dog repeated the sound, and darleft us this forenoon for Southgate, the ted away. His master followed as fast housemaid tells me, intending to return as he was able, breathless, and panting foot against something. True whined. digging vigorously with his fore paws,

so expressive to the ear of Rolfe Ers. lost Rolfe Erskine forever. Pembroke in his arms. Her face fell there ever be? against his, it was cold as death, and the rigid hands he took in his were like ice. "Mr. Erskine, Rolfe, you surely will he tore off his fur coat, and wrapped it not be so mad! Why, strong men have perished on the moors in lesser storms to his bosom—feeling in every fibre how he had loved her-how, dead or living,

The clouds broke in the eastward, and the moon looked forth. The ghastly light fell athwart Annie's face making her off almost rudely; spoke again to the dog, and vanished in the whirling, whitlift it frightful in its pallor, but it showed dog, and vanished in the whirling, whitlift it frightful in its pallor, but it showed at this juncture a bold "sessesh," who did not exactly see the application, and than a dozen yards off was the hut of had just been luxuriating on a piece of

There were some bundles of fagots inside and tearing up his pocket diary one waking from a deep sleep, she gazed wonderingly around her, until her eyes ed to her temples, and lifted her head from the shoulders, where it had been lying. He remembered Mr. Montgomery then, and rose and went to the other side of the fire-Annie spoke

"Mr. Erskine, how came I here?" "You were missing, and I come in pursuit of you.'

"And found me where?" "Out on the moors."

"Then you saved my life? I suppose I ought to thank you. "It is no consequence," he replied, coldly. "I did no more than my

"I remember now," she said speaking slowly. "I got very tired and sleepy, and sat down for a moment in the snow to rest. I thought I must be near Moor Heuse, I had come so far, and felt so weary. At the village they said I was rash to attempt to cross the moors in such a storm, but I was so disappointed at not seeing Roy, I was hardly."

"Roy ?" "Yes. Mr. Montgomery. It was so hard not to be allowed to say farewell!-The regiment passed through Southgute yesterday. Some one was cruel enough to deceive me."

"I am sorry. Your lover will doubt-less regret it, also." "My lover? Sir, I do not understand

She looked up to him, her brown eyes full of wonder.
"Forgive me. The allusion was indelicate." But I imagined from your

regard for Mr. Montgomery-'

"My regard is no stronger than that a sister should feel for her dear and only ed one hundred miles for the privilege of "Your brother! Miss Pembroke!

gemery not your lover?" "He is my half brother. We had the in the village. At Moor House he had "He is my half brother. We had the first met Annie Pembroke. She was a same mother. He was the child of her almost dying condition. She called for

> now, and his face was close to hers. His heart beat so fiercely it almost stopped

"That I have suffered; that I love you, Annie? Say the words that shall

"Teach them to me-" nie, and say-'Rolfe, I love you entire.

She said it over-under her breath,

but the whispered tones reached his ear,

and for him cold, and storm, and mid. night were alike forgotten. True laid down at their feet; the wind howled, the fire burned fitfully; familiarly addressed, sternly repliedhear him. Still, that fact did not lessen and in content they saw the slow night resolve itself into the new day. They went home in the morning. Madeline

> "Mother," he said quietly, "this is my promised wife. I have brought you a will get off and hold the mule.

Mrs. Prescott kissed her pale forehead Madeline flew to her chamber, and was seen no more for the day, The struggle she passed through was known only to God and her own soul. Her plot | who desire to attempt the lottery of marto induce Annie Pembroke out into the riage, should remember Dr. Johnson with his eager haste. He struck his storm, which her long acquaintance with said of it, that it was like flies on a winthe moorland regions assured her was at dow, those outside wanting to get in. Half burried in the snow, the brute was hand, had proved of no avail; she had these inside wanting to get out; or the torged the letter with Roy Montgomery's words of Sir Thomas More's father, who only pausing to utter that piteous whine, signature for nothing. And she had

The man stooped down, and his hand fore spring opened. Madeline is still adventurer is more likely to be bitten touched the soft garments of a woman. single—still haughty—still beautful; A moment more, and beheld Annie but there is no rest in her heart. Will single-still haughty-still beautful; than to secure a prize.

