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CHAPTER XV.

ccedingly puzzled over his future course.

In all his visits to Sir Reginald, al-

been told that the room occupied by the

He noted its width, height and

From the house, which he visited daily

One day, it was the one on which Ethel started for the eventful walk, he

him that behind those bushes, conceal-

there was no doorway. The more be

thought of this the more be was sure it

Why that well used path through the

some human feet were in the habit of en-

gazing at him from an upper window

conscience whispered it must speak to

On his return it was that he suddenly

around, had seen Ethel in that dangerous

sistance, and had wrenched apart those

stiff fastenings and drawn her from her

After he had left her at the Hall it was

firm resolve, he plunged into study, and

time had night folded the earth before

relief came to the weary one, and Earle

Then a violent storm was raging! This

night voew of the haunted tower, and

inmates, he did not venture out until af

drenching rain served to retard his prog-

and crept behind the clump of thick, we

bushes, where, once concealed from view,

he paused to light a small dark lanters

By the aid of this he proceeded to ex-

amine what only seemed a dull, blank

wall. Close inspection, however, revea

ed a large stone that was loose, which

he easily drew forth, making a clean

unobstructed passageway, through which

Lowering his light, he paused to ex-

amine this floor, and found to his sur

prise, wet tracks upon it, that told plain

ly that very recent footsteps had passe

building, until he reached a door, which,

upon trying, he found to his chagrin, se

Even while he paused to reflect upon

his next movement, distant footsteps fell

upon his ear, just beyond the door, and

Just in time was this movement made, for a hand unhooked the fastening, open-

girl so much the object of his thoughts

reeping like a thief towards this unfor-unate house, and harden to Had she seen bim? he asked him

that way.

his light as he did so.

the darkness beyond.

Following these, the young

he had wisely brought with him.

its dancing demon, just five weeks

lonely ruin the desired call.

in his professional calling, he often drove

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CHAPTER XIV.—(Continued.) , her usual time she took the lighted can-No sleep visked her weary eyes until | die in her hand and started with tearful y and so unnerved by all the events of last twenty-four hours, and again and again she prayed that all might go well.

After Dr. Elfenstein had asked permission of Sir Reginald Glendenning to search the Haunted Tower he felt ex-

Rising with the alarm of the usual all that rang to awaken the household. Resolved as he was to penetrate the mysbe poor girl again commenced to review tery of that place, he could not under be problem that had presented itself to stand how the thing was to be accome worked out the night before. Once she plished.

asked the question: Should she worry Sir Reginabl by tell- though reserved in manner, his every by him the accident that had befallen nerve had been on the alert. He had

or should she not? Before deciding positively, she resolv- present baronet was the one where Sir d to pay the corridor a morning visit. Arthur had met his sad fate. Knowing and by listening, study out, if all was this, he fairly studied that room.

soing on as usual. This resolve she instantly carried into breadth; the height of the two windows ct. Turning once more from her from the floor, the size of those winpar close to the panel, and listened in from which the rope had dangled that notly to hear if any movement could be had been used to lower the body to the

Scovered within the concealed room.

All was still! Not the faintest mo-Son was perceptible; therefore, feeling window, as if meditating over his paseatly relieved, she returned, quite sure tient's case, and looked out, surveying hat all must be well, and firmly resolved the ground below, and the distance from be say nothing of what had happened, it to the lake, which was visible through while keeping silent endeavor to the trees. brive the entire circumstance from her own mind, and so be at peace.

The day passed on as usual, and when around, examining the stables and outsight brought her to the shelves, she once buildings, and sometimes slowly went ore found to her satisfaction silence around the tower to view the rained part, beigning, and felt that now, indeed, all and to see if by any means he could ever was right. Poor Ethel! She little knew effect an entrance. he fearful consequences yet to ensue bom her first blunder.

