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THE SILENT GOSSIP.

When a young woman stands beside the fireplace, taps her foot on the rug, and says coolly; "I feel very much honored, I'm sure, but I don't think we are suited to each other,' the young man who is most interested in the conversation can do nothing better than to depart as soon as consistent with his dignity. So Richard went out and banged

the door, leaving Dolly in the li-

Dolly was eighteen, Richard was twenty-three, the ages at which man and woman are most given to tormenting each other. Dolly thought Richard the hansomest and wisest of human beings; Richard thought Dolly the loveliest and most lovable of women, so there is no use describing either of them. That Dolly should refuse Richard, or that Richard should propose to Dolly in an unfavorable moment, may seem strange, but it was the fault of gossip, a silent gossip, who or which had circulated most extraordinary intelligence concerning

One fine afternoon, less than a week before this painful interview, Richard walked down Main street, enjoying the mild, spring air, thinkhis canoe, Dolly and his tandem and Dolly and his buggy, as had been his habit ever since he returned from college and found that Dolly loved. had treasured up all his letters to her brother.

Main street was crowded; the evening train the "supper train," from town, had just arrived and Richard, who had come down by an earlier train on some business on the narrow sidewalk of a village Miss Lawndes, the dress-maker, peered at him with eager eyes; Mrs. railroad men of his own age were the social atmosphere of Sunnydale. day or two. Then it was tea time, and ple.

outrageous flirtation between them, of lies. Will write to-morrow. for Julie was engaged to George business trip. The first that Dolly in Richard's buggy. Frith heard of it was from her Aunt Just as Miss Lawndes was saying, the facts of the case, but I never

made up a dozen times, and he had you.' turbance, and serenely met Richard Julie. when he called, as usual, two days after she had learned of his false at her flower beds. When she re-

should be deceived by him again," her spectacles.

warded, made what he considered a ple stood in front of her.

She's been fooling me all this time? her exasperating slow way.

a fool and forgive him-if the whole victims of some unpardonable gos- er Dick's coat one evening. wept above the new mantel cover, to find out," said Richard.

regardless of decorative art.

against him; but Fred was in Texand tried to be amiable.

to sit with him. A short "mornturned to eny one, and he was left throats, Dr. Allen knows," exto his paper and his thoughts. Mean-claimed Julie. ing glances and masculine chuckles "I was at your home, but I only went on about him. All imagined saw your grandfather about some he had learned what an amazing deeds," said Richard. amount of work had been accomdrop the subject, for it would have ing of Dolly and tennis, Dolly and heard his name connected with Ju- Mrs. Allen. lie's and was simply in a furious

George Lane, in Vienna, bitterly Frankland's. reproached Julie Frankland for her Bessie Frankland was hanging crowd, and beamed serenely on offered to release her from her enevery one. People meet very closely gagement if she wished. The other did you take my red colarette out currency; slaves, when hired, were Dale reproached him for his flirting word, but Mr. Dale and I must per month. A pound of Virginia. two Poulett girls, apparently struck by Richard's new scarf-pin, stared by Richard's new scarf-pin, stared

The young people in Sunuydale minute-Allan, the doctor's wife, stout and have tempers. They do not pine slow, came to a full stow in front of in secret or let a fog of misunderhim, and as he stepped aside to give standing nourish poisonous vapors. her room she turned and looked at It is well known that thunder-Richard's special friends, "the boys" and Julie presently developed a so-

called, were nearly all on the other Julie with her black eves flashing way home from the tennis ground, Lane in Vienna: "It is all crazy Lulie Cameron was with him, gignonsense. I will investigate and your hat and come with us."

And Grandpa Frankland "Well I'll swear—" and talked to Richard for a minute much at the ways of the young peo-

ard Dale and Julia Frankland, of the man. "Obliged for advice. A pack rious things.

That afternoon Richard Dale and

Julia Dorr. "We all know how "Of course, it's all settled now," Julie flirted before she got engaged, the buggy stopped before her door said Aunt Julia, after announcing and Richard helped Julie to alight. "Miss Lawndes," said Richard, would have believed she could have as the lady hurried to the door, misbehaved so afterwards. George "Miss Frankland and I are deter-

children; they had quarrelled and in each we have been referred to ty garden where Dolly, standing and leaves you nothing but headoccasionally invited other girls to Miss Lawndes looked angry and suckles.

