

CHAPTER IV.-(Continued.) that it was I who was to deal with you," said Gabriel, addressing Harleigh, "and against you. But it was a lying spirit pretends to be." that whispered in my ear. You need not fear me now.

is not mean enough to steal upon me unawares," was Harleigh's reply.

"My spirit is still exceedingly bitter touched the apple of my eye."

"I am not aware that there is any reason for your accusation," said Harleigh. "Is it not known to you that Alice Dale is mine?"

"No, nor to her, either."

Alice.

knee, I said to Nathan Walworth, 'I it cannot be embittered or narrowed will serve you seven years, and then down even by the influences of the strict, seven more added to them, for your niece uncompromising sect to which she be Alice, even as Jacob of old served Laban longs." for his daughter Rachel."

"And did he accept your services on the condition you named?" inquired Harleigh.

"He said if I labored for him, he should recompense me with silver and gold, but when twice seven years were accomplished, if I remained in the same mind, I was free to win the maiden if I could, and he smiled graciously on me, as he said these words.

"And the twice seven years are now gone?" said Harleigh.

"They are. Last evening, half an hour fter sunset, they were finished; but there was one standing in my path, whose apparel was ornamented with gold and silver, such as dazzles the eyes of a thoughtless maiden, and I knew she would not listen to me. Sorely was I tempted to cause my own garments to be adorned with shining gauds, in order to please her eye, and thus obtain favor in her sight. I even listened to the tempter so far as to fasten ruffles of fine lace about my wrists, and mightily did it please my vanity to see them fall over these hands."

Mildred Dacres," said Harleigh, as they "I thought your time had come, and turned to obey the summons of Ella.

"What of her?" said Alice. "I hardly know, but I begin to think so, unseen by you, I raised my hand that she isn's so much your friend as she

"O, don't tell me to distrust Mildred. She is the only one I have to speak to "I fear no one-not even an enemy, who about you, and when you are gone, it will be such a privilege."

She did not realize how much there was in this confession till the words had against you, and I may again be tempted. left her lips. The sudden lighting up of Yet I shall wrestle hard against the temp- | Harleigh's countenance caused her to pertation, though you have, as it were, ceive the force of the words she had made use of, and dyed her own face with crimson.

"Don't regret having given me so much satisfaction." said he, observing her confusion. "But let me advise you to make your Aunt Esther your confidant. She "Why do you say so, Gabriel?" asked is your best friend. From her there is nothing to fear. She is of so gentle and "When you were no higher than my of so generous and noble a nature that

"I will take your advice, for she is worthy of my fullest confidence. Still, in certain cases, it is natural to seek the sympathy of those near our own age." That evening, when all had retired to rest except themselves, Mr. and Mrs.

Walworth heard the outer door open. "You have chosen a late hour for your call," said Mr. Walworth, as Gabriel en-

tered. "For a full hour I have been watching for the others to withdraw," replied Gabriel. "I have something to say to you."

"Well, I am ready to listen." Gabriel seated himself in a chair. which he had first drawn close to Mr. Walworth's. "Have you," he then said, "forgotten what you told me just fourteen years ago last evening?" "I don't remember now. Fourteen years is a long time." "I haven't forgotten, if you have, I have treasured your words in my mind ever since." "I am unable to recall the conversation which passed between us the evening you mention," said Mr. Walworth. "It was touching your niece Alice, who

leigh, but I shall prevail against him." "The chances are not on your side," said Mr. Walworth.

"You think that her heart has gone out to the ungodly cavalier-that she prefers Clarence Harleigh to me?"

"There can be little doubt of it." "And do you think it meet that one of the daughters of our little band in the wilderness should be given as a wife to this man? In his hands, her goodly heritage will be naught. It will be consumed in vain adornments for the person and in idle amusements, such as are practiced in the court of Charles Stuart. Ay, it will vanish like the dew of the morning. Nathan Walworth, do you dare give your niece to this man for a wife?"

"She is now of an age to know her own mind. I shall not attempt to control her. She is free to choose between you and him."

"Mind what you do, Nathan Walworth."

"As far as Clarence Harleigh is con cerned, I have more than once considered the subject well."

