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It crisped the waters of the brook; Loosed pine-scents on the air:
And round her pallid temples shook
The dead girl's silken hair.

—James B. Kenyon, in New England Mag-

HESTER'S ROMANCE.



HE WAS verv sweet that year, the orchard blossoms were heavy and

cich on the tresh, warm air, and the Barnards' brown farm-house, with its mossy roof, fitted perfectly into the landscape of the gently undulating prairie land, but Joshua Barnard never noticed it; thirty years' companionship with his wife, Jane, had thoroughly eradicated the asthetic part of his nature. She was a woman whose face gave one the impression that it had been rudely carved out with a sharp knife and not polished down; she accentuated this by dragging her hair back into a tight knot at the wrong angle of her head. Mrs. Barnard was noted in the country round about for her sharp voice, good butter, and obstinacy.

How she was ever induced by her enduring hasband to let him send their only daughter. Hester, away to school had been the marvel of the gossips for months. Whatever topic was introduced it always branched off on to the Barnards. Pity for the head of the family, backbiting for the wife, and covert, envious remarks for Hester were alluring snares of wickedness that could not be resisted. Hester had come back that spring for good, her college days were finished and she was trying to settle down again in the old life that seemed a

Four years of city life, with the re-fining influences she had met, had worked a marvelous change in the brown-eyed, quiet girl. She thought at first her father and mother had changed, and was puzzled, but when the real truth broke upon her she felt suddenly alienated, as though she were a stranger. They were where she had left them, while she moved a notch ligher; it made her more tenderly kind towards her father, whom she loved; more charitable towards her mother, who was at once proud of her and dissatisfied and on account of this sometimes trying. It hurt Hester to hear her mother boast to a neighbor of her daughter's accomplishments; it filled her with chagrin to be pushed forward at the li tle gatherings, whose atmosphere had bebecome distasteful, and to see the envious sneers on the faces of her former friends.

At first when she came back she had tried to meet them on the old footing. but she could not become interested in their gossip and beaux and they could not comprehend her. So, little nttie, Br for companionship, m ch to the an er of Mrs. Barnard, who was ambitious

for Hester to shine in the country side; her ambition went no higher.

"You are ungrateful, Hester," she said sharply one evening, as she cleared the supportable. "Look at the money spent on your schooling, and now you won't go anywhere, but stick at home like a nobody."

Hester did not reply—she had learned better—and stood looking out of the window in a hopeless sort of a way. She had earnestly tried to do her apparent duty, but life seemed very hard of late, cut off from con-genial pursuits and friends. Yes, it vas the friends, she thought, with a flush.

"And then refusing to go to the Parkins," her mother went on in her rasping voice, "when every one will be there, and he is the richest farmer in this region, and all the girls would

give their eyes to-"
"Mother!" Hester broke in desperately at last. "I do all in my power to please you, but I will not go w th Mr. Parkins—I detest him!" and she fled to her room, whereshe threw herself sobbing upon her little bed. She felt so hopeless, so homesick for-well, for what? And in her abandonment of grief she repeated a name to herself

of gri-f she repeated a name to herself as if it com orted her. She had not known when she left the city how she loved Herbert Strong, who parted from her at the depot with that reproachiu look in his eyes.

What caprice had moved her to tell him no? At that moment she felt as though she would give the world to pour out her sorrow and penitence to him, but he was lost to her—gone to some far western town. some far western town. So she lay and sobbed herself sick

It was the natural result of her selfcontrolled trouble; she had not so completely owned to herself before how much she regretted the past.

When she rose in the morning she saw such a white little face and swollen eyes in the glass that s e dreaded to go down stairs. A sort of apathy had seized upon her, however, and she qui tly slipped into her place at the table with hopes that her mother would not notice her especi lly. But the sharp eyes of that busy woman took her daughter in quickly. She in-tended to watch her more closely herentter; bor dislike for Nat Parkins

must be overcome.
"Hester," she cried in surprise, what have you been doing to your-

seli? "Nothing," Hester said, wearily, bracing herself for the attack Mrs. Barnard, after a moment's look, set

down the coffee-pot and opened her lips, but suddenly, to everybody's surprise. Mr. Barnard who usually kept a discreet silence during his wife's tirades, laid his toil-worn hand on his daughter's shoulder.

"Now, Jane!"-her husband spoke with the authoritative tone he rarely used save when his daughter needed defense-"I want you to drop this nonsense about marrying Hester off to Nat Parkins. He is not her kind at all." In his blind way Joshua Barnard felt the difference between his gentle daughter and the bluff, rough young farmer.

"After she went up stairs last right," he went on, "I passed under her window, and the child was crying fit to break her heart, and look at her pale face this morning. Can't you see

"Yes, I see it," his wife said, crossly. It always roused her temper to be opposed unexpectedly by her husband, for she usually had to submit. "I see it, and it's all nonsense! Some goodfor nothin' city fellow, I'll warrant! with which shot she left the table and began rattling the dishes in a way to prevent further conversation.

Joshua Barnard slowly left the house for the field. It was a new idea that his wife had suggested, yet Hester had never said anything to him about it, and there were few things she did not confide in him. He thought of it all the long, warm morning, till the terrible heat drove all the workers to the welcome shade of the

trees along the fence by the roadside. The dust lay thick and dry on the ground, the insects shrilled monotonously-nothing stirred. A cloud of dust came down the road and Joshua Barnard and his men watched it curiously. Who was foolish enough to drive horses so fast under such a blaz-

It did not take much to check the exhausted span of bays, who stood panting and dust-begrimmed, and they turned to the light buckboard.

