That shoe trust will pinch. There is no man so deep but that he

has at least one shallow spot. An appropriate wedding present for a bachelor is a copy of "Paradise Lost."

Some men resemble pyramids-broad at the foundation, but narrow at the

Young ladies and promissory notes should be settled when they arrive at

A man should not be judged by an occasional exertion, but by his everyday actions.

have a right to pull a patient's leg. No; but they do sometimes. There are exceptions to all rules. No doubt it is true, as the women declare, that men are all alike, excepting your

wife's first husband. A lovely young thing has escaped from under the Sultan's wing, and threatens to lecture in this country. Perhaps she'd compromise on comic

One of King Edward's daughters contemplates matrimony, but she has not fully decided as to the man. She can probably have her pick and no questions asked.

Gen. Chaffee urges American army officers to employ good tailors on their uniforms so as to set a useful example in dressiness to the privates. The fact that the American army captured Santiago and Manila in its shirt sleeves and without its boots blacked must be lived literature nor science is infinitely worse said Kennedy in a sarcastic tone. down if possible.

Deficiency in the teaching of handwriting in the common schools of the country receives vivid illustration in the failure of many possible winners in the land lottery of Oklahoma. The penmanship of numerous registered applicants was so bad that their names and addresses could not be made out.

Uncle Sam does many generous things for his old soldiers, but now and then he is guilty of a small act. For instance, he kept \$25 of a soldier's pay thirty years ago to offset possible de ficiencies in the man's clothing account. The other day the soldier received a check for the \$25. Is he not entitled to interest also?

France is the only great nation in Europe that has had the strength of mind and of purpose to establish a republican form of government. It is the only nation on earth which has made successful attempts to solve the problem of the equal distribution of land. Its percentage of pauperism is the lowest in Europe, its percentage of invidual efficiency in production is the highest among the great nations.

Whether we need more battleships or more cruisers appears to depend largely on the question whether, in the next war, we shall have more need to catch and capture the enemy's merchant vessels or to meet and fight his men-ofwar. A cruiser is a fighting vessel only a little more lightly armed and armored than those classed as battleships, and with somewhat greater speed. In | The young people who thirty years ago the great majority of sea fights she looked in vain for the advantages of could give quite as good account of her-

A correspondent, noting a recent edition to a great danger, instances of which are not uncommon. Persons ordering kerosene, says the correspondent, frequently receive gasoline instead, and fatal accidents sometimes result from the error. Mistakes of this sort are the result of culpable negligence on the part of storekeepers or their clerks. Insurance companies take cognizance of the dangers incident to activity and the stress and noise of city the handling of kerosene and insist life are longing now for the quiet and upon strict regulations concerning its air of the country. This reaction gives storage, but no rules will prevent mis- new value to many farms. It sets new takes by careless employes. Merchants standards for country boys and girls, dealing in inflammable and explosive and the fact that city people admit a materials should exercise especial care. liking for the country may do for the Kerosene and gasoline should be kept | young people of the country more than in separate locations in the building and extra pains should be taken in thrown at them for the last quarter of booking orders. The merchant owes this to himself, as he is liable for the mistake. A vendor may be muleted in civil damages and an explosion involving death might result in making him criminally liable. Americans are some what reckless concerning these things, hence the many accidents and fires.

The Downger Empress of Germany, Queen Victoria's first-born child, who died recently, was not so fortunate as her mother. She did not possess so much power, she did not have so happy a life, and she died slowly, from a painful disease. Her husband loved her, but the German people did not, and Bismarck did not. While her fatherin-law lived and Bismarck ruled she had to stay in the background, which was not pleasant for an ambitious and an able woman. Her husband came to the throne at last, but he lived for only nigety-nine days. Then she became the Dowager Empress, and a nonenity. The Dowager Empress of China has been tar from being a nonenity, and the Emperior Frederick's widow would have preferred not to be one, but the fates were against her. The stories told of the business district. of the unfriendly or strained relations existing between her and her son, the list of real estate holdings, and is said present Emperor, doubtless are to a great extent without foundation, but it the members of this exclusive millionis certain that their relations were not aire coterie believe in real estate, but specially cordial. It is doubtful whether | William Weightman and John Wanashe could exercise any influence whatever over him. For more than ten years, bits in Philadelphia. while her mother was still reigning over a great kingdom, and was witnessing from time to time the manifestations of the growing affection of her his death became Mrs. Alexander Van this interference with the vegetable it is a case of heavy weight ond light ness, Dr. Martin?" she asked. side the world of action, without influ- \$12,000,000.-Philadelphia Press.

