etters !" When her father asked this question in an awful tone, Lucilla Richmond could not say "no," and dared not say "yes," so as an intermediate course, she burst into a storm of tears behind her

"Bring them to me, Lucilla, said her father, as if she had answered him, as indeed she had, and the girl, trembling next ! With your smile for his goal, he and weeping, rose to obey.

Then Mrs. Richmond, her daughter's very self grown older, came behind her husband's chair and patted him on the

"Please don't be harsh with her, my dear," she said, coaxingly. "He's a ever saw! Exaggeration, my dear. You nice young man, and it's our fault, after all, as much as her's, and you won't Must hear from you or die!" break her heart, I'm sure."

"Perhaps you approve of the whole affair, ma'am," said Mr. Richmond. "I-no-that is, I only"-gasped the little woman; and hearing Lucilla coming, she sank into a chair, blaming her- John, call for a cah !" self for not having watched more closely her daughter's associates during the Mrs. Richmond the other.

For all this disturbance grew out of a said Lucilla. "Frederick never proposed poor but reputable clerk, a young man such a thing. Let me see the letter. who had occasionally been thrown into Oh, papa, this is not Fred's-upon my the society of Miss Lucilla for twelve word it is not. Do look please-it is months or m're, and had taken the lib- dated twenty years back-and Fred's erty to fall in love with her, knowing name is not Charles. Papa, these are that she was the daughter of one of the your love letters to mamma, written richest merchants in the city.

"It was inexcusable in a poor clerk, know. who should have known his place." Mr. Richmond declared, and he clutched the little perfumed billet, that had fallen in "How did this occur? he asked very his hand, as he might a scorpion, and sternly, waited for the others with a look on his face that told of no softening. They at last came-just six little dainty white and sobbing out, "I did it on purpose! envelopes, tied together with a blue rib- then paused as though she expected a bon, and were laid at his elbow by his sudden judgment. departing daughter. He gathered them up with a frown.

"Lock all these up until I return and I thought you might not exactly rehome this evening," he said to his wife; I will read them. Meanwhile Lucilla is not to see this clerk upon any pretence." And then Lucilla went down upon bring it all back plain as it was then,

"Oh! dear papa," she cried, "darling she likes-who is nice if he is poor. I papa, please don't say I am never to see him again. I couldn't bear it, indeed, I could not bear it. He is poor, I know, but he is a gentleman, and Ibeen happy, have we not?" love him so much, father.

"No more of that absurdity, my dear," said Mr. Richmond, rising as he spoke. "He has been artful enough to make you keeping of her mother, slipped out of believe he is perfection, I suppose, the room, and heard the result of the Your parents know what is best for your happiness."

With these words Mr. Richmond on his hat and overcoat, and took his way towards those mysterious precincts, ment, and in due course of time the pair known only as "the city."

Then Lucilla and her mother took the opportunity of falling into each other's

you, it was just so with me, I ran away with your father, you know, and my parents objected because of his poverty. feel the greatest sympathy for you, and Frederick has such fine eyes, and is so very nice. I wish I could soften your

She coaxed Lucilla to stop crying, and then went up to her room to put the letters in her desk, and as she placed them in one pretty pigeon hole, she saw in another a bundle tied just as those were and drew them out.

These were letters to Lucilla also, one who had received them twenty years be gratis to those who have none. Besides, fore; and she, now a matron old enough it is not the failing of people in France to have a daughter who had her troubles to work too much. unfolded them one by one, wondering have seen the public force employed in how it came to pass that lover's letters constraining persons to celebrate the were so much alike.