A man lay there, fallen under the seat, with his face a dark red and his clothes dust-covered.

"Drunk!" was the disgusted cry, but Joshua Barnard, who looked more closely, said, "A sunstroke. Take him to the house carefully," and fol-lowed, wiping his heated brow. He felt charitable now towards all strangers. Was it not a stranger that Hester perhaps loved?

There was confusion in the brown farmhouse immediately, for Jane Barnard was in her clements when she had a sick person on her hands, and she unceremoniously left Hester with the housework below while she took possession of the sick room. She was attracted by the unconscious man, with his handsome face and refined appearance.
"How is he?" Hester asked when

her mother fina'ly descended.
"He'll be all right after my nursing," that worthy personage remark-ed, and forthwith launched into a

glowing description of her patient. Hester's curiosity was aroused; so like from her mother's description, yet—. A wild thought flashed yet. A wild thought flashed through her head, and she stole upstairs with a beating heart and paus ed on the threshold. She felt dizzy and closed her eyes. "It could not be," she kept saying, "he is miles away from here." Yet when she finally did look at the unconscious face of the man before her a look of passionate

joy came into her eyes.
"Thank heaven, Herbert, darling!" she cried, and as if the spell were broken he looked at her. A smile of recogntion came to his lips and with a murmured endearment he tried to draw her to him

"I have found him, mother!" her daughter said, with a smile through her tears, and as though this explained it all she turned to her father's open

When Herbert Strong recovered and went away with his young bride even Jane Barnard had become reconciled to her new son-in-law, and never again in her life did she mention Nat Parkins' name. She accepted her de-

Origin of Mathematical Signs.

The sign of addition is derived from the initial letter of the word "plus." In making the capital lett rit was made more and more carelessly until the top part of the "p" was finally placed near the center, hence the plus sign, as you know it, was gradually reached.

The sign of subtraction was derived from the word "minus." The word was first contracted in m, n, s, with a horizontal line above to indicate that some of the letters had been left cut. At last the letters were omitted altogether, leaving only the short line.

The multiplication sign was obtained by changing the plus sign into the letter X. This was done because multiplication is but a shorter form of addi-

Division was formerly indicated by placing the dividend above a horizontal line and the divisor below. In order to save space in printing, the dividend was placed to the left and the divisor to the right. After years of "evolution," the two d's were omitted altogether, and simple dots set in the place of each. As with the others, the radical sign was derived from the initial letter of the word "radix."

The sign of equality was first used in the year 1557 by a sharp mathematician, who substituted it to avoid frequently repeating the words "equal to."—Philadelphia Press.

Lifting the Hat.

The custom of lifting the hat had its origin during the age of chivalry, when it was customary for knights never to appear in public except in full armor. It became a custom, however, tor a knight, upon entering an assembly of friends, to remove his helmet, signifying "I am safe in the presence of friends."

The age of chivalry passed away with the fifteenth century, but among the many acts of courtesy which can be traced back to its influence none is more direct in its origin than that of lifting the hat to acknowledge the presence of a friend.

Rats and Hat Catching.

Said a prominent rat catcher of Philadelphia: "The theory that rats and mice can be whistled out of their in almost every part of the country, hiding places by certain individuals old country. I do not believe it. Other means are used and the whistling theory is advanced to cover up the true methods. To eradicate this class of vermin requires much brain work. There are several breeds of rats and mice as distinctly different in their habits and peculiarities as the races of afraid of fire, and a new process is now being used successfully in cellars and houses that are overrun with rats to stampede them by means of this process. When a rat gets old he becomes stout as an old alderman and moves about very slowly. I have seen them about the wharves as large as small cats, and it is singular how, under the cover of night, they will desert a leaking ship or a dangerous coal mine.

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IN OLDEN TIMES

People overlooked the importance of permanently beneficial effects and were satisfied with transient action, but now that it is generally known that Syrup of Figs will permanently cure habitual constipation, well-informed people will not buy other laxatives, which act for a time, but finally injure the system.

ound Adv ce for Young Writers. If a man believes that he has some talent for writing, it is indeed strange that he can allow himself to be directed by a master or by the rule of any school, no matter now great the master may be or how skilfully devised the rule may seem. writes Pierre Loti in the October Frum. In the first place, is it possible for a writer no matter how much he may wish to believe it, to belong to any particular school? No, and very fortunately, it seems to me a writer should do what he wishes to do. and do it in his own way, obeying only the all-powerful impulse that he has feit rising from the depths of his nature, without accepting any other judge than the wholly spontaneous impression his own work gives him. What an author has written in this way, whether it be memoir, phantasy, romance, drama, poem or any other name you please, whether it can or cannot be put into school catalogue, whether it have or have not snecess with the moo-all this is immaterial; for ail true lovers of artistic work will surely recognize it if they find in it the breath of life. without

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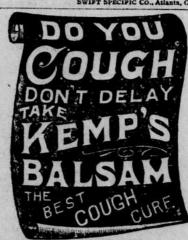
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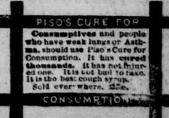


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