good reason to believe that in her case royal lineage and high station did not bring much happiness with them. Her career was not what she thought it was going to be when she married the Crown Prince forty-three years ago.

Evidence produced from the libraries of this country that fiction is losing some of its overwhelming popularity is followed by testimony that the same phenomenon is observable in England. A London correspondent of the New York Evening Post quotes one of the principal British publishers to the effect that novels and romances are giving way before "belles-lettres, travel books and books on practical subjects.' The change apparently is even more marked in England than it is on this side of the Atlantic, for the correspondent goes on to add: "Novels that have America are selling only five, six and possibly up to ten thousand here." But whichever country may be leading in A Montana reader asks if dentists this intellectual reform, there can be no doubt that a movement of the kind would be most desirable. Most novel reading is worse than a mere waste of time. It weakens the power of mental application, wrecks the memory and forms a disastrous habit of inattention. It is no more an exercise for the brain than sitting in the stern of the boat is mistakes imaginable. Plowing a straight furrow is a much more intellecthe greatest harm in childhood, when the time should be improved to produce hey?" said Kennedy. intellectual as well as physical athletes. as an occasional luxury, and only the your place." than an exclusive devotion to the playground. It is to be hoped, most earnestthe juveniles.

been declaiming for thirty years against the tendency of young Americans to desert the country and flock to the cities. All the arguments advanced, all the vivid picturing the dark side of city life, all the records of privation, demoralization, and disaster in the cities have had little or no effect. Country-bred boys and girls, thrown on their own resources, drifted by common impulse to the cities. There was reason for this drifting cityward that was bred in the bone. The immigration movement that began in the '60's, and that carried thousands of people from the Eastern and Middle Western States to the isolated farms of the Far West, aggravated conditions that had prevailed in all farming districts. Houses were often mere excuses for homes. Families camped down in localities where they hoped in due time to become possessors of comfortable homes. In their eagerness to possess land many immigrants failed to measure properly or prepare for prevailing conditions. There were disappoint ment, loneliness, and a longing for the conveniences, comforts and privileges of modern life. Denial of these led to a migration toward the cities, and the circumstances of life in many rural communities justified it. Grandually there has come a change. Wherever mortgages have been lifted country homes have taken on an air of comfort, city life in country neighborhoods now self as the heavier vessel; so there is find them at their doors. The mail that some merit in the argument that it is came once a week in the old-time, comes beter to build five cruisers than four now every day. The extension of the battleships for the same amount of rural delivery system carries letters and newspaper to the homes of farmers just as they are carried to homes in the cities. The building of trolley lines torial on lamp explosions, calls atten- brings villages and farms closer together in the matter of time. The better organization of country schools and of teachers' institutes puts the educational privileges on a par with those in the city. Fashion itself has changed. The well-to-do people of the cities are looking countryward. The wealthy are investing money in country establishments. People tired of the incessant all the arguments that have been a century.

PHILADELPHIA MILLIONAIRES.