"In your secret heart, you've been con spiring against me.

As Gabriel said this he sprang from his seat, and in his eyes, which were fixed upon Mr. Walworth, was burning the old fierce and glaring light. "Gabriel, sit down, and listen to me

calmly," said Mr. Walworth. "You are my enemy."

"I am not your enemy, neither have I in thought or in action, conspired against you Clarence Harleigh's father was one of the dearest friends I ever had. He was more than a brother to me. For many years he has slept with his jath ers, but in the son, he is almost restored to me. In personal appearance he is nearly the same, and is richly endowed with all good and noble qualities of mind."

"Which were but sounding brass and the tinkling cymbal; for was he not to our people what a son of the Hittites or Canaanites of old was to the children of Israel?

"His creed was different from mine. but his conduct was above reproach. His influence tempered my zeal, which other wise I sometimes should have been in danger of carrying too far. Even now it is my besetting sin."

"You are blinded, Nathan Walworth, or you wouldn't thus rise up against me. But I shall have strength to carry this matter through. I shall triumph over my enemies; I shall see them humbled in the dust."



THE PLAIN GIRL.

its highest and best results. Then we W HERE are a few regular occa-I sions on which every pretty girl bring an honesty of purpose and a power of energy that always make for suc feels inclined to give vent to her cess to a cause and an ennobling influ feelings by a "good cry." One is when ence to ourselves. For that one thing her plain sister enters into the bonds of matrimony with an exceedingly goodlooking man.

to be pretty, to be left out in the cold, and the pretty girl never has understood, and never will understand, how become effective, says the Pittsburg it is. And perhaps it is really a good Press. We need have no fear that this thing for the beauty of the family that confinement to one expression of ourshe is so ignorant on this matter. If she selves will have a narrowing influence. fully comprehended the brain workings There is no way of knowledge that does of that strange creature, man, matrinot open to us all other ways. The mony would lose its dearest charm. The handsome man marries the plain history of the world.

girl. Cry as we will, this is a fact, and one that we may test the actuality of very day if we will.

To take up the question of forlorn beauty. Why is it? A man who is goodlooking must admire beauty. He does admire it; he cannot help himself. Then why, the pretty girl inquires, does he marry her plain sister?

The answer may best be found in the answers of twelve intelligent men on the subject of choosing a wife. Each one stated seriously what qualities he would look for in a possible partner and set them down in order, the most important first, the less important following.

Taking an average, their ideal was to be as follows: First, kind-hearted, true and sympathetic: second, lively and fond of children; third, proud of herself for the sake of her friends; fourth, a good housekeeper and a busy bee;

sixth, wealthy and clever.

Book, Tray or Embroidery Holder.

The invention shown in the accom-

panying drawing has other uses be-

sides that for which it is being utilized

by the young lady, being provided, in

addition to the embroidery hoops, with

can be attached to a chair, table or

support the frame in a convenient posi-

erful weapon against a man. The girl ical and dainty.



The Cup that Cheers. A good many superstitions are con-

every woman should search herself to aected with "the cup that cheers;" here find. What is the one thing, above and are a few of them: When the tea is beyond all things, that I would like to made and the lid of the teapot is for-It is very mortifying, if you happen do and feel that I can do it? is the gotten for a minute or two, it is a sure question she should ask herself. When sign that some one will drop in for the

we become honest with ourselves we meal. Two spoons, put by chance into the saucer of a maid or bachelor, denote that he or she will be married within a year.

Putting cream into your tea before you sweeten it will bring you love troustudy of any single life leads to the bles.

A tea stalk floating in a girl's teacup is a "beau." She should stir her tea briskly and then holi the spoon upright in the center. If the "beau" be attracted toward the spoon and cling to it a gentleman visitor may be expected some time that evening. If, however, the "beau" go to the side of the cup the visitor will not come that day.

Breakfast Rolls.