The third afternoon had arrived, and in such a drive noticed a small, wellsothing had transpired to lead her to trodden pathway leading up to a clump apprehend the least trouble from that un- of bushes. Instantly the thought struck tunate occurrence. She had, therefore, regained the courage she had lost, and od from view, might be an open passage was fast driving the entire circumstance to the place, although he felt certain

m her mind. This afternoon Sir Reginald had expressed a wish for music, therefore she must be the case, brought her guitar to his bedside. and had sung several ballads for his grass if not for some such purpose? Yes:

"I think," at length he said, interrupt- tering there, and he resolved to return lag her, "that it grows cloudy. Please to the place, under cover of darkness, look out and tell me if a shower is ap and investigate those bushes.

Ethel arose at his bidding, and after that he might yet penetrate to the mysexamining the sky returned, saying, as terious tower, he touched his horse with the whip and drove hartly away.

There is, indeed. A very black cloud lylag in the west, which foretells a ramble, he saw Miss Belle Glendenning and shower."

Then put aside your instrument and and felt mortified that she should have graw close to me, as I have some pri noticed his ride around the premises, as wate instructions to give you in regard to a new work to be done to-night. Are her of a prying nature.

Feeling, however, that it was done.

entirely alone?" We are. Mrs. Fredon left the room pur wife and niece are in the grounds," several sick persons who needed his adblied Ethel, trembling, she knew not vice and assistance.

Sons. If that storm rages about halfpast nine or ten o'clock to-night, you situation, while the nearing train told visit the Haunted Tower and put in of the death that awaited her.

bere." Springing is have erected to the ground, he had rushed to her as

arinking listener, "please do not ask that peril You just attend to my orders, and do hard to recall his truant thoughts to their

what I tell you to do. Never dare dis proper sphere, but with set teeth and a pute my will. The baronet then proceeded to give active work, in order to be at peace with oute directions for the lighting of each

sht, and also for the movements of The great suffering of a new patient of frightful and hideous image there even detained him by his side until, after sencealed. At its conclusion he rem :k-

"Do you think you understand every articular of the work I now require to Elfenstein was at liberty to pay the

"I do," replied Ethel; "but, sir, my al revolts from the whole thing. I storm was strange to say, the first that saider it a wicked deception, and I beg had occurred in the evening since his Pos to excuse me from undertaking it. Who cares what you think about it! He one asked your opinion. Do it you fore. Il. so do not dare to utter another

"Sir Reginald, I have faithfully per- ter nine o'clock. Then the wild wind and med your wishes in regard to feeding seimal, whose life you value so highby kno ving that to preserve the life of ten before he felt the worn pathway even the least of God's creatures is a duty, but I can see no possible necessity for striving to impose upon the credulity Inhabitants of this quiet place."

That, I tell you, is my business and was the angry reply. "You here simply to attend to my work. I have well paid you for doing so.

"I know that; but surely I am at libty to point out an error in your wishes ment. Sir Reginald, this thing a man could creep, and without hesitayou ask me to do is wrong, and I tion in he went, landing directly upon an old, but still passable floor. my you have done this yourself for twenve years; surely that can answer any you may have to effect by it. then, be satisfied, and let this

"I tell you I will not." replied the et, fairly purple from rage; rea not see that your obstinacy is the me into a terrible and injurious exmt? I command you to obey my house this night, even though I you have not where to lay your Do you hear?

murmured the distressed girl.

Will you obey?" make being a burst of tears. Mad-by her silence and sobs, the baro-arted up uttil, leaning upon his el-a thing he had been expressly for-ted to do, as it would jar his hip, set his fet violently in her face, he demanded in fury:

The night of those tours caused him to take one step toward her, but she fortunutely did not see him, but drew to the door, after securing the basket, and he then heard her little feet start down the corridor.

Resolved not to be balked in his efforce to maravel this might one mystery at least, Dr. Elfenstein pushed again towards the door, and to his joy, it this time yielded to his touch.

Poor Emell this night for the first time had been required by Sir Reginald Glendenning to visit the tower and follow out directions he gave her in full, for producing the Illusions that were to terrify the unsuspecting nubble.