Dolly had shown signs of under- to some one else; all the village saw ly when Dolly turned and viewed hour together is ignorant—very igvaluing him, but never in their it," she said, stiffly.

this very unexpected trio, but Julic norant. Why, red lions and tigers exclaimed: "Dolly, dear, I've tele and eagles and vultures are all creat-

week, while he was, no doubt did and the Poulett girls just before; three. Bessie hung my red collar their jaws and talons? Such as drink calling on Julie the other four even- you must excuse me," and Miss on the hat stand, Mr. Dale caught and live riotously, and wonder why ings, and then to come down in the Lawndes retreated into the house, his coat in it that day he came to their faces are so blotchy and their able little flirt, it was all her fault!" Richard's youthful shirt-waists had sick, and everybody in town saw wondering if they had two grains of

anger. But though Dolly inwardly mean?" exclaimed Richard.

"If it were not that the whole in her path she raised herself pon- as she looked at Julie. "Bessie has fair momory, a great capacity for village had seen it. I believe I derously and looked at them over a good deal to answer for," she said learning languages, and a well de-

the eyes that were dearer to her you please tell us what you have actly what she meant, and the there anything," asked the man her from under Richard's straight was any flirtation between Miss ner showed so much to Julie that ance of his joy, "that my head needs Frankland and myself?"

than Dolly's at his presumption. heard it a dozen times in the last on being helped out, and presently "I didn't need to lead up to it, as three weeks. So there isn't any- was hurrying down the path with plaining that he had not had his if I had only known her a month! thing in it, is there?" she said, in Bessie, leaving Richard standing he had found a piece of worsted

take him! Oh, I would be just such distance informing us that we were she said she had pulled off of broth-

Dolly was not one to tell when clasping her fat hands around her coat button. she had refused an offer, so she had garden trowel, "you walked down no one to sympathize with her. The Main street on the 28th of April Julie is keeping Miss Lawndes very friendship between her brother Fred with a long ted fringe off Julie's busy, and Richard, in his mediation and Richard had been long and un-collar hanging to the top button of upon Dolly, now combines her with shaken, and possibly Dolly might your coat and all the village saw it" a nebulous arrangement of white have begged Fred to call him back "Did I?" said Richard impatient- lace and orange blossoms, to be

and try to clear him of the charges ly, "and what more?" "What more! Seems to me most Exchange. as, not to be home for weeks, so people would think if a man's coat Dolly had her trouble all to herself was that near to a girls collar-no, I don't mean to say you had kissed Not so did Richard. That young her, but you could have counted man appeared on the next morn- her eyelashes, Richard;" and Mrs. ings train with a face so forbidding Allen looked at the two amazed that none of "the boys" ventured young people with a deprecating air. "On the 28th I never left my ing" was all the greeting he re-room; I had one of my bad sore

"And my colarette, my red chenplished by the silent gossip, and ille colar that George sent me—you they rather unwisely concluded to could not have been even near it."

shortened various troubles if Rich- Julie, there is not such another in ard and Julie had known about the Sunnydale-a long red fringe, with \$60 for all the work they could pertalk. But Richard had not even a little gold tassel at the end," said

temper over his unexpected rejec- my word for it, that Miss Franktion by the only girl he had ever land and I have never flirted, that ings, or, as money went, 40 cents At least two people in Sunnydale that I am utterly ignorant as to how month; elsewhere in Pennsylvania experienced nothing but clouds and a piece of her fringe became attached workmen were content with \$6 in rain for the next three weeks, no to my coat button," said Richard, summer and \$5 in winter. At Balmatter what the weather report said and the two puzzled, angry young Then came two letters. One from people drove away, this time to Mr.

from Frederick Frith to Richard of may room? I won't scold, not one clothed, and their masters paid \$1

'Where did you put it, then?"

him again before she passed on storms clear the air; thus Richard I didn't hurt it a scrap, and put it There were no art or bric-a-brac back in your drawer when I took crazes. - [Phrenological Journal. as the young lawyers, clerks and cial thunder-storm which cleared up your supper. You were sick that "There! You caught the fringe

just through college, and on his ing emphatic telegram to George hat and cane?" exclaimed Julie, and horses, and Samson never drank

est on me," said Julie. 'That's all you know about it,"

'I won't," said Richard. upon a ladder, was tying up honey- aches.

