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HOLDING THE REINS.

The night was clear, the sleighing good, he cutter seat not wide. The contrar scat not wine.

She samugled close beneath the robe
To her fend lover's side.

The horse was spirited and jumped
With frequent togs and strains,
Until she innovently said:

"Do let me hold the reins!". They're married now, perhaps because

She was so helpful then, She loves him well, and he loves her-Well, in the way of men. And yet in all their sweet delight One sad thought makes him wince; She held the reins that winter's night, She's held them ever since.

HIS VERY LIFE.

Robert Owens was a handsome fellow, graceful in all his movements; but there were haggard lines on his face, traced there either by illness or dissipation. He threw himself on the grass before his wife, and, picking the leaves from a rose, blew them into the air.

"Blanche, how would you like to live here always?" he asked.

"That would depend," she answered. "Yes; upon who owned the place, I suppose. Cousin Ralph is a good fellow to treat us so well. I never gave him credit for so much generosity when we were boys at school. A man is generally down on his poor kin, and it is scarcely human nature for him to like his heir-at-law."

"Mr. Romaine is not like other men," said Mrs. Owens. "He has certainly been very kind to us." "Let's see-how long have we been

here?" Robert continued. "About three months." "Three months! And I have no

more idea of where we are to go, or what we are to do than I had before we came." Mrs. Owens sighed. "You ought to be willing to do

anything that is honorable," she "Yes, I ought; but unfortunately. when a man is born a gentleman, he

and poverty." "I think a gentleman should be as brave in the struggle of life as any

"I suppose he should, on the same principle that the statesman lifted his hat to the negro, because he wouldn't be outdone in politeness; but I can't bear the pressure. Sometimes, Blanche, I think I am not worthy of you. You are stronger and better than I. They say honest conlession is good for the soul, you

She looked at him affectionately. Blanche had married her husband for and she tried though vainly, to free love, and so far had not been cured of her sweet folly.

"There comes Mr. Romaine," she exclaimed. You are just in time, Ralph. We

were confessing our faults and were on the point of tears," said Robert Owens, in his light way. "You mean I am too late, and have

missed the confessional. Was there anything serious?" "Well, yes. I have been telling Blanche that she is too good for me."

"Oh, every one knows that, Bob," said Romaine, jestingly. "There, Blanche! Did I not tell

you so? and yet"-"Enough, enough!" his wife exclaimed, laughing, and putting her

hand over his mouth. "I always thought dame fortune more blind than just. She certainly doesn't always deal fairly," said Ro-

"She has been very good to me in some ways, and very bad in others," remarked Owens, as he escaped from the retarding hand of his wife, and

strolled away. "I have a favor to ask of you, Blanche," Mr. Romaine said. "My housekeeper is indisposed, and I have given her leave of absence. Her

oversee her a little?" Blanche assented and looked at him gratefully. She understood the delicacy which prompted this request. He wished her to feel that she was needed in the house to which she had come only as a guest.

She was a very graceful hostess, one whom none could help admiring, presiding with that natural ease which can never be acquired; and if she were not perfectly happy it was not because she felt unwelcome, for Romaine left nothing undone that arms. might contribute to the pleasure of his guests; but he did it all in such an unobtrusive way that there was no burden in his hospitality.

Dinner was over. The moon threw such a brilliant light into the drawing-room that the gas had not been The air was fragrant with the breath of a creeping rose that wound itself around the piazza.

Robert Owens, half asleep, was reclining on a divan. His wife rested her bare white arms on the window sill, enjoying the view and the moonlight.

"I caught some words of a song you were humming to-day. I wish you and efficient master of Romaine park, would sing it." said Romaine, advance endearing himself to his tenants, and ing and leaning in the window near her, he in the shadow, she outlined like a white-robed saint in the moon-

"It was only a little thing of my know I make verses, and put them to vorrow that never entirely left it. tunes I like."

Her voice was a soft, sweet soprano. Her listener stood motionless

A river too deep trevens, to stand and look and listen, And mornour at our loss.

"And we can me'er be nearest. This giver see with and wide Witted wreck the abrusent vessel. Man a week hands could provibe.

"But in the dim heresfier, In higher courts above, Shall we even then be perfect? Shall we time dare to have?"

The last words died away on the air, and they were both silent for a little time.

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A CO-OPERATIVE VILLAGE IN

FRANCE.