Quaker City Claims 140, Whose Posses

sions Amount to \$800,000,000. If the city of Penn were to start a Philadelphia millionaire's club, there would be eligible for membership in this extraordinary organization 117 men and twenty-three women. In other words, 140 men and women in this placid Quaker city own more than \$1. 000,000 apiece. Some, of course, own

considerably more. The richest man in this Philadelphia millionaire's club is William Weightman. He is said to be worth somewhere between \$75,000,000 and \$100. 00,000-the slight difference of \$25,000,-000 one way or the other not appearing to worry Mr. Weightman. Mr. Weightman made his money in war times. He sold quinine pills to the Government. His wealth is of the solid sort-real estate. He is said to own more real estate than any other man in Philadelphia, and, luckily, to have selected property which is now in the very heart

John Wanamaker comes next in the to be worth about \$10,000,000. Most of maker have gobbled up the choicest

The richest woman in town is Mrs. Sarah Van Rensselaer. She was a Drexel, married John R. Fell, and at Rensselaer. Her wealth is estimated at sleep. Dust and smoke and other weight.

ence and without popularity. There is GEN. PALMER, WHO GAVE A MILLION DOLLARS TO HIS OLD EMPLOYES.



sold a hundred thousand copies in patches that General William J. Pal- General Palmer sold control of the Why should she have strayed from to his sensational gift.

About twenty years ago General Palmer started out to secure the construc- old age in peace and happiness. All He had to fight against terrible odds. ing be said about it.

lectuality is one of the most absurd Pullman Conductor's Original Method of Squaring Accounts with a Spy.

"No, I'm not with the Pullman comtual employment and one quite beyond pany any more," said a man with the the capacity of the habitual and omniv- unmistakable cut of a railway man to orous novel reader. The confusion does Frank Kennedy, the "night manager."

A training is then needed which should or other. Some manage to hang on for ings interferes with the natural flow of be felt as the training of the gymnasi. a longer time than others, but it always air currents, and the plants of a city um or of outdoor sports is felt upon the ends the same way. Off comes your are, in a measure, smothered because muscles. Stories should be admitted head, and another man is on the run in of a lack of proper and natural ventila-

around among books that are neither your run stood in together all right?" oak must be loosened by the heavier in me. If she would trust me with her

ly, that the change of taste is reaching know him. He made out that I should must be shaken from the limbs and the Sociologists and business men have three berths and keep the money, pro- grow out of these musings." vided a 'spotter' did not board the

"You can well imagine that we alsatchel.

company calls them; we always called grew cold. them 'spotters." In the morning I

on me, but I wouldn't have it. 'I know which is lighted over them. you, says I, and you're a spotter. to be scared, for if the company ever be hunting a job in a jiffy. But I soon put him at his ease.

"I'm afraid,' I says, 'that my returns won't tally with yours. Hadn't we better fix them up?

"You're \$10.75 short,' he says. have to report it.'

your satchel was gone through with, his character, sir, his character-" and then where will you be? "He saw the point, all right, and we then fixed up a compact that if I would

keep my mouth still he would always keep his eyes shut when aboard my about his character." train. He did, and I have had a good graft for three years. But this new man queered me." - Chicago Inter Ocean.

UNHAPPY CITY PLANTS.

Many Forces Which Conspire to Retard The r Growth

"I have been giving some study lately to the question of affording better protection to the vegetation of cities," said a local botanist several days ago to a New Orleans Times-Democrat man. "and as a result. I have found myself out in deep water, but still with a rather interesting series of facts to deal line of thought would lead me, and influences which tend to arrest the simply multiplied with startling rapid-My own observations have convinced me that these influences not inat variance with the original as to

make a new classification necessary. "In the first place there is the matter of noise in all its forms and the vibratory rumblings which go with the various activities of an augmented population. Flowers need sleep. Trees sleep. All forms of vegetable life must at regularly recurring intervals be allowed to lapse into a condition of repose, else some radical change will take place in the form of the plant. But noise is not the only disturbing element so far as the restful condition of flowers and plants is concerned. Light is no inconsiderable factor. Plants and flowers and all kinds of vegetation sleep fool him. best away from the glare. So the lights of the city, which blind all through the

Not only did he have wealthy and determined competitors but the country through which the projected road was to be built was extremely formidable. There were mountains to be tunneled and swift rivers to be crossed, and often General Palmer was driven almost to desperation. On one of these occasions he made a trip over the proposed line and called together all the men who were in any way interested in it. Section foremen, track laborers, clerks in the offices, all were present. To them General Palmer made a frank state-GEN. W. J. PALMER.

