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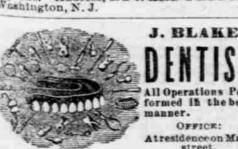
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CHAPTER XV.

"Devotion wafts the mind above. But heaven itself descends in love." good as another, every day of his life was as often baffled by the waywardhe became more aware that William ness of the woman he loved, or the in- footman an' six outrider, like your tains to the New York market. Cash Paid for Grain Damarin was greatly his superior. the-waywardness of the black man ole gran'fader b'longs* to. Dey neb- "And if one of them Cavern Counsay!" And as the knowledge came to him he hated. days when he was their bridte-boy enue. Bella remained silent. she placed herself above the generali- most inaudibly.

solation. The eyes were always kind, Paid-up Capital, \$100,000 than kindness, but never with love. Bella. Thank you, and thank God! THE SHERMAN HOUSE COIN & CURRENCY DRAFTS up a revival in his church. He was a voice, mild and amiable man, and though But I must speak now, General holding severely to the Breckinridge Damerin." United States and Europe. theology, was loath to resort to the The voice was not Bella's, neither

> the members of his did not wish to be over ! Robert was in a fit state to be work, it became his duty to question room without a further word Polly all about her sins, their number | Mrs. Dan arin and Polly, who were and weight, promise consolation to on the look-out, and had seen the her, stand by and kneel by her, sing way she alighted, and her appearance and pray for her and with her. And as she passed swiftly by them and asas the attendance of the other mem- cended the stairs, eagerly seized on bers of the family gradually slacken- the general and burried him into the ed toward the close of the excitement, parlor that they might hear his refaithfully every evening to enjoy their they felt sure he had succeeded. Nor newly gotten religion. Polly declar- did the story he had to tell, and which ed, with tears in her eyes, she had he was forced to give in all its details

Poor Polly! Pretty Polly! Bella might be thereby left alone to. signs to be entirely favorable. in did the same as their daughter. The truth is, they had al! set their she inquired, with a most severe dighearts on the match. But old Hector nity had not set his upon it; and old Hec-

reprove for it. Mr. and Mrs. Damar- was admitted. tor was there, and could not be sent away. He was there in capacity of dragon. He was there and here and everywhere-poping up from under the edge of the river-bank, or stepflower was wanted-bolting into the Polly, who usually took turns with don't do um!" her, or when unseen in some near

through observing the daily inter- At length the avowal came, and no tree tousand dollar silber plate on Kentucky member of the council, other, who found it hard work to course between Damarin and Bella, the proposal, and though clumsily it brought no pleasant sensation. He enough done-a woman or a man not had early habituated himself to con- in love could have done ten times as sider her too exalted almost for his well-must be met. They were ridthoughts to reach. The conversations | ing home from church together at the between her and her friend in the time, and had just turned into the av- cried Bella in anger "Don't let me "Dick is right," said Mr. Damarin. himself in his Carolina patois. At

ty of her fellow-creatures for him to Bella was silent. With an apple deem himself a fellow fit for a creatwig, carried for a whip, she brushed adoration for a divinity. Yet lowly decided, and in favor of the suitor

proached as an equal by one whose God's sake tell me yes!"

"No, no," he said, "do not speak a sulkily out of the room. looking out at him with even more word. We know each other now About that time, the natural revul- And he put his arm about her waist "Mount! mount! and to the road, my men, sion from wickedness of all kinds, and kissed her, which can be very engendered by a long war, having well done on horseback, if the cavaproduced a general awakening on the lier is adroit-that is to say if he rides subject of religion through the coun- on the right side of his mistress-and try, the Rev. Mr. Adamsfall, the she is willing. After this Bella gently Presbyterian minister who has been detached his arm, and said, in a pernamed, felt it to be his duty to preach | feetly calm, though deep and strange

extreme measure of expounding it in were the words she was about to its fullness save in extreme cases, speak. Utter them not! utter them But dancing and card-playing and not! It is folly perversity, and bitter gayety in other forms were becoming pride, would use those beautiful lips, so alarmingly prevalent, something warm from their first touch of love. STATE, COUNTY & CITY SECURITIES must be done. Besides, other congre- Bella! Bella! close them firmly until gations were enjoying revivals, and your spell of evil shall have passed