Just half a dozen; just the same number-and much more desperate than the abolished), and we should guard against ones the young clerk had written to her the necessity of employing gensdarmes daughter. A strange idea came into to hinder men who stand in need of Mrs. Richmond's mind. She dared not what they earn from working on oppose her husband; by no word or look Sunday. In both cases there is either had she even attempted such a thing. political or religious superstition. God But she was very fond of her daughter. has made work a necessity, and he When she left her desk she looked guilty wishes men to work every day, because and frightened, and something rustled he has given them wants which are rein her pocket as she moved. She said newed every day. We must distinguish nothing to any one on the subject until in what is prescribed by the clergy bedinner time come, and with it her hus- tween the really religious laws and those band, angrier and more determined than obligations which have been invented ever. The meal was passed in silence. with the view of extending the authority | that Miss so suddenly and thoroughly ever. The meal was passed in silence. Then, having adjourned to the parlor of the ministers of religion. * * much as an executioner and two culprits | The observance of fasting upon Friday might have proceeded to the callows. Mr. Richmond seated himself in a great rules. What touches essentially the arm chair, and demanded all the letters.

Mrs. Richmond put her hand into her pocket, and pulled it back with a frightened look.

Mr. Richmond repeated still more sternly: "Those absurd letters if you please, ma'am."

And then the little woman faltered out: "I-that is-I believe, ves, I have them," and she gave him a white bundle of envelopes, encircled with a blue ribbon, with a hand that trembled like an aspen leaf.

And Mr. Richmond dropped the first letter, and then took up another. "The same stuff," he commented. hope you don't believe a word be says.

dramatic, upon my word! And now the church lie in exhorations from the want is this Those who would forbid you to see

pulpit, and the police and prisons should me can find no fault with me but my practices of religion." poverty. I am honest, I am earnest in The Prince of Wales a Beggar. my efforts: I am by birth a gentleman, and I love you from my soul. Do not let them sell you for gold, Lucilla." Great heavens! what impertinence to

"I don't remember Fred's writing anvthing of that sort," murmured poor little Lucilla. "He never knew you would

frowned and read on in silence to the last sheet which lay under his hand. Then with an ejaculation of rage he palace, flew in great alarm to a bell, but

started to his feet. As for Lucilla, she began to weep as if the end of all things had come at last, He was exceedingly proud of the fact and to feel quite sure that if papa proved that the Queen had not recognized him.

—Ex.

Mr., Mrs. and Miss. "Six letters-six shameful letters of

As for you, I'll send you to a convent

Elope with a clerk! I'm ashamed to cal

But here Lucilla caught one arm and

"Oh, papa, have you gone crazy t

Mr. Richmond sat down in his arm

Mrs. Richmond retreated into one

"You know, Charles," she said, "it is

so long ago, we both altered a good deal,

member how you fell in love with me at

first sight, and how papa and mamma

objected, and it seems to me if we could

we must let dear Lucilla marry the man

did not need it to be brought back any

plainer myself, women have more time

And certainly, Mr. Richmond could

not deny that. So Lucilla, feeling that

her interests might be safely left in the

gene half so far as to propose an elope-

Napoleon en Sunday Laws.

In the years 807 an attempt was made

Napoleon I. He said: "It is contrary

to Divine law to hinder a man, who has

wants on Sunday as well as on other

days, to work on Sunday in order to

gain his bread. The government should not

impose such a law without giving bread

tenth day and to work on Sunday

(during the revolution, when weeks were

are secondary and very insignificant

commands of the Church is not to in-

terfere with social order, not to do ill to

one's neighbor, not to make an abuse of

liberty. You must not reason with, but

laugh at priests who demand such regu-

lations. I do not oblige them to give

absolution against their will, and I shall

not permit them to force me to throw

the peasant who works, on no matter

directly after mass all the shops be

The Prince of Wales is said to have

some skill in the theatrical art of "mak-

ing up," which he acquired from the late

Mr. Fechter, One day the Prince sud-

denly presented himself before his

mother attired as a beggar, his dress

tattered, his face dirty, and his hair-or rather wig-in appropriate disorder.