The employes responded nobly to his appeal, and when atches that General William I. Pol.

The men in its employ count have the smoothed it out before me and pondered on hurriedly, "I should like you to come his pace, his honest features lighting up at the sight of me.

Slowly. I halled him, and he quickened his pace, his honest features lighting up at the sight of me. mer, of Colorado Springs, Colo., had road he remembered them. He made home? That was the question. What distributed stock worth \$1,000,000 the rounds again, personally visiting possible reason could there have been, among the employes of the Rio Grande | the homes of engineers, section | men, | strong enough to impel a young and deli-Western Railroad. The reason for his and other employes, and at each he left cately nurtured girl to run all the risks action and the method in which the dis- a gift of stock, the amounts varying and dangers of a flight alone and unprotribution was made add fresh interest from \$2,000 to \$100,000. To many old tected? employes the gift came as a fortune,

exercise for the body, and to confuse HOW HE FIXED THE SPOTTER. things that fill the air unquestionably sifty pounds. In doing so I might render have considerable influence on vegeta-her a great service, by restoring her to "Now," she said, "I must let you know the said, "I must pendent of its uses for lighting purposes, has a bad effect on vegetation.

"The overcharged condition of the

which will enable them to spend their

"Must have got onto your graft, back to the point of generation, cannot not prepared to deliver her up until I be healthy from a viewpoint of vegeta- knew something more of both sides of "Yep. We all get caught some time tion. The construction of large buildtion. The flower loves and craves the Also, that I must see her again first, and best at that. Indiscriminate browsing "I thought you and the spotter on kiss of the breeze. The joints of the blasts. The dead leaves must be blown "Yep, we did. But the company put away in order to facilitate the growth a new man on the run and I didn't of the bud and the twig. Dead bark have turned in about \$15 more than I trunk in order to insure a healthy did, and hence the lay off. But I never growth. I might go on and multiply told you how I fixed the spotter, did 1? these influences indefinitely, but it is three women I cared most for in the Now that I am out I don't mind telling not necessary. Every man has observe world-my mother first, Julia second, and you. You see, the conductors on the ed the effect, for we have seen the my mysterious patient third. Pullmans, if they are so disposed, can toughest of plants, plants as hardy as make a few dollars on the side. Of the oak, wither and die in cities on accourse, when they do the company is count of these very influences, and the just that much out, but the company is matter at least affords a vast field for was put on the St. Louis run I had an is the forerunner of solid, logical, philopportunity one night to let two or osophic deductions, much good may

> Shows How Our Ancesors Cooked. Prof. S. Trojanovic, of Belgrade, has it had not done before. I made every ways kept a pretty good lookout for for several months been making inthese gentlemen. The porter on the vestigation with the object of ascer taken to it, several times a day. cars always stands in with the con- taining the exact manner in which food It was positively necessary that he is in his berth and asleep and then warm it by means of red hot stones, syllable I uttered. bring out his satchel to the end of the says the New York Herald. Such a pot What if I could do two patients good car and open it. If the man is a spot- was usually made of the bark of a tree, at one stroke-kill two birds with one ter, there is always evidence of it in his and two or three sticks ran across it for stone? Captain Carey had a pretty little jacket and hat. I lifted them out for some impatience for Miss Ollivier's promotion of the stone? It came at least and I not it On this particular night that I speak proper position. When a meal was to bor, and a day's cruising would do him of I was uneasy about one of my pas- be prepared the pot was partially filled all the good in the world. Why should sengers. I got the porter to get the fel- with mean and water, and then in the he not carry me over to Sark, when I low's satchel and when we opened it vacant places were put the red hot be made miserable by the trip? sure enough we found that he was a stones. The food was quickly warmed