In great agitation then, and still weeping, she had proceeded to the fulfillment of her loathsome duty, and in her grief and excitement, for the first time forgot to fasten the door, after possessing herself of the food.

This forgetfulness accounts for the entrance of the doctor into the corridor, and enabled him to follow her advancing figure, softly in the distance.

CHAPTER XVI.

Wiping away her tears, poor Ethel placed the basket of food and knife upon the floor, by the entrance of the tower, as Sir Reginald had told her to attend to the business in that quarter before adminiscering to the wants of the conceal-

ed quadruped. At last the weary steps were climbe and she stood panting on the broad landing, just below the upper windows of the It was standing on this landing that her part of the ghostly work was to be performed.

Taking then a long handled torch, with which the colored lights above were to be touched in order to light them, she applied the candle to it, and reaching up soon had every one illuminated and flaming away in the usual unearthly looking

He had several times walked to that glare. In doing so she never observed the tall, ellent figure of the man who had crept after her and now stood in the shade below, intently watching her every

The stuffed form before her was next to be attended to. Taking, therefore, the lamp from within the head she lighted it, and putting it back almost exclusimed at the effect the colored light gave the eyes.

Winding the crang slowly, she saw that it worked as she supposed it would, and soon the impish figure was swung aloft and stood dancing to and fro, to the terror and dismay of all outward be-

With tears still falling over her pale cheeks, Ethel stood with her eyes fastened shove, upon the swaying motions of that frightful looking image, when her heart almost stopped within her, and a wild cry burst from her lips as these words fell aron her ears:

"Is it possible that this is the occupation of Miss Ethel Nevergail this stormy night?" Turning, she saw advancing towards

her, and fully revealed by the lights above, the form of Dr. Elfenstein.
"Oh, doctor," she walled, as she buried

Full of this discovery, and full of hope her face in her hands, and burst jute low sobs of shame and dismay, "how came you here to witness my disgraceful But just as he emerged again into the work?"

Then suddenly remembering charge, and true to the interests of her employer, she again seized the crank and, lowering the image, extinguished that head lamp, as well as the others, leaving verything in darkness but for the feeble flare of the one little candle she had placand could not now be recalled, he passed ed upon the floor. Then turning, she

"I came, no matter how; suffice it that I was determined to unmask this during fraud, and so allay the fears of timtd omen and children. Certainly in doing his I never expected to discover that Miss Nevergall was the prime mover in this outrageous piece of work!"

Ethel listened to the cold, hard words in utter despair, then fluttering like a wounded bird to the side of the indignant man, she laid one small, white hand on his arm, which was shaken off in disdain before she could utter one of the following words:

"It is the first time I ever did this thing. Ok, believe me; surely you must remember that I was in Liverpool when you saw that sight, the time when it last

midnight the second evening, and a third Yes, that is true; I had forgotten. But that does not absolve you from to-night's ghastly deception," was the still cold re-

(To be continued.)

A BABY SQUIRREL OVERBOARD.

With Skill and Gentlegess the Mother Rescued the Youngster. "I was very much amused and very,

much instructed recently," said a man who lives in the country, "by the antics of a mother squired in my section, and while I have grown up, as I might. say, among squirrels and cypress. trees, it was a revelation to me. The squirrel had nested in a low, dumpy cypress tree close to the edge of a lake, and the nest was probably thirty or forty feet from the ground. mother squirrel happened to be in the tree at the time, although I had no occasion to notice either the old squirrel or her young until something tragical happened in the family. In some way one of the little fellows scrambled over the edge of the nest and fell to the ground. I heard the noise, and, looking in the direction of the sound. I saw the baby squirrel squirming around in great agony and totally unable to get on its feet. mother squirrel rushed down the side of the cypress like a streak, and almost in an instant she was by the side of her offspring. She took in the situation at a giance, and set to work to get the youngster back in the nest. She switched the body around and turned it over and then grabbed it with her teeth just under the smaller portion of the back. Instinctively, I suppose, the young squirrel threw its since that narrow escape of hers, with a lighted candle in her hand, peering into arms around the mother's body, and after she made sure that the hold was good she started cautiously back to the nest. She reached there safely, house, and hearing his steps, had me to warn him away? and I saw no more of the distressed mother nor the youngster. I was very much impressed with the gentleness and skill she displayed in handling the injured baby squirrel, and really it was an inspiring scene."-The Mall



