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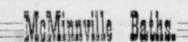
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CONTINUED. "Yes: It is true, every word of it. Make up your minds, both of you, to money in a month to live like princes all your days. Harry looked at Helen. She was white to the lips. His face wore a look of eagerness, mingled with were lines she had seen there before, and she knew too well their import. Decision being a marked feature in his character, she knew as well as words could tell that his mind was made up and that he would go at all hazards, being naturally a lover of that ease and luxury that wealth alone can give. There was a moments silence, broken only by the convulsive breathing of the agitated woman, whose mother's instinct told her at once, even though the fact had not dawned on the mind of her husband, that those little sleepers in the cradle there were a living bar to the realization of that hastily formed plan. At last Harry gasped, rather than said:

"What say you, Helen? Shall it be ease and affluence or toil and drudgyou cannot have forgotten them?"

"The babes" he cried. "I had forgotten them for the moment. They could not go. No surely not. Poor little darlings. But Helen dear, it need not be for long. I should soon return with gold enough to give you the luxurious home you are so well fitted to adorn; then the babies could have the advantages that wealth and position alone could give; advandeny them." He paused for her reply. It came in a smothered shriek: "Oh! dreadful word! I dare not think of it. about to burst over this once happy home of mine, made a very paradise love of my life, my idolized husband whose loving presence makes my world, who is the joy and light of my life. Without him I would, like the plant that is denied the sunshine, wither and die. Oh, husband, you cannot, yet I see in your set face that which tells me that I am doomed; that my sun has set-alas I fear-to Jamestown, N. Y. rise no more."

"Come, come! Helen, dear! You look at this matter in a wrong light. You talk as if I were going away forever instead of for a few short months. and to return to my wife and babies, whom I should delight in surrounding with every comfort wealth can bring. Then our lives should be return with me and make enough crowned with happiness, and this slavish drudgery, that now keeps the wolf from the door would be a thing fo the past."

"Helen, my dear cousin, Harry is entreaty; also about the drawn mouth | right. Be a sensible little woman and look at the matter in a more hopeful manner. It would only be for a short time. He would be sure to return in a few months with his pockets lined with gold; then you would be happier than ever. Come, be a brave little woman and let Harry go with me. I will take care of him." Come, Helen! Say that you consent, for Harry's sake. Remember he has the living to make, and this farm drudgery is distasteful to any man of Harrys character and education, Do not be selfish in your love. Helen say yes, for Harry's sake. Think how hard this daily battle with poverty is to one of his temperament." Harry assented, with a look to every word as Joe utters them.

She sees all and understands their ery our all days?" With her tearful full import as she drops her head upon eyes raised to his face, she said: her hands, covering her face to hide "What of the babes, Harry? Surely the tears that can no longer be restrained. Harry, rising, approaches her and putting his arms around her to his side, while Joe retires, as he said to avoid a lovers scene, of which old bachelors in general and he in particular, profess a horror.

Twenty changeful years have rolled their rounds since we introduced our readers to Harry Wilmot's little cabin home, presided over by the fair Helen. his devoted wife, then in the bloom of youth, with the rose of health on cheek and brow, while her lovely blue Harry, surely, surely you do not eyes beamed with content and perfect think of leaving us. Your wife and happiness as she busied herself with babes. Leaving us alone. Oh! That household cares and lavished all the wealth of a mothers love in her twin as fast as the purest dyes and greatest Cousin Joe, why did you come, like babies, while awaiting the return of the tempest of old, to sow the seed of her young husband at the close of discontent in this little paradise, the days toil in the field-labor made where with all the toil and care, "La- light by the thought that it is for the bor is sweet, so sweet, when done for loved ones at home, of the darling those we love." I have been as happy wife who will greet his return with a as a queen on her throne. But now, joyful smile that can drive dull care Ah! The dark, dark cloud that seems away and bring instead a look of joy that speaks of happiness complete.

What a change since then. The for me by the presence of the one little farm has passed into other hands, who have torn away the rude buildings, planting an orchard where they once stood. The pasture is now a grain field, while the woods are all cleared away, and a beautiful residence looks down from the knoll just back of where the log cabin stood, that had once been Harry's home; while a broad turnpike leading to the

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