In various parts of Servia primitive went up to Mr. Spotter as bold as brass. pots of this kind are still used. In If the weather keeps as fine as it is now, I had seen him putting down some fig- other parts of Europe, notably in Maceures in a little memorandum book, so donia, pots formed of the bark of trees I asked him: 'Well, how much do you are also used, but the food in them, instead of being warmed by means of hot "He tried to come the innocent dodge stones, is thoroughly cooked by a fire

Prof. Trojanovic has made a collec-Don't give me any blarney about it, for tion of these pots, and he regards them I went through your satchel last night as of peculiar interest and value, since and know all about you.' Well, he al- he is confident that in old days about most had a fit. It was then his turn every nation in Europe cooked its food in utensils of this kind, though he found out that he was known he would thinks it quite probable that a different method of heating the food prevailed how my patient's broken arm is going on. in each country.

Something of a Difference.

"Sir." he said to the manager of the store, "I want to warn you against that clerk at the ribbon counter. I under-'Oh, no, you won't,' says I. 'If you stand he has a wife in the East and left do. I'll have to let the company know her on account of his bad habits, and

The visitor became emphatic and ex-

cited. "I beg your pardon," interrupted the manager; "you were saying something

"Well, sir, they say-" "Ah, quite a difference, my dear sir: quite a difference. My friend, such tiously. "Thank heaven!" I cried within people as you may establish a reputation for a man, but you can't touch his tage. character. A man's character is what he is; his reputation is what people say

he is. Good-day, sir." And the young man at the ribbon counter just kept on working and didn't feel a breeze.-Denver Times.

Where Matches Were First Made. The oldest match factory in the world is in Sweden. Matches were made there long before the old, roughly with. At first I had no idea where the trimmed splinter of wood tipped with eyes were fixed upon her, for she awoke sulphur was discarded with the tinder when I began to figure on the various | boxes for which they were used. In twenty-five years the export trade of growth of vegetation in the cities they Sweden in foreign matches increased to 10,000,000 boxes a year, and still it ing on," I said. "How is the arm, first should not be forgotten there was a of all?" matchmaking in the garden of Eden. frequently give birth to a flora so much and that many millions were born therefrom and have gone into all the countries of the earth.-Saginaw Cour-

Population of the Earth.

At the present rate of increase the population of the earth will double itself, it is said, in 260 years.

When you think you are fooling others, and they let on that they are being fooled, it may be for the purpose of laughing at the extent to which you come to see me again," she said; "is it go. No one fools any one of average sense; the people are quick to see it when an attempt is made to fool them. No one who respects another, tries to

We suppose that when a university

The Doctor's Pilemma

By Hesba Stretton

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We walked home together. We had a good deal to talk of during the evening. "You are very, very good CHAPTER VI .- (Continued.) ment. He told them that only the faith- I found myself alone in my own room.

What ought I to do with this advertisement, thrust, as it would seem, purposely under my notice? What was I to do with the clue? I might communicate tion of the road which he recently sold. General Palmer asked was that noth- at once with Messrs. Scott and Brown. giving them the information they had advertised for six months before. I might sell my knowledge of Miss Ollivier for have considerable influence on vegeta- her a great service, by restoring her to tion in the cities. Electricity, inde- her proper sphere in society. But the recollection of Tardif's description of her as looking terrified and hunted recurred vividly to me. The advertisement put her age as twenty-one. I should not earth, because of the electrical currents have judged her so old myself, especially that are constantly finding their way since her hair had been cut short. I was thus throwing us together alone.

Scott and Brown and learn something with some difficulty, but she could not about Miss Ollivier's friends, I might be then able to decide whether I would betray her to them; but I would not write. The asked it.

raise the lid without my help. I took then able to decide whether I would betray her to them; but I would not write. tray her to them; but I would not write. asked it. once more urge her to have confidence secret, I would be as true to her as a friend as I meant to be true to Julia.