The Queen, not doubting that by some

means a genuine beggar had got into the

before the attendants could reach the

room her son had thrown off his disguise.

corner with her handkerchief to her eyes

chair in silence, very red in the face.

deception, Lucilla," said the indignant parent, "I am shocked that a child of I am asked when it became the cusmine should practice such duplicity. tom to call married women "Missiz" in-Hem ! let me see. Number one, I be stead of "Mistresa." I believe that it lieve, June, and this is December. Half would be difficult to fix upon a time a year you have deceived us Lucilla. when this deplorable change in pronun-Let me see! 'Ah! from the first mo ciation took place, and indeed, I am ment he adored you, cht Nonsense very sure that the clipped and degraded People don't fall in love in that absurd form of mistress made its way slowly manner. It takes years of acquaintance, among the folk who were born to speak with respect and attachment. What English, and did not prevail until some generations had passed away after it would win both fame and fortune, poor came into a certain vogue. In fact, as he is.' Fiddlesticks, Lucilla. A man mistress is not absolutely driven from with common sense would always wait the field, for there are people both in until he had a fair commencement before England and America who disclaim he would propose to any girl. Praise of missiz, and cling to the old, full-sound your beauty. The loveliest creature he ing, dignified mistress. But although the question propounded to me cannot are not plain, but such flattery is absurd. be exactly answered, is gives us a good occasion to glance at the history of our Infamous!" he cried. "I'll go to the most commonly used titles of respect. rascal this instant. I'll horse-whip him.

Mister is, like missiz, a degraded form of a better word, master, and master itself is the product of a gradual decay you a daughter! Where's my hat? Here, of the Latin magister, both words hav ing the same meaning. Master, however, is not directly derived from magister. The Latin word, in the course of those centuries which we call the Dark Ages, dropped the g and became maister, or maistre, in old French. In this form it passed into Old English, in which it is found always, or almost always, written either with ai or av, and there is no room for doubt that the pronunciation of the word was the same both in England so long ago! Her name is Lucilla, you and in France.

Our wretched little Missiz has the same noble descent as Mister. The feminine form of maister is maisteress, and the latter word naturally soon followed the former into use. At first it had a like application, and was given to women who were really maistresses. But it lost this elevation much sooner than its masculine counterpart did. The desire to please the vanity of women, sometimes called chivalric, sometimes gallant, which has done much greater harm, did some harm in leading quickly to the application of this title to all ladies that is all gentlewomen who had no other. Sooner than maister, too, it has lost a both in its pronunciation and in spelling. Mistress is a much older English sound

Mistress was given as a title of honor to young girls as well as to matrons early to remember, you know. And we've in the sixteenth century, if not before that time. Of its use in this manner in the time of Elizabeth, Shakspeare's "Mistress" Anne Page, in the Windsor comedy, is an example. Anne Page was a mere slip of a girl, but being the little stratagem next morning. It was tressed." This use of Mistress predaughter of a gentleman, she was "Misfavorable to the young clerk, who vailed until about the reign of Queen had really only been sentimen al, not Anne. Until the end of the seven teenth century unmarried ladies were called Mistress - Mistress Mary, Mistress were married with all the pomp and Betty, and so forth. As their mothers grandeur belitting the noptials of a were also called Mistress, the fashion wealthy merchant's daughter, with the makes some confusion for the readers of perfect approbation of Lucilla's mother, old time literature, particularly in the even greater than before. A strike of sleep. A change of weather would have "It's so naughty of you," said Mrs. who justily believed that her little strata-Richmond, "but oh, dear, I can't blame gem had brought all her daughter's personne of these there will be a of ten per cent on their wages is now I could move neither hands or feet. I half dozen ladies, all styled "Mrs." of others young unmarried girls. It is not always easy to discover the exact position of these ladies, even by their manto get the Imperial government to insist ners, particularly when the Mrs. is a upon an observance of Sunday, and this called forth the following reply from

Miss, as a title of respect, is the most modern of the three common titles of the day. Two hundred years ago it was a title of positive disrespect, and was applied only to unchaste women. It came to be thus generally used in the time of Charles II. In a well known passage in Evelyn's Diary, of the date of 1642 he records: "In this acted ve faire and famous comedian call'd Roxslana, from ve part she performed; and I think it was the last, she being taken to be the Earle of Oxford's misse (as at this time they began to call lewd women)." This shows good reason why young unmarried ladies of character were not then Misses. The practice in question did not, however, prevail very long; it only lasted through the Stuarts, and went out of England with them. We are able to trace the history of this word by the help of the comedies of the time. Those exemplary gentlemen, William Wycherley, Sir John Vanburgh and William Con greve, have left unmistakable evidence upon the subject. How and why was it that Miss so suddenly and thoroughly nothing remains to show, know that the change was made, and the title, which was one of disrespect under Charles II. and James II., became one of respect under William and Mary and Anne.-R. G. White, in New York

The Celluloid Marvel.

enough for a jury—who can lose two or replied, "I always take care to save my-three and not be a bankrupt."

been felt in the remotest regions of Af-

Aftermath.

