THE COBBLER'S DAUGHTER.

"Only a bed and a ladder ! how absurd. Alphensine, you must have made some mistake," said Miss Vaughn.

"Now, now, I assure you, mademoiselle, there was no mistake possible; I take a remise, as you desired, and drive straight to the Rue Bergere, Numero 89, a dingy old six-story house. I alight and demand Mile, Fouchet. Au susieme, cries the old red-faced portress. I enter, and ascend, and ascend, and ascend, till till I reach the grenier. On the first door is a little white card, on which I read F. Fouchet; all right, I think, so I knock; no reply; I knock again; still no answer; ma foi! I can't wait all day, and mademoiselle so anxious for an answer to her letter; so I pushed open the door, and find myself in a wretched garret with absolutely no furniture but a bed and a ladder, reaching up to a little skylight in the roof. Some flowers on the ladder, a trunk in the corner, was all I could see, so I just turn round and come back again, and me voila "

"How provoking! I cannot bear to leave Paris without bidding adieu to dear Florine. Go and see it Mr. Vaughn is in the salle-a-manger and ask him to come up to my room. I shall not need your services until we return from the opera."

"Bien, mademoiselle; here are your gloves and fan."

The door closed on the femme chambre; then her young mistress, who was attired in full opera costume, sat down on a sofa, impatiently beating her slippered foot on the hearth rug, the slip of carpet that left bare the largest portion of the brown bees-waxed floor of an upper chamber in the Hotel Meurice.

Minnie Vaughn was the daughter of a wealthy New York merchant, and having completed her education at the Hotel Perrigny, in the Faubourg St. Germain, was about to return to America under her father's and brother's escort, after having agreeably devoted the vacation to a tour in Switzerland. While at school a warm friendship had sprung up between Minnie and one of her schoolmates, named Florine Fouchet, who, if less stylish and aristocratic than most of Madame Beaulieu's pensionaires, was day. decidedly their superior in natural charms and mental acquirements. On this account Florine was not a favorite with her companions, who were alike envious of her beauty and of the wellearned praise lavished on her by the masters and teachers. Minnie Vaughn enjoyed many more privileges than the other pupils, her father being ever ready to pay for whatever would add to the comfort of his darling, and she had, therefore, been allowed a comfortable martment for her exclusive use. soon as she discovered that Florine was rendered uncomfortable by the ill-natured comments and inuendoes of her schoolmates, the warm-hearted Ameri can girl offered her a share of her room, have." which was gratefully accepted, and from that time the two had been almost insepo give you." arable. They promised to correspond when they left school; but though Minnie had written from almost every post one dear parent left." town in Switzerland, she Lad received no letter from her friend, and as soon as she returned to Paris, dispatched her to make others so, too; adieu." maid on a voyage of discovery, the re-"Au revoir, mademoiselle." sult of which we have just seen.

earnestly, "it was not her fault. She has across the counter with a brutal leer, and often told me, with tears in hereves, how | catching the poor creature by the hand, glad she would be it her father would wispered something in her ear; she allow her to remain home and work for struggled to free herself from his grasp, him. She lived at home until she was and, as he turned, revealed the countennearly fourteen, then her extreme beauty | ance of a girl about seventeen years of

attracted the attention of a nobleman age, with wondrous violet eyes, dilated who, child as she was, wished to make with fear and despair, and checks from her his mistress, offered her father large which every vestige of color had desums of money, and left no means un- parted, it was the long lost beauty of tried to get her into his power. Old the flower market; but, O, how sadly Fouchet, to insure his daughter's safety, changed. To send the man reeling back behind

placed her with Madame Beaulien, where she remained, even during vacations, the counter with one blow and to lead the almost fainting girl into the street until her education was finished." was for Clinton Vaughn the work of a "Has she no mother?" asked Clinton. who began to feel interested in his aisfew moments. A facre was passing and he bailed it. ter's friend.

"Mademoiselle," he said, with as much "No; her mother died in giving he respect as if he had been addressing a birth. She was of very good family, but duchess, "the rain has abated, and you eloped with Fouchet, who must once are not in a condition to walk. I will have been emiaeutly handsome; now his not presume to ask your address, but hair is white as snow, his form looks here is my sister's; call on her, and you bent and wasted; but you should see his will find friends ready and willing to eyes; they are splendid. He assisted her into the facre and laid "To-morrow," said Mr. Vaughn, "you

can introduce us to your proteges. Here in her lap a card and an amply filled we are at the opera." pocket-book, raised his hat, and was

When Clinton Vaughn told his sister gone before the poor girl could thank that he always patronized one especial him for his generous kindness. bouquetiere near the Madeleine on account of her flowers being more taste centleman gave me the two francs, but fully arranged than any in the Marche did not tell me where you wished to go." aux Fleurs, it was not strictly true.