Homekeeping vs. Housekeeping.

of the proper color, pass your needle raised in a piercing crescende of the truest homes are often in around the button, catching the new screams his image are expanding, his houses not especially well kept, where cloth, and so cover the bufton as it blood is circulating well, and he is the comfort and happiness of the in- stands, wind the thread around the gaining strength and beauty momentmates, rather than extreme tidiness cloth tightly three or four times and arily. Translate the saintary shricks and the preservation of the furniture is fasten it. Repeat this process for each of infancy into the educated singing of first consulted. The object of the button, and then fit your cover on as maturity and the net result is the same home is to be the center, the pivot on before. This plan is much the neater which the family life turns. The first way of covering furniture where butrequisite is to make it so attractive tons are used, but you must be sure to that none of its members shall care to have the buttons firmly fastened in linger long outside its limits. All legit- place. A little practice will soon enable imate means should be employed to you to do the work nicely, and you will this end and no effort spared that can find it a great pleasure to refurnish contribute to this purpose. There are your rooms at so small an expense. many houses called homes, kept with such waxy neatness by painstaking, auxious women, that are so oppressive in their nicety as to exclude all home-feeling from their spotless precincts. The very name of home is synonymous with personal freedom and relaxation from care; solid comfort. But neither of these can be felt where such a mania for external clean-

liness pervades the household as to render everything else subservient thereto. Many housewives, if they see a speck on floor or wall, or a bit of thread or paper on the floor, rush at it as if it were the seed of pestilence List'ning to ease hardened travelers who which must be removed on the instant. Their temper depends upon their maintenance of perfect purity and order. If there be any failure on their part or any combination of circumstances against them, and they fall into a paout. They do not see that cheerfulness is more needful to home than all the spotlessness that ever shone. Their disposition to wage war upon maculateness of any sort increases until they become slaves of the broom and the dust pan. Neatness is one thing. and a state of perpetual house cleaning Closely clung to him and kept off e'en quite another.

Out of this grows by degrees the feeling that certain things and apartments are too good for daily use. Hence, chairs and sofas are covered, and rooms stuit up, save for special occasions, when they are permitted to manner that mars every pretense of inspirality. Nothing should be bought For the places all are taken and the thich is considered too fine for the better is the plainest furniture on which the children can climb than satwith reverence. When anything is reerred or secinded, to disguise the fact -S. W. Gillian in Leslie's Week'y. is extremely different. A chilly air wraps it round, and the repulsion of strangeness is experienced by the most

nsensible. Home is not a name, nor a form, nor free from sap markings and knots. its light and sweetness from those who paneling is so acceptable. inhabit it, from flowers and sunshine. from the sympathetic natures which, In their exercise of sympathy, can lay aside the tyranny of the broom and the awful duty of endless scrubbing - boiling water. Cooking Club

Just Like a Woman.

gine, the only



could not take an engine apart and put it together in their presence, but MISS ANNIE BALL. was told that was

she offered to give

not the way to obtain the permit. She submitted to an oral examination, but failed because, she says, of the "rapid fire" method of propounding wordy questions. Later she took the written examination and came off triumphant with an average of 84. After she reelved the license she was asked what she proposed to do with it. "Nothing." she said; "I only wanted it because I was told I couldn't get it."

