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whispered, when the fire was growing

reutches in a year or two, but I shall never be my own man again."

He looked up presently, and broke into a laugh. "Why don't you say it's God's will, Heater? That it's done for some wise purpose, and we must how to the decrees of Fate? Your tongue's not ready with these cut-and-dried conditions.

Then, as she answered nothing, he drow her close, till her head rested on his shoulder and his cheek was laid on

"Do you know what it means? The end of everything—the 'Finis' to a book concluded in its second chapter. . . . And we only write once with the pun dipped in our heart's blood; after that we counterfeit the copy with flourishes and red ink. . Oh Hester!" his voice was husky now—"our dreams—our hopes and dreams—they're like a band of little children drowning before our eyes, and we must watch 'em sink because our hands are thed."

He leaned his forehead on his clench-ed fists, and sobs shook his frame. Then Hester, kneeling beside him, broke Into a bitter cry. "God isn't just! He isn't just!" she

snid.

"Hush, dear, You're too good...
It's we who are exacting... We expect Him to stop 'he earth revolving, because of a little heartache."

Heater was crying. He stroked her roughened hair.

"Dreamers, dreamers both, Two fanciful fools astride a broomstick...

A bomp! and we're on earth again, with nothing but loneliness before us nil our days."

all our days."
And the shadows lengthened until And the shadows lengthened until they encircled those quiet figures, and the fire's dying embers flickered—flickered, and died out—and the room was left in darkness.

Then Hesier, speaking passionately, broke a long silence.

"Why should it end? Why need they drown? Murray, our hands are free if we will help each other. Love is so sweet, and life so hard! Unless we take our sunships when it comes, we shall

our sunshine when it comes, we shall shiver in cold and darkness all our lives. Ah, I know!" She sprang to her feet and began pacing up and down. "You're looking prudence at me—prudence and the selfishness called wisdom—everything that wrings the joy. and sweetness out of life. We're poor; you're stricken; I'm weakly; so we've no right to love; common-sense cries, I forbid it!' Well, I've only one an-swer-We do love. God put it in our hearts. Your doctor's verdict can't root it out again. If you're helpless, the more need of me. You were lonely, so God set me at your side, and I won't leave it, Murray—I swear I won't—till you stop loving me or drive me away with blows." She was down on her knees again, her arms thrown around

"My dear, my dear, don't put me from you just because your need of me has grown the greater! I'd be so little alndrance-you shouldn't feel the care

Heater, dearest, hush!" "And no one could ever love you better, or take such care of you, as I would. Peters, of course, is kind; he likes you, and so he tries to understand, but I know! I know everything you think and feel and suffer—yes, and while I suffered with you, I would make you lange."

you laugh-"
"Hester! For God's sake-" "Because he only likes, and I love ou...! That's the difference." And then she broke down, and lay obbing in his arms. And Arnott kissed ier, without speaking, his wet check

You've tortured me, Hester"-the julet voice came presently out of the shadows—"but I've won the fight. 'Sh, 

The postman was going on his evening rounds. In his deep suffering and among the provisions of this first compared renunciation, Arnott yet found pany were the following: A married his ears straining to catch the monotonous "ration". He has been completed for Figure 1997. nous "rat-tat." He bent down and

atroked the stricken head.

"My poor girl! . Life may have held few prizes for you, but you're not reduced to drawing a hopeless blank like me." blank like me." .

She lifted her face presently, and got ipon her feet

I would rather have married you, elpless as you are—"
Her voice broke. She walked over to the fireplace. In the glass their blank eyes met.

She nodded to the blurred reflection. I wrote by to day's mall resigning the post which has been kept open for me out yonder." His voice was very gentle. "Deprived of it, my income would pay Peters's wages and keep me in tobacco. You are a delicate, refined woman, with the instinct to enjoy and revel in the sunshine. . . Well, into the sunshine you shall go, if I have to take you by the shoulders and drive you from my side"

She made a final effort. "If you drive me from you, you drive me, most li ly, into the arms of another man."