Go 'way, white man, don' come nigh me, brought under those influences which chanted Hector from a broken hay prevail in a season of religious excite- stack beside the avenue, on the top of ment. Little was needed to mature which he was pretending to be at the despondency he already felt into work arranging a "cap" to shed a Clocks, Watches, Jewelry that condition of ripe despair whose coming rain, no signs of which were dark shadow ex ends into eternity, visible, though. He was handling entitling the despairing soul to a place | the pitchfork in a frantic way, tossing on the anxious seat, and whose react- the hay in every direction, while his Keeps constantly on hand a large and well assorted stock of genuine articles in his line. Sepairing of Clocks, Watches and Jewelry ligious ecstasy. He was accordingly nostrils dilated quite preternaturally. one of the very first to be influenced. The moment after Bella, turning her Mr. and Mrs. Damarin were already head, caught sight of him, a mass of in the church. Their son and Bella, the hay, which he had flung perpenthough frequently attending on the dicularly upward, descended on his preaching, did not seem to be touched head and shoulders, covering them by it. Probably they were neither completely. Bella broke into a laugh gay enough nor sad enough to be ef- and whipped her horse till he gallopfected as they should. But Polly was ed away from Damarin, who did not wheat ripe for the sickle, and with overtake her until the horse block hanging head and weeping eyes made | was reached. There, as she continuher way timidly to the front on the ed to laugh, while he could not for very evening when Robert arose and his life command a smile, the advantold his "experience." Promoted af tage remained with her, and she ester this to be an assistant in the good caped into the house and got to her

he and Polly alone together went port and enjoy every word of it, for never known happiness before. She as the only way to make them comloved every step of the way to the prehend the exact measure of his succhurch, and every inch of the way cess, alter their opinion. Polly was back; and the distance was two and about to fly to the arms of her friend to welcome her as a sister: but her mother restrained her, saying:

His religion was a great consolation "You had better not go yet, my shop, an' keep it. Wear store store o Robert. It strengthened him too. dear; she is not ready, perhaps, to Much as Polly loved her religion, talk with you on this subject. And, she did not forget other people. She William, if you take my advice, you was ready at every opportunity to be won't press the matter any more for a out of the way when her brother and day or two, unless you observe the

gether. Bella did not like this, and Meanwhile Hector had knocked at reproved her for it, sometimes softly, the locked door of Bella's chamber, but sometimes pretty sharply : though and knocked several times without sometimes she did not appear to notice its being opened. At last he called SMOKER'S ARTICLES, 56 Main Street, BROWNVILLE, NEB. the slipping away at all, or forgot to to her, and when she found it was he, his people.

"Why, Hector, whatdo you want?"

"Oh, missis-Miss Bella!" he broke ont, "it won't nebber do-it won't nebber do in dis world."

"What do you mean?" she asked. "My young missis mustn't marry no Yankee ablishun officer. Tink ob ping out from behind a tree in the de 'spectability ob our family. Tink orchard or road, or approaching the wot ole missis say, s'posin' she was ayoung people in the garden, to offer a libbin. Tink wot ole mossa say, flower or fruit, when neither fruit nor Tink wot Mass Ned, dat's gone dead -tink wot him say; and den Mass dairy and proposing to help his young Charles, he shoot um, Miss Bella, mistress churn, in the absence of don't do um. Oh, Gorra mighty, his pride, his hope, his tour to Europe,

By this time the extravagance of covert, whistling or singing or clean. his words and manner, despite their "Why, my good old friend," she said. Poor Damarin! the task was suffi. "if I understand what you are talkclently difficult to make his approach- ing about, it is something about

which I have not needed your advice. the gate way into the road were easily There! you needn't say anything discerned. The gate had been care- Hector. "Less go back." more on the subject. You may go fully closed on all the other inmates

' Hector! stop talking in that way !" | self." hear you say another word against "If you go where you have to fight the end of that time he recommended had too fully apprised him how high "Did you hear me?" he gusped, al- my friends. They are as good as I am the gang, the odds will be against his companion to unbuckle one of the -yes, and as respectable as any body.' you. How far would it be safe to fol- bags and eat "some o' Miss Polly's

joined, in a solemn manner, as if all over the country, I believe."