Never came October with such flaming dyes. The returning runaways the profits of the metropolitan under from the country say that the foliage in takers, and has found new members of this latitude burns with colors that are the profession willing to talk. One of extraordinary bright. Whether it be the these says: "Your New York underwet season, the light early frosts, or taker is a shrewd man. He measures finding out, the pomp and blazonry of about how much to charge by the cut of the American Fall are unmistakable their clothes. If the parlor he enters

The maples have bannered the land bronze his bill will be \$100 for an inwith beauty: the homeward trains fly fant, or \$150 for an adult. If in satin, through dazzling colonnades of color; \$50 more, etc. Among the middle or wherever the sumachs grow the fields well-to-do classes, plain covered coffins are crimson with the blood of Summer, with bars, nails and handles, are and the Virginia creepers, the trailing the favorites. The wood composing arbutus, the blackberry vines and the these coffins are usually chemut, pine, vy pour their cascades of gold and gore or whitewood, and cost, including their from their ledge and trunk, and stream putting together, from \$6 to \$7 50; down the mountain sides like rivulets of cloth, satin used for linings, nails, fire. The hundred sunsets of June, handles, etc., \$22 50, or about \$30 all July and August are reproduced in the told. For ice he will charge between arboracious hues. Even the grasses are \$1 50 and \$2; hearse, \$15; attendants, nellower, and the lichened rocks are \$15 to \$25, and a round sum for carenameled with a new prodigality of riages and the use of stools, making an chromo and russet and cadmium, and aggregate of about \$200. Some unwhere the late rains have saved the dertakers own carriages enough to answer clover and the cut lawns, the deep lush for a small funeral, but as a general greens only serve to throw out the bril- thing the majority of them do business tiant pigments of the trees with intenser with certain liverymen, who divide with

sh school this year and swooning like coffin manufacturers, of which there are an overdressed and voluptuous princess six or seven in the city. They can purin her own beauty, bids the beholder chase at these places cloth-covered coffins revel in the enchantment of her luxuri- for \$15, for which they charge their paous and wanton display.

From all this lavish garniture of other necessary details, from \$100 to fields Fashion is hurrying headlong to \$150. The plates bearing the name and the drab city. At the time when the date of death, etc., cost them but \$2 50; skies are bluer and the earth sweeter for this they tax their customer \$10. and browner, and the crystalline air They charge enough for the use of stools more aromatic and fruity; when nature, at one funeral to buy a set. Even for picturesque in their fruition, lies ripe the box for the coffin, which costs them and ruddy and resting-the idlers for only \$8, they charge \$15. You see by sake her. The late harvest glories do these figures wherein the profits lie not hold them. The cicada has a re- You may think it curious that I, also an proachful tone in its tale of the season undertaker, should speak thus freely of wear a frosty arrow in the early morn- disgusted with the way in which underings." The far-away scream of the takers of this city have been conducting southward tending goese; the whirr of business, and live in hopes to see a the partridge, the phantom mists.