parties and picnics when he thought embarassed. "I prefer to refer you Richard only raised his hat slight- who let him sit and drink by the this. And to think how he had kept on calling on her three times asked Richard, looking very stern. graphed George that all Sunnydale ures of prey, and why do so many has gone quite mad, except we put themselves within the power of though Dolly, bending over her work, and blushing with shame and work, and blushing with shame and work, and blushing with shame and work are though to him with a piece of my fringe hanging they had two grants of him with a piece of my fringe hanging to his coat, and, behold! all the an elm-tree for pears, as look to world accused us of flirting. We loose habits for health and wealth. raged, she showed no signs of dis- "Let us go to Mrs. Allen," said never knew a word of it till this Those who go to the public-house

trying to appear joking, but the veloped head generally?" thought Dolly, as she looked into "Mrs. Allen," said Richard, "will deepening blush told Richard ex- have," said the phrenologist. "Is after a few words she exclaimed to to make it absolutely perfect?" When Richard, who had lately Mrs. Allen looked around for her sister: "Bess, you are crushing Oregon, made certain satisfactory arrange- some support, but finding nothing me, you roly-poly ball! Let's get the man, "A shampoo,"-[Chicago ments, and felt that now his life nearer retreated to the doorstep and out, and go to see Miss Lawndes. long devotion deserved to be re- sat down while the two young peo- I'm ready to face all the world with my collarette on, too."

"You want to know, Richard, do Richard offered to drive her where neat and creditable proposal, his wrath at her refusal was not greater wou? Well, I thought you'd have she wished to go, but she insisted sumed his basinful, began comwithin a foot of Dolly's ladder.

gentleman for whom I have the the affair of the collarette, so the soup at a penny a bowl?" was the "He thinks because she's engag- highest regard, and we have never explanation spread fast, and Lily ed and flirts he can be engaged and imagined that our names could be Dale, Richard's little sister, took reply. -[Boston Post. flirt too!" was Dolly's meditation, connected till this morning, when pride in showing her doll, adorned There have been found 275 variemingled with tears. "But I would we received letters from friends at a with the missing bit of fringe which ties of birds in Washington To

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village hadn't seen it!" and Dolly sip whose name we are determined. So the atmosphere of Sunnydale cleared delightfully, and almost any "Well Richard," said Mrs. Allen man may now wear fringe on his

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The Strongest Drink.

Water is the strongest drink. It side of the street, but Bobby Price, and cheeks ablaze, wrote the followwith beaming face. "Bessie, get anything else. Let young men be tectotalers if only for economy sake. The beer money will soon buy a "No, dont swear, Mr. Dale; you house. If what goes into the mash gling as usual, and they both stopped speeded it on its way, wondering have no need. It has been the hard-tub went into the kneading-trough; families would be better fed and better taught. If what is spent in every one in well-regulated Sunny-dale went home.

Richard, I greive to state, swore over his friend's instructive and adgrowled Richard, as he helped Besdere waste were only saved against a Within the next three days all monitory letter and then sent this sie into the buggy, and thereupon rainy day, workhouses would never money with the publican, and They drove to Mrs. Allen's where thinks the landlord's bow and "How Bessie related her performance with do ye do, my good fellow?" means Lane, who was in Europe on a long Julie Frankland were seen together the collarette, and then Julie, look- true respect, is a poor simpleton: ng down the street, said: "There's We do not light fires for the her-Dolly Frith tying up her honey-rings comfort, but to roast him. suckles. Let's go there. I can't Men do not keep pothouses for labear to think she should have be- borer's good; if they do, they cerlieved me a flirt, the darling girl!" tainly miss their aim. Why then should people drink, "for the good Yes you will. Bessie, just take of the house?" If I spend my monthe reins; Mr. Dale likes to have ey for the good of any house, let it will be furious. Of oourse he will mined to learn how our names came little girls drive," said Julie. Bessie be my own, and not the landlord's. break off, and I can't blame him." to be connected in a manner which took the reins, and Richard, lean- It is a bad well into which you must Dolly kept silent. Richard had has caused us the greatest annoy. ing back in his scat with air of inbeen devoted to her since they were ance. We have made two calls and difference, was driven into the pret-

> He who calls those his friends this very unexpected trio, but Julie norant. Why, red lions and tigers morning, and now we are taking for happiness climb the tree to find

alized the presence of these two Dolly's face glowed and dimpled __"Now, you tell me I have a "Yes." "What is it, pray?" asked

-A customer went into an eating-house where they sell basins of HAVING COMPLETED OUR NEW STABLES, WE ARE was Richard's angry comment, as "Miss Frankland is engaged to a Bessie enjoyed her prominence in can put hits of silk declines in