CHAPTER XVI.

Right southward is the way :

We ll follow to their farthest der The robbers and their prey." Early the next morning Robert and Hector, each with a sack of corn or his shoulder, started on their way across lots to the "out pasture," as a daily feed of grain.

"Hector," said Robert, as they went along, "you haven't told me yet what price I ought to ask for Major. If I sell him, now is as good a time as any;

ready now for talk. Dat hoss he go in two-tirty-fibe tree time last week. Wid a good weicle he kin go in two-tirty, dats for sure. Hoonah no kin sell um for any shish price as a jockey kin, wot know how for cheat properly. But if dat ar hoss dunno fotch tree tousand dollar, don' sell um, dat's all-don' sell um."

"Three thousand dollars! Hector, you don't say three thousand dol-

"Tree thousand dollar; does you Robert let his sack of corn slip to

the ground, and, feeling his knees grow weak, sat down upon it. "An' wot will hoonah buy wid de money? asked the old man, enjoying the astonishment of the one whose good fortune he had just announced.

and which he had in some sort him-Robert needed to think before answering. He thought of a tour in Europe. He thought of buying an interest in a steamboat. He thought of studying for the ministry. He tho't of putting up a distillery to make oil and unlimited wealth, as they were proposing to do at Flaming Rock. But whatever castle in the air he built, when he looked toward it to see if Bella was there, he only saw her

enthroned above it, not within. "Does you yeddy?" said Hector. Wot will you do wid dat tree tousand dollar, s'posin' you git um?" "I think I'll buy a little farm, Robert answered, not caring to expose to ridicule the plans and specifications of his castle-building.

"No. no; don't buy no little farm. Little farm for poor trash. Buy a close ebry day, an' make you'self look dis zackly like a true an' true gentleman. Den all de ladies come to de shop for buy tings, an' fall in tub wid de good-lookin' shop-keeper. Den" (confidentially) "boonah kin marry Miss Polly, an' hab big farm. Whah! whah? whah!" And he let his sack fall, and gave his whole body up to laughing, after the manner of

The laughing accomplished, both of them resumed their burdens and approached the pasture fence, over the top of which the horses were al ready reaching their heads expectantly, Having distributed the corn in the several compartments of a large trough, giving to each just six ears, Hector add Robert both began to look they had just been talking about.

Major was not there! gone! The old man was aghast, and

of the pasture, and he, the prince of but I am going forward." "I isn,t a-gwine to go," he persist- them all, had alone been taken.

ed. "I mus' talk, an' I's gwine to On their returning to the house and ert; way's de use? Major got the talk. Nobody cep'n Hector's here informing Mr. Damarin of the calam- start o' we, an' sure's de Lord we nebfor min' hoonah, an' I no gwine for ity, a council washeld, which came ber cotch um." to let hoonah do no shish wrong ting. to the conclusion that the thief was "We can catch him," cried Rob-Dis yer family is berry good people. one of the famous Cavern County ert, already in the saddle, and trying es to Bella's heart, and, supposing But isn't no fuss family. Dey's got band, who never touched any but to clear his bridle from Hector's douthat gained, to her hand, without be- land, but dey never hab nary nigger, blooded animals, which they collected ble grip. "Before he got as far as this ing bindered by the inonportune ne. no time. Dey's workin' people, dey with enterprising research through- Major must have gone thirty miles, Although Robert Hagan had boast- gro. Twenty times he was near com- is; dey isn't true an' true gentlemen out a large portion of the west, and and that without any corn, while our ed to Hector that one man was as ing to the interrogation point, but and ladies like your own. Dey neb- after secreting them till pursuit blew horses haven't gone three. Then ber trabble wid coach-an'-fo' and two over, ran them off over the moun- those tracks are as fresh as if made