Covering Furniture. furniture look like new, better begin life, that is, those who take their with a common chair and some cheap material; then, if you fail, the result will not be disastrous. Proceed as follows: Over the cushion of your chair pin a piece of thin tough paper, and cut out an exact pattern, carefully marking all the plaits and little nicks required to make the cover lie smooth and even. Lay this flat on your material, which must be cut out exactly like it; then, carefully rip off the gimp of the chair, brush the cushion, and, with benzine, remove any stain there may be. If you do not do this, you may see it reappear through the new cover. Pin on the new cover, taking care to get it exactly in place; then nail it on carefully with tiny furniture tacks, and finish with a gimp stitched firmly all around to hide the rough edges. If the seat is buttoned down instead of being quite plain, it is more troublesome. The work must be done in one or the other of the following ways: Remove the buttons and fasten on the cover (which must be cut larger than if it were put on plain), rather loosely. Cover the buttons, then, with a long, thin tacking needle and some strong twine, sew them in place. Or lay your material over the seat of the chair, pin it loosely

The Woman with a flaby. 'Mid the herd of human porkers crowded

on the trolley car All is selfishness and jostle, making age

and sex no bar; Men collapse in seats and stay there, letting shrinking ladies stand

With a look of indignation-and a strap in either hand. Yet there's one thing that, you've untied, never fulls to make a stir-When a woman with a buby comes they

all make room for het. I have sat in stuffy conches on a crow-

ed railway train. declared with might and main That they'd see the railroad company is hades' forcest heat before they'd even think of giving

anyone a seat. Then, ere they'd ceased their beasting they would rise without demurthetic despair and can hardly be lifted For a woman with a baby, they must all make room for her.

> There is something sweet, Madonna-like in pletures such as that, And it makes the lowest rullian feel like taking off his hat;

For it bears him back to habyhood, when loving mother arms no matter what his station, he will

everyone defer To a woman with a taby-be has rever-

Once I dreamed I stoud in heaven just inside the pearly gate. reveal their violated sacredness in a While to every new arrival good St.

harps are all in use. fullest domestic appropriation. Far Golden streets are just so crowded that I had to call a truce." a little, tired-out woman lugged a

which the children can climb than sat-in and damask, which must be viewed And St. Peter said: "We're fe'i up, but we'll find a place for you

Preography Notes.

The wood for pyrography must be well seasoned, of an even grain, and

routine. It is a spirit, a presence, a Burnt wood is especially adapted for principle. Material and method will the decoration of hall and dining not and cannot make it. It must get rooms where dark wood furniture and

A good brown stain for wood is made drachus of dragon's blood, one ounce of Vandyke brown, and one quart of

In burning a flat piece of wood, burn both sides, as it will keep it from Miss Annie Ball, of Chicago, has warping. Of course you need not burn een licensed by the Board of Exam a pattern on both sides, but "scrub" ning Engineers to run a stationary en- the back with the side of your burner. Moss green velvet appliqued with woman so favored natural toned sunflowers marked with in the city. She brown shadings with the pyrograwas refused a lipher's needle makes a picturesque pilcense on her first low, while a cushion of tan suede or application. Then namented with poppy design in red suede looks extremely well on a dark the examiners \$1.couch. 000 each if she

Beautiful effects in leather are pro duced by dyes and also by using pieces of colored leather. Flowers and leaves are cut from colored leather and fastened with gine to a background of natural color leather. After which the burning is done around the applique to cover the edges. This gives a rich oriental effect and is much used for table mats, pillows, opera and shopping bags, portieres and hangings.

Health of College Girls.

From a study of college girls and school children in the University of California, Mary E. B. Ritter (California State Journal of Medicine, August) holds that the majority improve in When you decide to make your old health during the four years of college studies seriously and rationally. college education does not necessarily injure the health of women. The seeds of subsequent ill-health are shown at an earlier age, and are not the cons quences of study. The causes of ill health are mainly traceable to unby gienic llivng, or the sequence of infer tions disease. In a large proportion of women students college life, with the mental stimulus of a purpose, improves their health and fits them to become better disciplined and more intelligent mothers. More careful obser vation on the part of physicians and instructions to parents would, to a large measure, improve the existing matisfactory conditions.-The Sant-

The Wife. What it means to a man to come home at night to a cheerful wife no one but he who has had to fight in the hard battle of life known. If he is prosperous it is an added joy; but it is in misfortune that it shines like a star in the darkness. A complaining wife can kill the last bit of hope and courage in a sorely troubled heart, into position, then, with strong thread age to begin the fight ever again.