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Miseries of English Tenantry.

patch to the Department of State, re- cobs Oil is the most beneficial remedy better times, in England the distress is ly that I was often robbed of my night's of these there will be a of ten per cent. on their wages is now I could move neither hands or feet. I whom some will be married women, and suffering upon the families of the work- avail; at last somebody recommended ingmen during the coming Winter. St. Jacobs Oil and I concluded to try it, fering, but on the top of the hard times St. Boniface, Pa. has come a terrible year for agriculture. Farmers cannot pay their rents, greatly reduced, and the landlords are serving notices on their tenants to quit. This is producing great indignation as well as distress, especially among those who were born on the farms. There will soon be many experienced farmers without farms, as there are many skilled laborers and mechanics without work. Emigration is the only permanent relief. The British colonies in America are taking advantage of this and sending agents to England to induce the surplus population to emigrate to Canada. This surplus just now embraces some very valuable elements. Why should not the United States engage in this work! As Elihu Burritt said five years ago, 1,000 English farmers could find good farms in New England alone. There are many of these unemployed farmers who have small capital. A little encouragement would induce them to plant themselves among us. If half the effort and energy were used by our States that the Mormons use to attract immigration, large numbers of skilled mechanics and capable farmers with small capital would become worthy citizens of the United States. Now is the best time to procure the most desirable classes of British emigrants.

Wasteful Economy. The parsimony of Congress in refus-A capital example of those numerous ing to provide for necessary expendiindustrial revolutions of which we have tures under the several departments of spoken, and which are peculiarly characthe Government, has hatched out a what day, into prison. Since my au- teristic of America, is furnished by the brood of evils which have played misthority is invoked in this matter, I give new article celluloid. Although it was chief with the country at various points to my people, and forever, the right of invented nine or ten years ago (by two all Summer. The latest specimen is the not interrupting their work. The more brothers named Hyatt), its perfect man- Ute Indian war. Congress failed to apthey work the less vice there will be. ufacture has been regularly in progress propriate \$75,000 due the Utes, and the If I must take part in this affair, I for only about five years, and is consid- latter were made discontented and finalshould prefer to order that on Sunday ered to be still in its infancy ; yet im- ly mutinous, through their failure to remense quantities of the substance are ceive what had been promised them A plain, express, upright sort of a man opened and the people return to their would never go into such rapsodies, I am sure. And now in number three, this blessed fellow calls you an angel! He is directly after mass all the shops be mense quantities of the substance are produced; it is converted into a wonder ful variety of forms, and new modes of applying it are discovered almost daily. This composition of tissue paper, cambring of valuable lives. This is the pher, and certain chemicals is already sort of economy many demagogues are used for billiard balls, combs, backs of continually advocating. It enables never be used as a means to enforce the brushes, hand mirrors and other toilet their party to show a fair record in the articles, whip, cane and umbrella han-dles, every kind of harness trimmings, they care for. We have no doubt milfoot rules, chessmen, handles of knives lions have been squandered by the rasand forks, pencil cases, jewelry of all cally agents the Government has appointkinds, pocketbooks, mouth-pieces for ed to have dealings with the Indians, pipes, cigar-holders, musical instruments, but that is no excuse for withholding doll heads, porcelain imitations, hat funds from agencies which have a just bands, neckties, optical goods, shoe tips claim, according to the accepted policy, and insoles, thimbles, emery wheels, upon the national treasury. "Meeker shirt cuffs, collars, etc. Its use as a sub-stitute for ivory has already exercised a world-wide effect upon the ivory indus-Congress to appropriate \$75,000 due try, the falling off in the demand having these Indians.

> "Is that the way you go on all day!" said Mrs. Jobbins, as she beheld her It was a wise man who said: "He is husband going through the physical ac passing rich who can number friends companiments of a yarn. "Oh, no!" he

New York Undertakers.

has a rep carpet and is furnished with them in the matter of the carriage hire. Nature has indeed adopted the Span- A goodly number patronize the wood trons, after lining them and arranging ended. The "wing-beclanged brakes the craft. The fact is, I have long been

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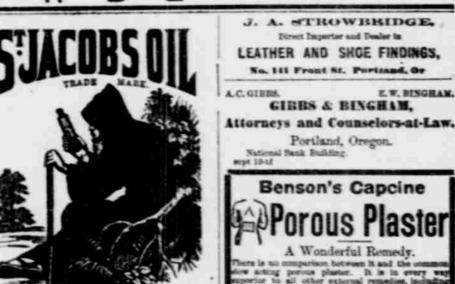
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