ber keep no race hoss. Dey no put ty hoys is got the colt," remarked the de table, like ole missis b'longs to. with a feeling of State pride natural overtake him. For two hours more Dey nebber fight no duel. Dey dun- to Kentuckians, "you'd better not they continued to press their steeds no who is dere gran'fader. Dey isn't foller him very fur over the county without either one saying a word to 'spectable, missis; dey's low people." line, or you'll never get back your- the other, though the negro would

ture such as she. And however she a portion of her horse's mane the closing one chapter and about opening "It's ten chances to one," said Dick, far from being hungry himself, rechad modified her notions since then, wrong way, then brushed it back another. "Now I tell boonah dis one "that the gentleman that's taken the ognized in the request a suggestion he was accustomed to regard his sen- again to the right side, then to the ting; an den I go. Dat night when colt won't leave theriver till he comes that his companion was, and handed timents, toward her only as a sort of wrong side again. The cause seemed Mass Ned was shoot, Mass Charles to a little road over the hill that takes him a liberal supply, which he mansen' me yer to dis house for to min' up just back of the first log house you aged to eat while his horse galloped. as he placed himself on the steps of "Speak!" he cried, gaining courage hoonah. An Mass Charles 'e say, come to after you pass Ledberry's Up to this time but three travelers her throne, it was hard to see her ap- and voice; "do speak, Bella! for 'Hector,' 'e say, 'dat ar dam Yankee Landing, and leads into the county had been encountered; and though ablishunist officer 'e no 'count. Meb- road by one of the forks of Broken | each of these was accosted and inquidevotions were not worship-very She slowly lifted her head, that had by Miss Bella she want for marry um Jug Creek. If Bob kin get that first red of, from neither of them was any with most force upon his own friends, bent over the mane as she combed it, some day, den you tell Miss Bella, -that is to say, if he kin get to go a information obtained. One had been the Methodists having some \$10,000,-Robert became melancholy. He and locked him full in the face with case she marry um, I nebber speak to piece on the county road afore the passed by a horseman going at a withdrew very much within himself eyes full of unmistakable love, more she no mo." Dem berry word 'e say. other gentleman turns into it, and rapid trot, but the horse was a bay, would be sad if the exhibition of He retired oftener to his room, and of love than he had dreamed of before Now hoonah kin do wot hoonah like. find a good ambush, I reckon the colt and not a sorrel. Another had come these facts should induce Bishop Hafrom the saddle-bags took the photo- as dwelling in woman or angel. His Ole Hector done talk." And shaking may be captured with a surprise. into the road, and had seen nobody at ven and his two hundred followers graph and consulted it, as if for con- accepted heart almost burst with joy. his head, he walked solemnly and That's the only chance I kin see, and all. The third, who had traveled a reconsider their recommendation," I don't think much of hit "

sounded from down the river. get off at Ledberry's Landing. Since like this yer."

hours the start of you." to four on a common horse."

part with him, even if anybody off a horse by daylight dare not ride soon after leaving Ledberry's Land- them not to step into it. It says the would offer me five hundred dol- at full speed, and must double about, ing had gradualty softened into others only way to avoid not being caught is "Fibe hundred dollar!" exclaimed river, or will cross it, back and forth ings, no longer confined to the nar- all their might and main. The Pres-Hector contemptuously. "Well, I's several times between this and Led- row creek bottoms, were scattered ident hopes, it continues, that they

dreadful people. Do-don't let him no shoot ?" ge ; please don't." "He must judge for himself, my dear. The poor fellow has his all at them to any part of the United States, poststake. That colt is worth a small age prepaid, on receipt of fifty cents.

farm; and if he's the man I take him to be, he won't give it up without a chase. I have a good deal of confidence in Hector's prudence. What a true friend that old darkey is, eh?" Polly, in a most embarrassing distress, which dared not declare itself, next went and expostulated with

Robert. But he was desperate. "If I don't come back with that colt under me, Miss Polly," he said "I don't want to come back at all." The general offered Robert a revolver and ammunition, but he declined, saving he would rather be shot than shoot. Hector took them, however, remarking that he would "heap rudder shoot dan be shot." At the last all de nigger isn't suspected to gib moment, before the went on the boat, Polly came running down the bank with the saddle-bags, which she had taken from where they hung over Robert's bed, and filled to their uttermost capacity with provisions for the journey. After thanking her for her kind providence, the first thing Robert did was to ascertain that the miniature had received no hurt from having the half of a boiled ham

