dead, fa abedience to the lady's take them away, their "That may be but it must be still The dildren were two pretty little

creatures of mx and four years, who were playing as quietly as it is possible as children to play. They looked up wonderingly, as if seconstious of deserving the rebuke her words convered, and the elder one, gazing tenderly in her mother's face, asked if she was sick.

"Yes, dear, I am sick : I have a dreadful headache, and your noise makes me nervous. There, there," she continued, as the little child threw its little arms about her neck "you rill rain my cape. Go, now, there's good child, go with Biddy to the

The girl took a hand of each of the children and led them from the room. "Ah, well," said she, as soon as she had closed the door behind her, "but she's too fine, that same leddy, to be a mother to her own childer. Sare, but it's no heart at all, to push away the darlint, and it wanting to kiss her just. Well, come along wid ye's, jewels of the world, it's Biddy's self'll be a mother till ye'es wanting a bet-

ter." "How uncouth that girl is in her peing with her that makes but Robert." en so rude and boisterous;

I mue. . to it, and change her as soon as I las find a girl to suit me. Now let me see what calls I have had to-day. What a package of cards! 'Mrs. Howard;' lucky I gave orders to be denied. I would not have seen her for anything ; she always bores me to death. 'Mrs. Boyd and the Misses taste these women have for raking up all the miserable, dirty wretches in the city b Leever could see any pleasure just. I wish they would let me alone ; I have nothing to give away; it is as much as we can do to support our own family, and I am very sure that I have no time to spend making jackets and quilt lides, if people are so poor, ley go to the clus-house?

help support them, and I is fair that we should be to give to all the poor in

> wear my pearls, they umg, contrasting so finely w dark eyes and hair. 'Uh, Alcontinued the lady, as her busnd that moment entered, "I am so you have come !" and at once of headache and ner

. What is this? Mrs.

"his is delightful ! "

mpliments-ball-Tues-

eagerly to meet him. my love? he replied tionately and fondly upon ful face, now glowing with "are you so? then I am He passed his arm around oke, and, leading her back hen, and laid his head upon

Mrs. Maurice's, and ar? I hope you have b you. Where is est me. Why,

Il I bave in the money you gave me this morning to plead poverty,

pay the servante; I can take that, and, with what you give me here, I have long known you to be thought- the State Prison. "Laurs, I really cannot let you have to be heartless. The paupers of whom you speak, were servants of my father have appreciated to pay the ser-I know not when I lived, and at his death were committed

> them coming to or knowing want.' "It is rather hard to say the least, that your own family should be obliged to make sacrifices in order to support twenty four bours. He got away with those who have no claim upon you. forty, and then death got away with "I will argue the matter no longer. to an The path of duty is plain before me-

1 will not swerve from it." ed. Since you are a

hile, I these hard then have I ever, till forced by ne-ass away Be a little posity, which should be as evident to posself as to me, asked your compliomical for a few months, when we | you hall be all right again, and be able to ance to any wish in opposition to your

"I wonder what on mean by being ment more so than yours,"

more so. We coust dismiss two of the servants, at least, and sell the horses."

age to keep one horse, and I will drive live to repent the choice I had made." you out every day in the chaise."

Falton would say."

a chaise with your hushand."

"Which of the servants do you pro ose to dismiss?"

"The cook and the coachman. we dispose of the horses, we shall not need the latter, and we must reduce our style of living to a level with Mary's capacities. She did very well be fore we had Robert."

"Mary, indeed! Alfred, this is very the delicate state of my health. I canor said Mrs. Pond; "I am not eat anything cooked by any one

> "That is unfortunate, as Robert' wages make a conciderable item in our it. Then. to, a man dislikes to see a yearly expenses, and one which, in the present state of our finances, we are totally unable to support. Our family is small; I realy think we ought to months."

"Oh yes, for a few months, as if he Boyd; what an escape! I wonder would come and go to suit our convewhat they wanted? Some begging nience. Why, he could get a hundred business, I warrant; some poor fami- places any day. I know Mrs. Fulton ly in the greatest distress. Strange is dying to have him. She has always rifice, vield any point, though his conenvied me the style in which my dinners are served. What a triumph it will be fer her."

> "Mrs. Fulton again! Do, my dear, be more independent. If Mrs. Fulton can make the misfortune of others a subject for triumph, let her enjoy it.

> You, Lauras will have a source of consolation within your own breast which will amply repay you for any slight you may receive from such a person-the knowledge that you have done right, and perhaps saved your husband from dishonor. I feel al-

ing will be disipated in a few months: but, till then, the means I have proposed must be put in execution."

Ob, Alfred, how unkind how re depriving me of every comfort?" "I know of none other than I have

every article of luxury affecting my self alone. See my curiosities, which to swaken pleasat emotions. I have been so many years collecting. and which you know I value so highly. are now the property of another, and are to be taken from this house tomorrow."