These rolls are to be eaten hot, and are made with half a pound of flour, two ounces of butter, one heaping tablespoonful of baking powder, half a teaspoonful of salt, and one gill of milk. Put the flour, baking powder, and salt into a basin. Rub the butter lightly into the flour with the tips of the fingers until quite fine. Mix to a very dry dough with the milk, doing this by degrees for fear of making it too moist. Roll out quickly to about an Inch in thickness, stamp out with a round cutter, and place on a bakingin sprinkled over with flour, and bake



A pretty skirt that is just completed is of lavender silk. The ruffles, which fifth, a graceful figure and beautiful; are of all the shades that contrast well

with lavender, are bound with the silk The plain girl scores at once with her and fasten to the skirt with tiny gold in a quick oven for fifteen minutes. sympathy; it is her chief and most pow- buttons. The petticoat is both econom. Serve in a servicite on a hot muchin

with good looks has no need to find A robe of nainsook, with a yoke

lish.

"But, after all, you concluded not to wear them," said Harleigh.

? "I did. Strength was given me to tear them from my wrists and cast them down into the dust, where I trampled on them with my feet, till they bore no likeness to what had so tickled my fancy. But as it did not seem good unto me that they should be lost. I told the girl Rebecca what I had done, and she rescued them from the dust and dirt, and cleansed them with water and soap."

"A very praiseworthy piece of economy," said Harleigh, "in you as well as in the girl."

"And that I might not again be tempted to adorn myself with them, I sold them to her for the price demanded for such merchandise, thereby making fourpence-ha'penny by my bargain, the dealer having been prevailed upon to abate thus much from the price he at first demanded.'

"A sum worth looking after," said Harleigh, with a smile.

"Verily it is to those who would thrive, Silas Watkins told me on my way hither that you intended soon to go beyond the sea. Is it true?"

"It is."

"How soon?"

"In a week or ten days,"

the temptation which urges me to adorn my person with worthless gauds; for when you are gone, I shall no longer godly cavalier, and return to your home with me. You belong to me, and it isn't my pleasure for you to remain with him."

"It must be time for breakfast," said Alice, turning to Harleigh. And then succeeded in throwing his gaunt and undrawing nearer to him, she added, in a low voice: "I am alike afraid to go with him or to refuse.

"I should be afraid to trust you," was leigh. Harleigh's reply. "Look! If that isn't the glare of frenzy burning in his pale, away to hide a smile, and it was with almost colorless eyes, I know not what difficulty that even Mr. Walworth so far to term it."

"And so you can't go without him," said Gabriel. "It is well that he has of his wonted gravity. only a short time to tarry among us, or the temptation to deliver you from the you, as a friend, to leave smiles and do with it. A man striking a boatsnare which he has laid for you might wiles to those they better become." grow too strong and mighty to resist. But I will shield her from you, if the power nothing," said the obtuse Gabriel. "Why is given me.

Saying this, he took Alice by the arm, though she involuntarily recoiled as he did so, and with rapid strides, which

has grown to be a damsel fair to look upon.

"No one will attempt to gainsay that." was Mr. Walworth's reply.

"And she has goodly lands for a heritage, besides silver and gold."

"Neither can that be denied," said Mr. Walworth, still at a loss as to what might be Gabriel's drift, for he found it impossible to recall a word which had passed between them on the evening re-

ferred to. "She is, moreover, apt and skillful in matters appertaining to the household." "She is, for which thanks are due to

my excellent wife." "I am now," said Gabriel, again clear-

ing his throat, "arrived at years of discretion.

"Or ought to be," replied Mr. Walworth, with the least possible approach

to a smile. "Am old enough to take unto myself wife.

"Yes; lack of years cannot be urged as an objection.

the end of twice seven years I should have your free consent to win Alice for a wife.'

"Yes, I remember now, and you have "Then I sha'n't have to strive long with it, freely as it was promised; but she may not be willing to listen to you." "I shall not disdain to make use of have a rival. Come, Alice, leave this un- in order to tempt her to incline her ear to my suit." And by way of illustration he contrived to mould his grim-looking features into what he considered a most fascinating smile. At the same time he couth figure into a position which strongful attitudes habitual to Clarence Har-

> Mrs. Walworth was obliged to turn overcame his naturally keen sense of the

"They will be harmless, and cost me then should I let them alone?"