About three hours later the pursuers were put off at Ledberry's Landing, which was twenty-five miles above Stone House, and in one minute more were galloping with all possible speed on the county road, which led away from the river and toward the hills in a southeasterly direction. for the ti ree thousand dollar animal Hector was the better mounted of the two, which was fortunate, for otherwise he would have been left behind He was not in the field. He was by his hotly impatient companion, who had been suffering perfect torthe youth was stunned. His just dis- ment from the delays of the boat in covered wealth, his long loved pet, making her half-dozen stoppages on the way up, and now whipped his his steamboat, his oil distillery, his horse furiously. In about three miles ly,' said a drunken vagabond, 'but I pulpit, his shop, his castle in the air, from the landing they came to where love her still.' 'Probably,' replied a are specially desired by young men had been stolen in the night. There a bridle-path intersected the road. ing knives to make his neighborhood earnestness, made her begin to smile. was no doubt to hang a hope on. Major's well-known hoof-tracks through leaped from his horse to examine the ground, and each immediately recog-

nized the hoof-prints of poor Major. a hatter's point of view.

thrust down upon it.

"Too late, Misser Robert," said "Go back if you want to, Hector;

"Now, now, look yer, Misser Rob-

And off he dashed followed by the

now and then mutter somewhat to "Berry well, Miss Bella," he re- low the trail, Dick? You have been grub." "De Lord bless de sweet chile!" he added, as Robert, though long distance at a slow rate, had met | The democratic organ in Cincinnatt

While the horses were being sad- noon), then to the badness of the road denomination than on any other. dled, Polly drew near to her father (though it was really a good deal better than it had been.) Finally, turn-"Father, it isn't safe, you know it ing and looking Robert in the face, isn't, for Robert to go among those he abruptly asked, "Wha' for hoonah

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The Centennial. 'Is you gwine down to dat meet'n at de church to-night?" asked Si when he met Pete at the Kimball

House corner. 'What meetin' is dat?' 'De cents tenyal meetin'.' 'Is dat some new-fangled kind of

pertracted meetin' dey's gettin' up round byar?' asked Pete. 'No, you ignant nigger! Dis hyar is a meetin' about de celebration ob de Fo'th ob July Indemancipation Declyrashun next year at Fillimudelfy, New-Yorker. and dey calls it de cents-tenyal, kase

'No, dis nigger aint gwine, kase dat s some more ob dat tom-foolishness whar dev swindles a nigger on sibil rites, and gits 'em into dese hvar inskurrentions! I'd rudder spend my dime for a prize-box wid a tin bres-pin in it. I would.'

Si thought a minute and then said : 'I bleeves you's got me on de hip, Pete. And they both went their ways .-Atlanta Constitution.

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'Jim Henry,' said his wife with stony severity, 'I saw you coming out of a saloon this afternoon.'

'Well, madam,' replied the obdurate Jim, 'you wouldn't have me stay in there, would you?" 'My native city has treated me bad-

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vice now vouchsafed to the democratle party by the leaders was ever paralleled before. Generally the course for the opposition to pursue has been plain. They had nothing to do but antagonize whatever the republicans only a moment ago. Let me go, I proposed. But it has actually come to a point where they dare not do this, and they are extremely wretched about it. It is intensely amusing to watch the efforts of these shrewd old politicians to get around the President's recommendations regarding the public schools, and the taxation of church property. It is rendered still more amusing by the fact that in discussing the proposition they are constantly coming to blows among themselves. Forinstance, one newspaper opposes the recomendations of the President, and calls upon the demoeratic party to combat the proposition, because it is an attempt to punish the Roman Catholies. Hardly do we democratic paper, the World, the fol-