Having come to these conclusions, the advertisement carefully out of the crumpled paper, and placed it in my pecketbook with portraits of my mother

CHAPTER VII.

I was neither in good spirits nor in good temper during the next few days. rich and can stand for it. Soon after I botanic speculation, and, as speculation My mother and Julia appeared astonish ed at this, for I was not ordinarily as touchy and fractious as I showed myself mmediately after my sojourn in Sark. I was ashamed of it myself. The new louse, which occupied their time and thoughts so agreeably, worried me as

ductor and gets his bit of whatever is was cooked in Europe in primitive should run over to Sark this week-I had made. If any one we are a bit sus- times, and he has now arrived at the given my word to Miss Ollivier that I picious of gets aboard we have to keep conclusion that the general practice tab on him. The porter will wait until was to place the food in a pot and to such a project at home. My mother and tab on him. The porter will wait until was to place the food in a pot and to Julia would be up in arms at the first

the purpose of holding the stones in yacht lying idle in St. Sampson's har- ber, and after them a pair of velvet slip- ised letter. It came at last, and I put it could visit my other patient, and nobody

Pullman inspector. That's what the in this way and it was eaten before it medicine," I said, "but I strongly recommend you to have a day out on the water; seven or eight hours at any rate. it will do you a world of good.'

'It is so dreary alone," he objected. "If I could manage it," I said, deliberating, "I should be glad to have a day with you.

"Ah! if you could do that!" he replied

eagerly. "I'll see about it," I said. "Should you mind where you sailed to?"

"Not at all, not at all, my boy," he answered, "so that I get your company. You shall be skipper or helmsman, or both, if you like.' "Well, then, I replied, "you might take

me over to the Havre Gosselin, to see It's a bore there being no resident medical man there at this moment." The run over was all that we could

wish. The cockle-shell of a boat belonging to the yacht bore me to the foot of the ladder hanging down the rock at Havre Gosselin. A very few minutes took me to the top of the cliff, and there lay the little thatched nest-like home of my patient. I hastened forward eagerly. All was silent as I crossed the stony causeway of the yard. Not a face looked out from door or window. Mam'zelle's casement stood a little way open, and the breeze played with the curtains, flut tering them like banners in a procession. I dared not try to look in. The house door was ajar, and I approached it caumyself as I gazed eagerly into the cot-

She was lying there upon the fern-bed half asleep, her head fallen back upon the pillow, and the book she had been reading dropped from her hand. whole interior of the cottage formed picture. The old furniture of oak, the neutral tints of the wall and ceiling, and the deep tone of her green dress threw out into strong relief the graceful shining head and pale face.

I suppose she became subtly conscious, as women always are, that somebody's fully and looked up as I lingered on the "Oh, Dr. Martin!" she cried, "I am so

"I am come to see how my work is go-

I almost wished that mother Renouf or Suzanne Tardif had been at hand. But know now." Miss Oilivier seemed perfectly composed, as much so as a child. She looked like one with her cropped head of hair, and frank, open face. My own momentary cate with your family," I said. "You was going on all right, and so was mother Renouf's charge, the sprained ankle. We must take care you are not lame," "You must promise me not to I should be here?" set your foot on the ground, or in any

way rest your weight upon it, till I give other." you leave. That means that you will have to

"Not at all," I answered, "it is quite a treat to me.' Her face grew very grave, as if she was thinking of some unpleasant topic. She looked at me earnestly and ques-

tioningly.

"Speak precisely what is in your mind

"You are very, very good to me," she and sat up late. It was midnight before said, holding out her hand to me, "but I do not want you to come more often ment. He told them that only the faith- I found myself alone in my own room. I do not want you to come the was an immense relief to see only ful and enthusiastic co-operation of all I had half forgotten the crumpled paper than is quite necessary, because I am Tardif's tall figure crossing the paper than t the men in its employ could have the in my waistcoat pocket, but now I very poor. If I were rich," she went week you were here. So please do not were his first eager words. visit me oftener than is quite necessary."