'What's that?" "Mr. Bevis is hopeful of winning what you don't care to keep." 'Hester!"

"What? Didn't you know H? Have you never understood?" She apoke recklessly, excitedly, walking up and down. "Why, it's been the one golden prospect dangled before my eyes. To escape my brilliant future. I practiced for a nurse. My health broke down, I tried, and failed—again. And I wanted so little—I wasn't greedy, after all, Just o earn my own living, to keep my self-respect. But I've tried, and failed, and I acknowledge my defeat. Oh, I know my place!" She threw back her head and laughed, not overmirthfully, "When Percy has sown his wild oats, and is growing doubtful about the crop, he will come to me again and offer to 'settle down.'" She paused. Her manner changed. She turned dimmed eyes upon him. "Murray"—passionately— "in loving you I've found my woman's birthright. If you throw me back upon myself, you cheat me—show me God's best gift, bathe me in the giory of it, teach me what living means, and then shut me out in the darkness and the cold. . . . Murray —his chin was sunk; she crept a little nearer-"my

The door was pushed open by a grimy hand.
"The lamp," said Lena, the slavey, who stood upon the threshold.



It smelled of paraffin. So did her hands; she wiped them on her apron. "Will the lady stay to supper?"—with a bland and heavy mite.

There was a pause. Then, "No," said Arnott, speaking brusquely in his suffering, "the lady's going.

Hester, my dear, good-bye."
Hester picked up hat and gloves and walked toward the door. There she stopped, fumbling with the hatpins.

The sympathetic maid went to her assistance.

"Let me find the 'eads, Miss, Yer 'ands is tremblin'."
"You'll let me come and see you sometimes?"—turning at the door.

"You will be lonely. I should be so glad to come!"
"Better not."

"Then, surely, I may write to you? Letters might bring comfort." "Cold comfort, Hester. . I should only want-more."

only want—more.

There was allence in the room, broken only by Hester's sobs.

"God bless rou, then," she muttered, and, sobbins, stumbled out.

"God bless you," repeated Arnott—but only the shadows heard.

Nine months later, Arnott, sitting in his chair before the window, heard the bells ring out from the church in the neighboring square.

A knock, Peters entered, He carried

His voice, coldly courteaus, sent Pe-ters through the door. "And, Peters" it recalled him, "the curry is the only matter I need trouble you to superin-tend."

Arnott, left alone, kept his eyes upon 

But God didn't answer him just then, Only the shadows, lying in wait, leaped out of their corners, finding him alone. and, as they clustered over his bent head, an organ grinder in the street below struck up a lively tune. Twelve

tions in Regard to the Current Lists of Births and Deaths."

it that he at once took steps to form a life insurance company. He succeeded, difficulty, and but not without much could be insured for £1,000, one not would not be insured, and suicides, as well as those condemned to death, lost the benefits of their insurance.

The company flourished during the first year, but soon afterward the directors learned to their cost that the expenditure was much in excess of the receipts, and consequently they raised the rate considerably. This did not help them much, however, and the re-sult was that Parliament finally came to their relief by grasting the company an annual subsidy of £3,000. From this time forward the company did a good business and it was not long before similar companies were started throughout Europe, as well as in this

She Wouldn't Be Bunesed Not every woman is helpless in com-bating the difficult details of travel, but, on the other hand, her converse one who is preparing to sail the latter than the other hand, her conversa-tional efforts are helped out by the part of this mouth applied to the steamship company, from which she has engaged passage, for a passport. She was informed that for first-class is always superior in the beauty of his passengers the charge would be \$5, second-class, \$3, and steerage, \$1. It struck her that this was too much for one who was proposing to travel on an exceedingly economical basis. She,

country.

posed to consist exclusively of brick and mortar, it still contains many students of natural history who also hold strongly pronounced humanitarian views. In one of the most retired spots close by Mark Lane, says the City Press, a pair of woodpayeous are now making a home, and so solicitous about their future comfort is an occupier of an adjacent building that, in order that the prospective parents may not be disturbed in bringing into the world creditable offspring, he has decided to suspend for a while sundry building operations which he had intended to commence last week.