Here the whistle of the packet and been passed by so many, he could declared last week that the presinot recollect whether he had seen any dent's plan was an effort to establish "There's the boat coming!" ex- thing answering to the description a "state religion," while his chronic claimed Mr. Damarin. "Has any- of Major or not. This one remarked reviler in Chicago has been moaning thing passed up during the night?" that "them horse-thief gentlemen are over the fact that it was a plan to pro-Nobody had heard anything except sharp enough to dodge out of the way scribe all religious bodies and "heathtow-boats, "Then, Robert, suppose of folks they want to avoid; and that enize" the public schools. In the you get right aboard the packet and is right easy done in a woody country midst of this, up pops a democratio club in Washington and indorses the field remote from the house was called, to give the horses kept there their after the white frost came, I'm sure his dinner, in eating which he had raying itself against its fellow demothe thief hasn't got more than two fallen behind his companion to en- crats who were preparing to attack the joy a decorous privacy, he wiped his plan. To make confusion worse con-"But,', interrupted the general, mouth and cheeks, and recovered his founded, the New York Herald of "two hours on Major's back are equal place in front. Then he began to Friday points out the fact that the look about him. The steep, rough proposition of the president is a clever "Don't you see? A thief that runs hills among which they had entered trap to catch democrats, and it warns too. That fellow has crossed the of more gentle ascent, and the clear- to turn in and support the plan with berry's. Robert, if you want to pur- over slopes and summits as well. The will eppose and make war upon his sue your property, take any of the road mounted and descended with an suggestion. If they do, he will have horses you choose; but I would adv se easier grade, and farms of consider- the very issue he wants upon which you to go by hoat, and she will be able extent came into view. Having to go before the country. Now, what here in ten minutes. I beg you be observed well the landmarks, the old is a poor, distracted democrat to do? cautious my boy. Is anybody going man turned his attention to the fea- Has it come to this that the only way with you? Don't you want to go tures of Robert, to observe how far to beat the republican president is to the long hard ride had tempered him carry out his recommendations more But Dick had left Kentucky for down to bear a serious expostulation; vigorously than his own party friends reasons which still remained valid for the time had come for his friend can do it? Verily, it looks as if the and good in law, and pleaded rheu- to make a resolute effort to arrest the political millenium might be at hand. matism. Old Hector, however, vol- dangerous pursuit. Taking advan- And let it be marked well, for it is an unteered. "Somebody must go." he tage of a long ascent which compelled exceptionable occurrence, that the said, "to fotch back Misser Robert, them to walk the horses, he began by worst that can be said against the case him mout go too fur." And calling attention to their fatigued con- president's suggestion is, that he has Hector also was provided with a good dition, then to the lateness of the proposed a plan that will entail a hour (though it was not much past greater burden on his own religious

Barrels Made of Paper.

It is very probable that paper will soon largely supercede wood as a meterial for barrels. The paper is made of straw, is very strong, and the barrels, being of a uniform cylinder, can be stowed away without loss of space. No hoops are required, though they may be used where rough handling is expected. In some recent experiments paper barrels have shown remarkable strength, and resisted heavy inside pressure without bursting. They are not only made water tight. but impervious to air or moisture, saving their contents from being affected by odors in cellars or the holds of vessls. The evlinderical form, also, gives great advantage in handling these barrels, rolling in a straight line, while the stave barrel, from its shape, always rolls into one corner.-Rural

A Tough Foot.

They tell big stories about the tough feet of the Louisiana darkies, but the Vicksburg negro is always ready to compete for the medal. One of them entered a blacksmith shop the other day to sell a horse-shoe, and he placed his foot on a piece of hot fron just cut from a bar. It was a full minute before the heat struck in, and then he gave a leap over the anvil, and uttered a terrible yell. The smith asked him to explain, and the darkey responded: 'Why, I'ze bin standin' on dat piece

ob red-hot iron!

I fought dere was a dead hoss around' here somewhar!' The cold weather is at hand; now hover over the stove, and avoid fresh air and exercise, if you would never

'No, not zactly; but I smelt sunth-

in kinder curus for a good while, but

'And you didn't know it?'

see spring again. Omnibuses originated in Paris in 1827. The other kind of busses, which gentleman, 'her still is all that you do and maidens, were discovered some

years previously. It is impolite to say a man has

"cheek :" say "fanciful area"

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