In One of the towns in the Southern part of Virginia, as a regiment of rebel volunteers were about leaving for the seat of war, a neighboring parson in addressing the rebels on their duties as soldiers, &c., told them that "having put their hand to the plough they must nev. er look back. Remember," said he, "the fate of Lot's wife, who for looking back was turned into a pillar of salt." some basket makers, who had cut osiers fresh calf without seasoning, suddenly since deserted, but still it was a shelter. sung out justily, "Hooray for salt -Bully "Had no particular carmarks, except a for Loc's wife,"

HOW TO MANAGE MEN .- When you want to manage men, do as bee. keepers do when they want to mannes bees. Here are two men that have bees in a hive. One says, "I own these here, and am going to divide them, and move them. He prepares a place for theis, and then goes to the hive, thrusts his hand rudely into the midst of them, and very soon he has bees all over him, and he moves himself very rapidly. That is just as I have seen mon attempt to manage them. Another man gets a bowl of sugar and water, and washes his hands all over, and goes with the utmost quict. ness and screnity, and opens the hive, and puts his hand in gently, an I the bees find everything sweet, and he can scoop them up as though they were so much flour, and put them in as many hives as he pleases (if he only takes care to put a queen bee in each,) and they will not sting him or fly away. And people say, "Wonderful! that man has a real magnetic power with bees. So he has when he has sugar on his hands. Now, when you want to manage men, wash your hands with sugar and water.—Henry Ward Beecher.

## STORY OF A HAT.

There was a startling development, at Mount Holyoke Seminary, not long since. One of the young ladies had just returned from a visit to the outside world, and soon after a vigilent teacher looked into her room and discovered a gentleman's hat there. Another teacher also satisfied herself of the existence of the alarming object, and the pupil forthwith summoned to the hall of judgment. It was a most delicate subject of inquiry, and the point of attack was only reached by gradual and zigzag approaches. The pupil who manifested her depravity by half-concealed merriment, and showed no disposition penitently to unbosom herself, was at last brought up with a plump question as to the hat in the room. There was a moment of painfully anxious suspense, followed by a sudden collapse, when the offender confessed that she had brought in one of her father's old hats to cut up for rolls for her hair. She was pronounced excused, and there was great fun in the halls, as the story circulated .- Springfield Republican.

## A Female Monster. In-deed!

"A man, named Hadlock, has met his fate, in Hawesville, Kentucky, lately, under the following circumstances:-There is a woman in town who keeps a grog shop, and who had been notified by Hadlock to remove by a certain time. The time having expired, Hadlock made his appearance at the window of her domicil, which he smashed in and notified her that, if she did not leave by night he would return and murder her.

At night he returned, and discovered the woman and her son setting in tho house. He broke the window and pushed his head in, when she struck him on the head with a mallet, and he Annie ! tell me, at once, is Roy Mont. fell heavily to the earth. She listened a few minutes, and hearing him groan, her son to bring her an axe. The son did so, and she took it from him, and do-Rolfe Erskine was holding both hands liberately chopped the body up into small pieces and left it for the hogs to devour. She went back into the house and retired to bed. At last accounts, "And they told me you was engaged she had not been arrested, nor was she to this Montgomery; Madeline Prescott likely to be, as the citizens justified the

A FAIR OFFER .- A veteran relates the following: It once happened that a mule driver was engaged in leading an unruly mule for a short distance which job proved about as much as be was able to do, and gave full employment for both of his hands, as he was thus en-"Put your arms around my neck, An- gaged; a newly appointed brigadier rode up near him in all of the consequential radiance of his starlight, when the mule driver hailed him as follows :

"I say, I wish you would send a couple of men down here to belp me to man. age this mule." The brigadier, indignant at being so

"Do you know who I am, sir?" "Yes," was the reply, "you are Gen. -, I believe."

"I will responded the M. D., "if you

"Then why do you not salute me be.

The brigadier retired in good order. The race for getting married displays itself in sundry matrimonial adver. tisements in the newspapers. Those compares a man disposed to marry to one who put his hand into a bag containing Annie went to a home of her own be- one cel to a hundred snakes, where the

> None are so fond of secrets as those who don't mean to keep them. Such persons covet secrets as a spend. thrift covets money-for the purpose of circulation.

The aim of genius should, like its own nature, be lofty, truly lofty, above meanness, and selfishness, and indolence, venturing all for the accomplishment of great results in the achievement of real

An Irish witness in a court of jun. tice, being asked what kind of "earthere the previous winter. It was long started up, threw his cap in the air and marks" the hog in question had, replied,