"Drive to the Rue Bergere, No. 89-Certainly the flower girl was no beauty; Faubourg Poissonniere." her face, which was deadly pale, looked

Meantime Clinton hastened to worn and pinched by want iato that old hotel, having promised to accompany his stony look which is so touching to see father and sister to the opera. in the young, because it tells of prema-"Can we speak with the conclerge, with ture exposure to trial and care. The first Mr. Fauchet?" asked Minuie Vanghn. time he saw her was while his father an as she alighted, the following day, from sister were in Switzerland; he had no her carriage, drawn up in front of No. accompanied them, for he was an artist, 89 Rue Bergere.

and had at the time a picture to com "With Monsieur Fouchet?" repeated plete for the approaching annual expo a red-faced woman, who appeared to be sition in the Louvre. His atclier was acting as janitress to the old house. situated in the Rue de Susennes, and one

morning, as he was passing the Madeleine on his way to purchase some ma terials for his work in the Rue de l Paix, his attention was attracted by simply attired but very lovely girl who was purchasing flowers.

"I have not much money to spend, him." she said, "but I must have a bouquet for

my dear, good father, as it is his saint's these six weeks." The Latest Out.

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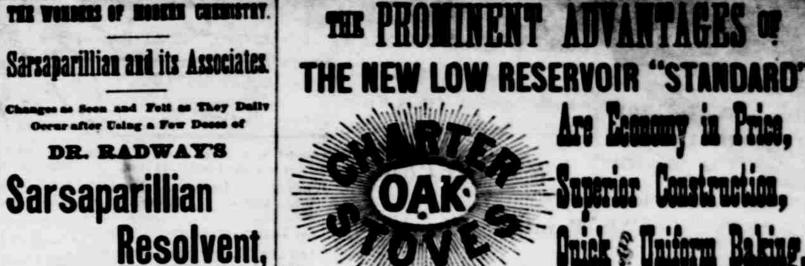
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"Where? Please give we his address," said Minnie impatiently; "I must see

"See him ! helas! he's dead and buried "Dead! poor, poor Florine."

"Yes-Fouchet, the shocmaker-has he moved?" asked Mr. Vaughn and Clinton, who had both accompanied Minnie. "Ma foi, oui, where n.onsieur would

Mr. Vaughan now entered the room and listened patiently to Minnie's recital of the ill success of her ma d's visit to the Rue Bogere.

"You are sure, darling, that you gave the girl the right address?"

"Quite sure, papa, for I have heard Florine speak so often of the dingy old six-story house. I cannot, however, understand her living in the garret, for her father, you know, is a shoemaker, and besides concierge, and of course his apartment must be on the rez de chaussee."

"Well, dearest, as you appear to take such an interest in the shoemaker's daughter, I will try to hunt her up tomerrow; but," looking at his watch, "it girl on his way home. From that time is later than I thought; are you ready, Clinton became one of her best custom-Minnie? Unless we start soon we shall lose the overture."

"Quite ready, father, as far as dress is concerned, but I do not like to go with out my brother: where is Clinton?"

"Here to answer for himself in propia persona," cried a manly voice from the corridor; immediately atterward a tall, fashionably attired young man opened the door, and respectfully apologizing to Mr. Vaughn for his late arrival, offered his arm to Minnie, handing her at the extreme end of the store; "fine emthe same time a magnificent bouquet. "Here, little sister, is my peace offer-

ing." "Oh! Clinton, what splendid flowers." "Yes! I always patronize one particular flower girl."

"Is she pretty?"

ket."

"No, but she has a knack of arranging her floral merchandise so as to render it ed outline, and I have done so; if the more attractive than any is the mar-

mademoiselle," said the "Oui, mademoiselle. He died quite vender, "here are some chesp damask sudden like. The doctors called it gasroses. I give them to you cheap, betric fever just the day before his cause my father's name was also Prosdaughter came back from boardingper. Mais, mon dieu, I have been so school." ong an orphan that I think no more of

"And she? Florine?" saints' days, and had forgotten it was "Well, you see, mademoiselle, the man the 25th of June."