A few miles from Dunkirk, in France,

there exists a village inhabited by fisher-

men and seafaring men, where, since the

year 1670, a syndicate has been in exist-

ence, says Edward Bellamy, and where as

a birthright an equal share of land is con-

ferred on each member of the community.

by Charles II, Louis XIV resolved on

forming in the neighborhood of Dunkirk

a community of French-speaking sail

ors, with a view of implanting the lan-

guage, as also of reserving for state ser-

vice a nucleus of trustworthy seamen. He

accordingly appealed to his subjects, and

in 1670 four families-namely, the Ber-

nards, Everats, Zoonekent and Goden, na

tives of Cueq in Picardy, offered their

services to the king, who granted them

for their own use and that of their de-

scendants some 200 acres of land situated

at Fort Mardyck, These men entered

into possession of the land on the under-

standing that they were bound to submit

to maratime conscription and to exercise

The land is divided into two lots, one

one of which is let to agriculturists, the

rent being appropriated to a fund for the

payment of state taxes and for the distri-

bution of relief to members of the com-

munity standing in need of assistance.

The remaining portion of the land is al-

loted to the inhabitants of Fort Mardyck,

each one receiving at the time of his or

her marriage about half an acre. Under

no circumstances may the Fort Mardyck

native resign his ownership. He may se-

cure a tenant for his share of his land,

This rule, which, unlike others, is

marked by no exceptions, has proved in

strumental in inducing the villagers to

marry early in life. Their fields invariably

produce more vegetables than they require

for their own maintenance, and they are,

therefore, enabled to derive a fair prefit

the produce of the land and when the

manages to build his cottage, and when

this is accomplished he is practically se-

cure from want for life. Should he have

been unable to save enough money for

his old age he is maintained by the com-

mon fund. On visiting the village I

called on the mayor of the little repub-

lic, where political squabbles are un-

known, and was supplied by this magis-

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"Hold fast, and we're all right!" shouted back Romaine; but never a word spoke Blanche. A blaze of lightning showed them

that they were near the shore. The can't accustom himself to hard work boat began to whiri around. "Courage, Owens, courage!" cried Romaine; and while he said it they

were in the water. As the boat capsized, Blanche did not know who clasped her close, and called out "Don't pull me down!"

A wave rolled over them, and the next moment she was on solid ground. "Are you alive, Blanche" said Romaine, as he pressed his cheek to her lips to see if she breathed. "Yes, yes; Heaven be thanked! Oh, my pure white rose, I could not have lived without you!"

The color swept into Blanche's face, herself from his arms. "Robert!" she cried.

Robert? He cannot swim!" A blaze of lightning revealed a white face on the bosom of a wave near by.

"He will be drowned! He is lost!" Blanche cried; and, with a heartrending cry, she became again unconscious. Romaine had not released her, as she would have fallen to the

He held the woman he loved in his arms, and, for one wild, brief, moment, was happy. There, amid the raging storm, with death behind him. and death perhaps before, he was in

There was nothing between them now-not even her own consciousness-nothing but that white face in the water.

A great temptation assailed him. Owens could not swim; he might be dead even then, or beyond all human help. It was folly to risk his life on such a chance.

Like a flash these thoughts came to Romaine; those few seconds seemed as many hours; cold drops of perspiration mingled with the raindrops on his face. Then, with a sudden, niece will supply her place. Will you almost rough movement, he laid down his helpless burden, and threw himself once more into the dark waters.

When Blanche recovered consciousness, the moon was shinning out between the breaking clouds, and her husband was bending over her.

"Robert! Thank heaven!" she murmured.

She staggered to her feet, and looked searchingly around. "Romaine - where is he?" she

Robert took her tenderly in his

"Blanche try to bear what I must tell you," he solemnly said. "Our cousin has given his life for mine the wave that brought me to your feet has sent him into eternity!"

They laid Romaine in the family burial ground sacred to the Romaines for generations past. It was close to the park, and almost every summer day Blanche visited his grave, and left flowers there.

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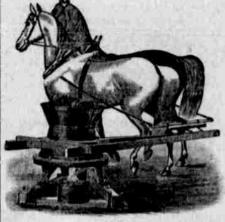
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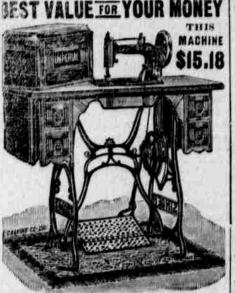
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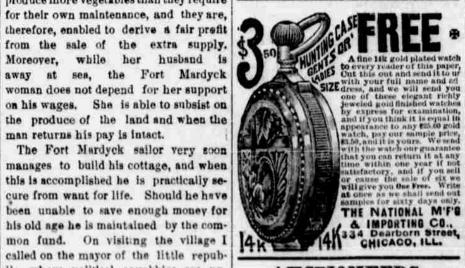


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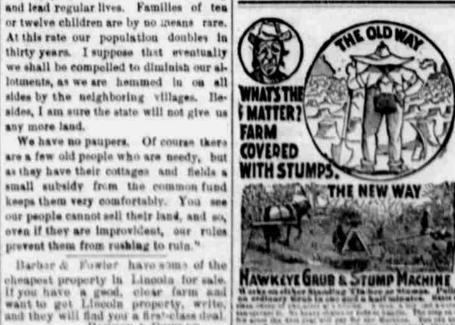


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