My face felt hot, but I scarcely knew what to say. I bungled out an answer. "I would not take any money from

> Martin?" she asked, in a pleading tone. "No," I answered; "but you are mistaken in supposing a medical man has no so long." love for his profession apart from its erly well is part of my duty, and I shall then I want you to walk with me to the fulfill it without any thought of whether | cliff."

ften as I can."

how poor I am. Will you please tofetch now. The picture was as perfect as me my box out of my room?"

I was only too glad to obey her. This seemed to be an opening to a complete more charming after my renewed sernconfidence between us. Now I came to tiny of it. think of it, fortune had favored me in

I lifted the small, light box very easily -there could not be many treasures in dispose of it to advantage, but I have it-and carried it back to her. She took not time to wait for it now.' Settled-that if I could see Messrs. a key out of her pocket and unlocked it

lessness and helplessness touched me to the core of my heart. Yet it was with a indefinable reluctance that I brought for

ward my argument. and my arkular," I said, "I have to claim of old acquaintance or friendship, yet it is possible I might answer those questions, if you could prevail upon your self to tell me the circumstances of your former life. In a few weeks I shall be in a position to show you more friendship than I can do now. I shall have a home of my own, and a wife, who will be your friend more fittingly, perhaps, than my

"I knew it," she answered, half shyly. "Tardif told me you were going to man ry your cousin Julia."

Just then we heard the foldyard gate swing to behind some one who was coming to the house.

It was an immense relief to see on'y slowly. I hailed him, and he quickened

"All right, I said; "going on famously, Sark is enough to cure any one and anything of itself, Tardif. There is no alr like it. I should not mind being a little

you, and I shall come to see you as ill here myself." "You are not offended with me, Dr. gone," he continued. "He sent word by me that you might be visiting every "Captain Carey is impatient to be house in the island, you had been away

"Not so very long," I said, testily; "but profits. To see that your arm gets prop- I will just run in and say good by, and

I turned back for a last look and a last word. No chance of learning her secret when I had had the first glimpse of it, only her face had grown, if possible,

"Shall I send you the hair?" asked Miss Ollivier. "To be sure," I answered. "I shall

"And may I write a letter to you?" "Yes," was my reply. I was too pleas-



"HALF ASLEEP."

Yes, there were very few possessions in that light trunk, but the first glance showed me a blue silk dress and sealskin rs, soiled, as if they had been through muddy roads. I did not utter a remark. Beneath these lay a handsome watch and to myself. It ran thus: chain, a fine diamond ring and five sover-

eigns lying loose in the box. world," she said sadly. I laid the five sovereigns in her small white hand, and she turned them over, and he says I have paid quite sufficient one after another, with a pitiful look on to stay with them a whole year longer

over them myself. question after a long pause, "do you will buy my hair, and give more than know what became of my hair?"

"Why?" I asked, looking at her fingers running through the short curls we had left her. "Because that ought to be sold for

something," she said. "I am almost glad you had it cut off. My hairdresser told me once he would give five guineas for a too clever for that. Your patient, head of hair like mine, it was so long. and the color was uncommon. guineas would not be half enough to pay you, though, I know."

She spoke so simply and quietly that I did not attempt to remonstrate with her about her anxiety to pay me. "Tardif has it," I said; "but of course

sell it for you, mam'zelle?" be a long time before I go away. I don't to have forgotten my patient in Sark alknow, though; that depends upon wheth- together. er I can dispose of my things. There is my sealskin, it cost twenty-five guineas ast year, and it ought to be worth something. And my watch-see what a nice one it is. I should like to sell them all, every one. Then I could stay here as

long as the money lasted." "How much do you pay here?" I inquired, for she had taken me so far into ounsel that I felt justified in asking that question.