"Well, I should suppose that might suffice, without depriving me of my horses and servants.

"It does not suffice, Laura; if it did, don't, Alfred! pray lift up I would not ask any sacrifice of you d. See now what a figure though I did not expect this opposi made of my fichu cape. Do sion to a scheme propoposed for your I tell you of the de- advantage as much as my own. I ion I have received. did not think you would shrink from going to give a ball a little self-denial of the mere luxuries shall want a quantity of life when assured that we cannot at on't intend that the present afford them. However, as shall eclipse me find you so little disposed to be resat the last ball, with sonable, I must take the business into its more than usually depressed, which dress. I wonder if my own hands. I shall immediately not even the happy home that welgive the servants warning."

"You shall not dismiss Robert. Be fore you talk to me so much about economy, you had better practice it vourself. A man who can afford to pay two hundred dollars a year to keep a couple of paupers from the alms-

less, but I never till now believed you you speak, were servants of my fath-

ilss Robert, and

meet opposed to my own by, Laura, you surely forget.

"Oh! of course it is always you who are right. I will say no more. Pursue whatever course you see proper. My happiness is of no consequence now

It was different once. You would not, a few years since, have been so "Sell the horses! What am I to regardless of my comfort. But it is do without the horses? You know always so. When men have been Dr. -- says that it is essential to married a few years, they grow tired my health that I should take daily ex- of their wives, and unkind. I little thought, when I left my fathers house "Well, then, we may perhaps man- and became your wife, that I should

The injured lady, now completely "I hate the chaise. I never rode overcome by a sense of her wrongs, in one before I was married. They hid her face in the cushions of the soare vulgar things. I can't bear to see fa and sobbed like a child. The poor a lady in a staring, open chaise, as if husband, meantime, walked the room, for a show. I wonder what Mrs. agitated, and wavering between his sense of right and his desire to yield, "My dear, what need you care for as usual, to the beautiful wife's un-Mrs. Fulton, or any other Mrs. ? - you reasonable wishes. On the one hand surely need not be ashamed to ride in urged by the fear of bankruptcy, from which every honorable man shrinks, and the difficulties which were daily increasing upon him, to the strictest economy; on the other hand, the tears and reproaches of his wife, of which he entertained an unqualified dread, urged him to an acquiescence in her requests, come of it what might. The conflict in his mind was every moment becoming more unequal; his wife was unkind of you, when you know so well before him, the other evils at a distance. Men are weak, sometimes. especially if so unfortunate as to have viragos for wives. They dread a storm,

way concerned in calling them forth. They appeal most certainly to the softer feelings of his unture, are in fact get along without Robert for a few a tacit acknowledgment of his power, by which he is both flattered and grieved; and, unless his heart be naturally harder than adamant, or he has become indifferent to such scenes from science whisperthat he is doing wrong Having entered upon this subject, let of those ladies who are in the habit of a constant resort to this timely feminine weapon of offense and defense.

and agree to almost anything to avoid

woman's tears, certainly if he be in any

would warn them, that too frequent use will blunt its edge. Men grow weary of sameness, and even beauty in tears will, after a time, cease to be interesting. Laura, becoming tired of the position in which she had the inew stock of

hersale ..... fassed her head languidly but still reclined upon the sofa, her hands clapsed, her eyes in tearfull resignation raised to heaven, as iff all thought of worldly happiness had faded from her mind. The husband was subdued. He approached her, and took one of gardless of my feelings. Are there no her fair hands, and promised every retrenchments you cap make without thing that she required. It was some time, however, before the lady condeseended to be pacified. But turn we named. I have already disposed of from a room of cold selfishness and week pajuatice to one more calculated

> One evening Henry Pond returned returnedfrom his business wearied and harrassed in mind and body by the daily increasing difficulties that hung like a storm-cloud over all engaged in trade. Stoppages had occured, and were still occuring, in houses hisherto all times, however unfavorable. Merchants met as usual, it is true, "or Change," but the bustling activity that formerly characterized such meetings was changed for suspicious whisperings and anxious looks. Confidence between man andman was shaken, and nothing was heard but the ery of "hard times," Henry returned home upon the evening alluded to, his sprecomed him, the affetionate smiles of his wife, or the jovial voices of his

children, could raise. Concluded next week.

As to that paragraph about Rether Shaw Davenport, Iowa, who worked fifty dollars-not house, where they ought to have been thirteen years in a family without ask. ThwARE, stop; I have the long ago, has, I think, no right to ing a cent, it becomes necessary to say that it was a very large family Es "This is worse and worse, Laura. I ther worked in, and they boarded at

Rember that appearances are often deceiving. Many a pale, thin young er's lived in his family as long as he lady will eat more corned beef than a Because you find her playbe him to the joint care of Henry and ing the piano in the parlor it is no you are myself. I consider it one of the most sign that her mother is not at the corchese sacred duties of my life to prevent ner greery running in debt for a peck

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