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AN INDIAN'S GLASS WAGON

Osage Wanted a Swell Carriage, So

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the value of money—it comes too easily. When he gets his funds he goes around and pays his debts, for he is always given credit by the "traders," and he settles his accounts because he will shortly need credit again until pay day comes around once more. With day comes around once more. With the money he has left over he buys anything that takes bis fancy, and sometimes he makes remarkable and lucicious purchases.

An Osage, who had missed pay ony until he had accumulated riches besome deep-red roses. "The-the ceremony must be over, Sir. They passed some time ago."

It was out! Unessiness selzed him. His master raised his eyes.

A panse. Then, "To-day's curry was atrocious, Peters. Give Lena another lesson." than his poney could carry. He was wandering along the streets, wondering how he would transport it to his home, when he saw a large black wagon with glass sides standing in front of a store. He looked at it wistfulls for some time examined the fully for some time examined the horses and harness and wagged his head in an appreciative manner. The undertaker, who had observed him,

"How much?" asked the Indian. The "The last," he muttered, sighing, and laid them on his knee.

A sound of wheels disturbed the quiet square. He raised his held and limit the hearse and drove away before the tened, then looked out.

A smart brougham this! White flowers filled the carriage lamps, were on the coschman's breast and whip. But only incongruous circumstance, a coal cart barred the way.

The woman learning forward signed. the coschman's breast and whip. But oh! Incongruous circumstance, a coal cart barred the way.

The woman, leaning forward, glanced upward at the house. Their eyes met in steady, earnest scrutiny.

A crimson rose went spinning through the window. It fell in the bride's whits lap. "Well thrown!" The man beside her, amiling, complacent, applauded with gloved hands, and then the brougham rolled away.

Arnott, straining his eyes to watch it out of sight, fell backward.

"Oh, God!" he groaned, "be good to me and put me out of it—soon!"

But God didn't answer him just then.

The cats that run wild in Central Park. New York, are objects of de-testation to the keepers when full grown; in infancy, it seems, they se-cure sympathy and assistance. The cut of this story made its spring home in an abandoned bird's nest that had lasted through the winter in one of the fall trees near the plateau at 104th head, an organ grinder in the street below struck up a lively tune. Twelve months later, more roses came to the house in the dreary square, but they were white roses this time. Heater laid them herself inside the quiet hands.—The Sketch.

Origin of Life Insurance.

The practice of insuring human lives first came into use two hundred years ago—to be exact, on October 6, 1699—and credit for being the first to give real life to the movement is due to the Rev. Dr. William Assheton, of London. On the date above mentioned the Insurance Society for the Benefit of Widows and Orphans was incorporated in London, its statutes and bylaws being framed in accordance with the views set forth in a book, which was published in 1661, and which was ensitted "Natural and Political Investigations in Regard to the Current Lists of Pirth and Desche."

Why He Was Silent. John Graunt, a wealthy Londoner, was the author of this book, and Assheton was so impressed when he read case of a patient's confidence in his patient when I was a structure of the case of a patient's confidence in his case of a patient's case of a patient's confidence in his case of a patient's c medical adviser: 'When I was a stuthe plaster bandage was removed and a lighter one put in its place I noticed that one of the plus went in with great difficulty and I could not understand more than forty for £500, and one not this pin, I found it had stuck hard and more than sixty for £300. Sailors and fast, and I was forced to remove it persons travelling to distant countries with the forceps. What was my surprise to find that the pin had been run through the skin twice, instead of through the cloth.

" 'Why, Pat,' said I, 'didn't you know that pin was sticking in you?" " "To be sure I did," replied Pat, 'but I thought you knowed your business, so I hilt me tongue." "

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Building Stopped for Pigeons.

Although London is popularly supposed to consist exclusively of brick and mortar, it still contains many sur-

The Soldier's Return They greeted him with smiles and tears,
Filled him with beef and mutton—
And carried away for souvenirs
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