HEALTH AND SONG

Breathing Lessons as a Cure for Many Comptaints.

The London concert season has called attention to a discovery the docors have made that vocalism is a healthy profession.

A quiet buby who never gives way to tantrams and tears is not a healthy but a weakly child. When his voice is -namely, a large increase of health

and comeliness. Anaemic boys and girls are now be ing ordered by doctors to take sloging lessons, because such persons do not know how to breathe properly and the singing master teaches them the art. Very few people utilize the whole of their lung power when they breathe, but get into a lazy way of merely gasping or breathing superficially.

Candidates for the army whose chest measurement lacks the requisite number of inches take singing lessons to lacrense their girth, or, if their voices tack the musical element, they attend breathing classes and learn where their respiration should come from-that is to say, how they should draw each breath, how long they should retain it, and how emit it. Though mankind must breathe in order to live, few human beings know how to breathe prop-

After the annemic girl with the bowed shoulders and the contracted chest has taken a dozen lessons in slaring her back begins to flatten and her diest to develop. Her complexion frishens, and she notices with pleasure a rose-leaf stain reddening her cheeks.

The professional songstress retains the freshness of youth into old age, not entirely as a result of the care she takes of her houlth and the excellent food she eats for the sake of her voice, but mainly because she breathes perfeetly and exercises her vocal organs regularly. It is acting on this princlple that middle-aged women inclined. to emboupoint now take breathing lessons at a fusbiomable school in South Kensington, where walsts are coaxed back to figures lang devoid of them. and new vigor is given to the aging physique - London Mail.

Queer Stories

Sheep draw little expr. ss wagons to India and Persia.

Persons with blue eves are rarely affected with volue blinds as.

A stalk of Indian corn used up thirty-one pounds of water during its

Side by side in a Greenfield (Mass.) house is a portion of a shell exploded in Paris at the time of the commune Insurrection, and one of the fossil footprints made millions of years ago in mud which is now our red sandstone. The species of bird which made the rack is now extinct.

ogists that every species of migratory bird breeds in the most northern portion of its range. It has been found, however, that the Australian sand dotterel goes south to breed, traveling to the south of New Zealand, or as far toward Antarctic as it can now get.

The best calculation that can be made shows that the average number of children in the white native family a century ago in the United States was more than six: in 1830 it had fallen to less than five; in 1800, to less than four; in 1872, to less than three; in 1900, among the "upper classes" in Boston, to less than two.

The first typewriter that produced good results, although it was very low, was made by a Worcester man, Charles Thurber, in 1843. The first typewriters that were put on the market were made in 1874. Since Thurber's machine was made there have been over two thousand patents granted for machines and improvements

There are but three primary colors as pigments, red. yellow and blue. The other four colors, green, Indigo, orange and violet, shown in the spectrum and the rainbow, are in art forced out of a combination of the three primary colors. All others, brown, pink, buff, lavender, etc., are based upon and derived from the seven foundation colors. In Alaskan waters is found a mon-

ster clam, the "geoduck," one of which would afford a meal for several persons; not so large, however, as the great tridacas and its species, which weighs, with its two valves, five hundred pounds, the animal alone weighing thirty. This shell, though common in California, is from the equatorial regions of the Pacific, where, buried in the soft rock, its viselike jaws partly open, it is a menace to the natives who wade along the reefs searching for shells.

Figures on Lynchings.

All the lynchings within twenty-one bears, that he could verify, have been tabulated by Mr. Cutler, of Yale university. In that time 1,872 negroes have been lynched and 1,256 whites. Since the whites are about six times as numerous as the blacks, the proportion of negroes lynched is, of course, very much higher than figures indicate. Only 35 per cent. of these negroes were lynched for the social erime that is usually associated in the mind with this method of punishment. The number of lynchings has dimin ished since 1892.