"A pound a week," she answered, "A pound a week!" I repeated, in amazement. "Loes Tardif know that?" "I don't think he does," she said. When I had been here a week I gave Mrs. Tardif a sovereign, thinking perhaps she would give me a little out of I am not used to being poor, and I did not know how much I ought to pay. But she kept it all, and came to me every week for more. Was it too much to

"Too much!" I said. "You should have spoken to Tardif about it, my poor child," "I could not talk to Tardif about his nother," she answered. would not have been too much, if I had only had plenty. But it has made me so Emma. I did not know whatever I should do when it was all gone. I do not

Here was a capital opening for a question about her friends. "You will be compelled embarrassment passed away. The arm have told me how poor you are; cannot you trust me about your friends?" "I have no friends," she answered sor-

rowfully. "If I had any, do you suppose "I am one," I said, "and Tardif is an-"Ah, new friends," she replied; "but I

mean real old friends who have known you all your life, like your mother, Dr. not very difficult to come over from Martin, or your cousin Julia. I want somebody to go to who knows all about me, and say to them, after telling them everything, keeping nothing back at all, 'Have I done right? What else ought I to have done? No new friend could answer questions like those."

Was there any reason I could bring "May I speak to you with great plain- forward to increase her confidence in me? I thought there was, and her friend- boy's quarter,

"And friend?" I added. "And friend," she repeated For the next few days I waited with

-why, I could scarcely have explained "Dear Dr. Martin-I have no little

commission to trouble you with. Tardit "That is all the money I have in the tells me it was quite a mistake, his mother taking a sovereign from me each week. She does not understand English money; her face. I felt foolish enough to cry without paying any more. I am quite content about that now. Tardif says, too, "Dr. Martin," was her unexpected that he has a friend in Southampton who anybody in Guernsey. So I need not trouble you about it, though I am sure

you would have done it for me. "Good by, my good doctor. I am trying to do everything you told me exactly; and I am getting well again fast. I not believe I shall be lame; you are

Olivia! I looked at the word again to make sure of it. Then it was not her surname that was Ollivier, and I was still ignorant of that. I saw in a moment how the mistake had arisen, and how innocent she was of any deception in the matter. She would tell Tardif that her he will give it you back again. Shall I name was Olivia, and he thought only of the Olliviers he knew. It was a mis-"Oh, that is just what I could not ask take that had been of use in checking you!" she exclaimed, "You see there is curiosity, and I did not feel bound to put no one to buy it here, and I hope it may it right. My mother and Julia appeared

> Olivia! I thought it a very pretty name, and repeated it to myself with its abbreviations, Olive, Livy. It was diffcult to abbreviate Julia; Ju, I had called her in my rudest schoolboy days. dered how high Olivia would stand beside me; for I had never seen her on her feet. Julia was not two inches shorter than myself; a tall, stiff figure, neither slender enough to be lissome, nor well proportioned enough to be majestic. But she was very good, and her price was far above rubies.

I visited Sark again in about ten days, to set Olivia free from my embargo upo her walking. I allowed her to walk a little way along a smooth meadow path, leaning on my arm; and I found that she was a head lower than myself-a beautiful height for a woman. That time Captain Carey had set me down at the Havre Gosselin, appointing to meet at the Creux harbor, which was exactly on the opposite side of the island. In crossing over to it-a distance of rather more than a mile-I encountered Julia's "Besides, it friends, Emma and Maria Brouard. "You here again, Martin!" exclaimed

"Yes," I answered; "Captain Carey set me down at the Havre Gosselin, and is gone round to meet me at the Creux. "You have been to see that young per-

son?" asked Maria. "Yes," I replied. "She is a very singular young woman, she continued; "we think her stapid, We cannot make anything of her. But there

is no doubt poor Tardif means to marry "Nonsense!" I ejaculated hotly: "I bes your pardon, Maria, but I give Tardif credit for sense enough to know his own

position. I had half an hour to wait in the little harbor, its great cliffs rising all about me, with only a tunnel bored through them to form an entrance to the green Island within. My rage had partly fut ed itself away before the yacht came is

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