had no money to speak of-there was "I have no mother," said the purchaser, the funeral and the rent and the doctorbut I have a dear, good father, whom I when they were paid there was nothing have not seen for a long time; and now left, but just the bed he died on and the I am going home, never again to leave ladder he used for twining his vines. him, and I am so happy." She placed They were put up in the grenier, and the piece of silver in the flower girl's hand, proprietors let the girl stay there; and," adding: "I am sorry that I cannot pay she continued, turning to Mr. Vaughn, you better for these beautifully grouped "you gentle folks mayn't think it much roses, but I, too, am poor; it is all I but let me tell you when we have nothing, a bed and a ladder in the garret "It is too much; I nave some change

of a respectable house like this are not to be despised." "Keep it for your dear father's sake-"O! this is too terrible! Where is you need it more than I who have still

she now?" "Up stairs, I guess. May be she's sick. I did not see her pass out to-day." "No; only so very happy that I wish Minuie hastened up stairs, closely followed by her father and brother. At last they reached the garret; the door of The bouquet maker sighed and looked

the room they sought was siar, and they paused not for the ceremony of knocking, for a moaning voice within told all scious beauty, she turned the angle of too plain'y of sickness and suffering.

Florine was extended on the miserable mattress on which her father had breathed his last, and on which she, too, would probably have died but for the timely arrival of her friends. Feverish and delirious she did not recognize them. Her hair hung in golden brown masses around a face whose glassy eyes and burning cheeks were fearful to look

upon. Clinton started in amazement. for one glance at the unconscious gir sufficed to show him that he had found Augustine.

ers, but the lovely face he was anxious to behold never reappeared in the neigh-Tender hands removed the sufferer loving faces bent over her pillow, and

One evening as the artist turned out sician had restored her to convalescence, of the Rue de la Paix into the dark Rue Neuve St. Augustin, it commenced to the poor orphan found that the darkest rain. Clinton was unprovided with an hours of her life were over and that in umbrella, and stood up for shelter in the new ties and fresh scenes there was yes much happines in store for her. "You call that embroidery, do you?"

In Mr. Vaughn Florine found at once another father, in Minnie an effectionate sister, in Clinton a devoted friend. soon as she was able to bear the voyage they sailed for America. Not many

man's low, sweet voice, "I took great months later there was a wedding in Madison avenue, which was very fashionably attended, although the fastidi-ous Clinton Vaughn had selected for his

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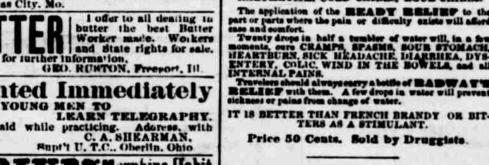
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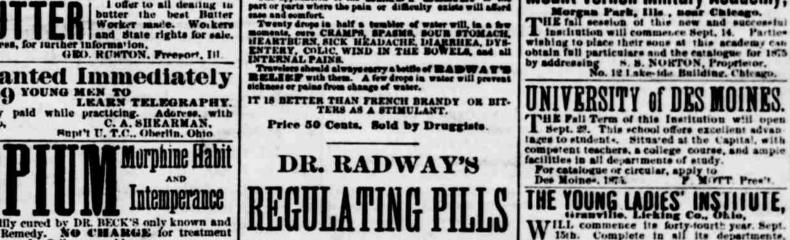
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but Florine Foucher, the daughter of

"Ah! that reminds me of Florine Fouchet, my dear school friend. I was so anxious to introduce her to you, Clinton ; you are such an admirer of beauty that I know you would lose your heart in the first five minutes, and I should dearly like to have her for a sister." "Pshaw! a miserly old cobbler's daugh-

ter! I do not desire the introduction." "Whatever her father may be, Florine

is a perfect lady, or I should not have made her my companion; and if you knew old Fouchet, and how he has toiled and striven for years, depriving himself of the comforts, almost the necessaries of life to be able to detray the expenses of his darling's education, you would toner and not Gospise him."

"Well" mid Mr. Vaughn, "I don't think much of any girl who plays the fine lady at boarding school while ber father labors is misery and want."

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"Monsier told me to follow the stamp-

"Ah! mademoiselle is too good."

enviously after her customer as, with the

elastic step of hopeful youth and con-

Clinton started off in pursuit of the

fair girl, who walked so rapidly that he

could not easily overtake her: for some

time he kept her in sight, or thought he

had done so, for when he came up to the

silvery gray shawl he had been following

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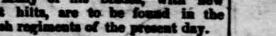
"Return then my five francs." "No, indeed, mademoiselle-it you have learned his art in the Italian city had done your work better, why it would have been better for you and me too; as it is secrecy among the Highland hills it is you have forfeited your deposit and as his genuise blades were all marked can have no more work, so clear out of

"Mon dieu! Mon dieu! it was the last in such a way that the point should five france I possessed! I had to carry my best dress to the Mont de Pieti in dark cellar, the better to eaable him to order to obtain the money as you would not trust me, and now what will become

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