

The Doctor's Dilemma

By Hesba Stretton

CHAPTER XXVIII.

I do not know why terror always strikes me dumb and motionless. I did not stir or speak, but looked steadily, with a fascinated gaze, into his husband's face—a worn, white, emaciated face, with eyes peering cruelly into mine. It was an awful look; one of dark triumph, of sneering, cunning exultation. Neither of us spoke.

He sank down on the seat beside me, with an air of exhaustion, yet with a low, fawning laugh which sounded hideously loud in my ears. His fingers were still about my arm, but he had to wait to receive from my first shock of his success—it had been a shock. His face was bathed with perspiration, and his breath came and went fitfully. I thought I could even hear the heavy throbbing of his heart.

"I've found you," he said, his hand tightening its hold—and at the first sound of his voice the spell which bound me snapped—"I've tracked you out at last to this cursed hole. The game is up, my little lady. By heaven! you'll repent of this. You are mine, and no man shall come between us."

"I don't understand you," I muttered. He had spoken in an undertone, and I could not raise my voice above a whisper, so parched and dry was my throat. "Understand!" he said, with a shrug of his shoulders. "I know all about Dr. Martin Dobree. You understand that well enough. I am here to take charge of you, to carry you home with me as my wife, and neither man nor woman can interfere with me in that. It will be best for you to come with me quietly."

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ing here in the presbytery, and you cannot force me away. I will not go."

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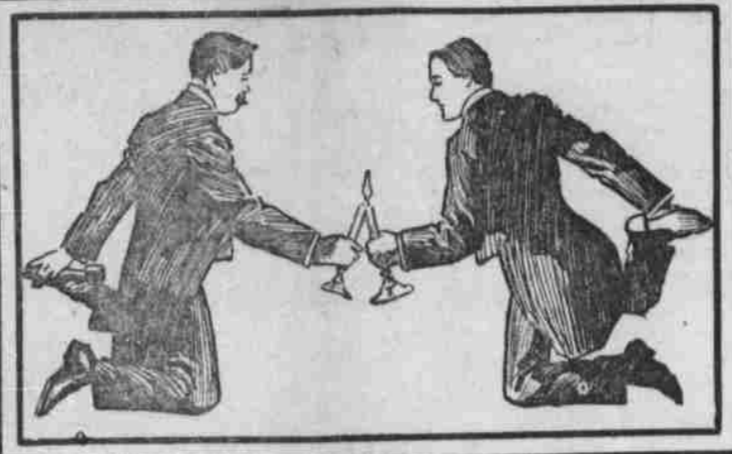
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NEW GAME PLAYED WITH CANDLES.



Here is a novel trick, and one which never fails to afford much entertainment at an evening party. Two persons kneel on the ground at a distance of about three feet from each other, and to each is given a candle, of which one should be lighted. The right or left foot of each, as the case may be, is then to be held up by his free hand, the result being that the entire weight of the body will rest on the other knee. The person holding the unlighted candle must then try to touch it at the other one. That this is no easy task can very easily be ascer-

JOHN BROWN'S BIRTHPLACE.

Movement Started to Perpetuate Old New England Farmhouse.

An association, called the John Brown Association, has been formed for the purpose of purchasing and preserving the old homestead at Torrington, Conn., where John Brown, the noted abolitionist and martyr, was born. The house has stood unoccupied for many years and relic hunters have carried away many of its fixtures, but an association has been formed to prevent this vandalism by the association.

SKILLED IN MANY SPORTS.

Left-handed People Are Proficient in Ways that Astonish One.

It is not wise to poke fun at a left-handed boy or girl. They may develop qualities that are unattainable by those who use their right hands preferably. Children who have fallen into this habit of using their left hands should not be taught to do violence to a strongly implanted instinct and use the right hand whether they will or no. Such a training not only inflicts upon the child a useless amount of hardship and inconvenience, but may do him serious injury, even to depriving him of the power of speech.

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HOW THE OTHER BAND WON.

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"I once belonged to a country band when I was a youngster," said the talkative man. "It was great sport, and no man has really lived unless he has belonged to such an organization at some period in his life. There was a great rivalry between the band that I was a member of and one in an adjoining town. When the rivalry was at white heat a band contest was held in a neighboring town. We were both entered in the same class, and only asked for a free field and no favors."

ALUMINUM CURTAIN.

Aluminum has just been employed for the construction of a new fireproof curtain to be used in theaters. The curtain is sixty feet wide by fifty-four feet high, is composed of aluminum sheets one-twelfth of an inch thick and weighs 4,000 pounds.

High-Priced Book.

The biggest price ever paid for a book was \$44,000, given for an original copy of the Pastoralium, published by Faust in 1453. It was bought by Bernard Quaritch.

Tasmania's Mineral Wealth.

Tasmania, in proportion to its area, is the richest in Australasia's colonies in mineral wealth.

BEST TIME TO MARRY.

WHEN A REASONABLY COMFORTABLE HOME IS ASSURED.

Modern Young People Wait Until Too Late in Life—Nearly All "Self-Made" Men Wedded on \$1,000 a Year or Less.

Why should lovers defer their marriage a day longer than the time when, as far as the mortals can discern the future, the prospect of a comfortable home is reasonably assured? asks Cyrus C. Adams in *Aimelee's*. It is senseless to wait for the coming of affluent days. Their lives should be united, and each in his way should help to bring about the advent of some times when they can come. It is as foolish to wait for a larger income than is really required as it is for parents to slave and drudge that their children may enjoy a degree of affluence they have never known. This is the rock upon which the French nation has split. They are a frugal and a thrifty people. It is interesting to know that the most of the tasteful, artistic and costly products of France are made almost exclusively for the foreign trade. Two-thirds of the best chinaware of Limoges, for example, comes to the United States. A well-to-do Frenchman is likely to use a preparation of rice flour as a cosmetic, leaving the delicate porcelains and other toilet articles of Paris for her American and British sisters who are willing to spend more money for such things. But the rich father, unfortunately, conceives it to be his duty to leave his children richer than himself; if on the other hand, he is a poor tiller of the soil, it is disgraceful not to educate his son to a trade or a profession so that the family name may have a higher place in the social scale. This deplorable ambition fixes upon the family a burden almost too great to be borne, and parents deliberately restrict the number of their children. In large districts, particularly in Northern France, families of more than two children are rare. Many of the young people, seeing the hard lives of the parents, defer their own marriages in order to better their fortunes, till at last even the desire to marry is extinguished. Parents and children of all lands may well heed the lesson in sociology that France is now teaching.

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