"Because they will hinder rather than prosper your suit."

"I shall use them only as a harmless lambs of my flock, that she may convert them into warm and goodly gar ments; for, thanks to Dame Walworth. besides the common household affairs, she has taught her to be cunning in the art of spinning and weaving, and in fashthe fleece of the patriarch of the flock I will not withhold from her, should she consent to be my wife, inasmuch as my garments have grown thin and thread-

"You are angry now, Gabriel. In the morning your mind will be calmer." "It would be better for Alice Dale to

be in her grave than to be married to that man."

"We will say no more on that subject now," said Mr. Walworth. "It is late; time for you to be at home."

"Last night you invited me to tarry with you.

"And would now, only you are excited, and the walk will do you good." Gabriel had reached the door, and was

about to lift the latch, when he turned round.

"You little think what danger your Dagon was in this morning," said he. "It is well for him that he means soon to leave the place.'

"Don't ask him what he means," said Mrs. Walworth, in a low voice. "When he is gone. I will tell you."

Mr. Walworth was greatly shocked The object is to produce a device which when, as soon as Gabriel was gone, his wife informed him of what Alice had told her concerning his attempting Harieigh's life; yet, on reflection, so strong was his faith in Gabriel's desire to do right, that he thought Alice must have been deceiv-

"I will, however," said he, "give the subject serious and careful consideration.

(To be continued.)

About Snakes.

"It is common to hear people speak about poisonous serpents," writes a zoologist. "Serpents are never poisonous: they are venomous. A poison "And you gave me your promise that at | cannot be taken internally without bad effects; a venom can. Venoms, to be effective, have to be injected directly into the circulation, and this is the manner in which the snakes kill. Their venom taken internally is innocuous. Another popular error is the supposisuch pleasant wiles as may be harmless. tion that a snake bites. Probably no creature in the world provided with teeth and jaws has so little power of biting. The jaws are not hinged, but are attached one to the other by cartilage. Thus a snake can have no or for any work for which a tray may

leverage in opposing one jaw to the be used. In the picture the embroidery ly caricatured one of the peculiarly grace- other, and could not in this manner frame, consisting of the two usual inpierce the skin. The fangs are driven terlocking hoops, may be tilted at any into the flesh by a stroke, and not by desired angle or rotated to bring any a bite. A snake is harmless unless in portion of the pattern nearer the opercoil. From its coils it throws its head ator. The tray provided has a flange

and body forward, and strikes or hooks on one edge to support a book, which ludicrous as to preserve the appearance its fangs into the object aimed at. The can be elevated until in a convenient entire work is done with the upper jaw, position for the eyes, and is attached "Gabriel," said he, "I should advise the lower jaw having nothing at all to to the fixed ring by three spring clips triangularly mounted on the tray. For hook into a pier furnished an example kitchen use this invention can be made to support a strainer or dish, and will of the way in which a snake strikes." be especially useful when looking over

Singing Spiders.

jacent for receiving the cleaned fruit. A naturalist who has given many years of study to some of the smaller showed little regard for her comfort or help. I mean not to depend on them. I forms of insect life has discovered that accommodation, urged her forward in the shall not hesitate to bestow on the dam- certain sorts of spiders are possessed direction of the house, while Harleigh, sel as a gift the fleeces of the choicest of organs for which there seems to be no use save to create sound. They ar mostly used when the little creatures are alarmed, although the opinion is held by some that this is their means of calling to their mates. The alarm joning the coat and the doublet. Even idea, however, has some support in the case of the rattlesnake, which is provided with the means of making its presence known whenever an enemy approaches. Whether the possession of organs for creating sound is designed merely as a protection or warning is a point to which naturalists are giving careful and enthusiastic attention.

friends by being sympathetic, and it is formed of tiny tucks and a bolero efdoubtful if people would believe her fect edged with ruches of lace, is the sympathy to be genuine. At all social latest. The neck, which is high in the gatherings the plain girl is so much back, but V-shaped in front, is edged alone that her manner appears at once with Val. ruching. The full elbow modest and retiring. Let a handsome sleeves are ornamented with ruched man give her half an hour of his comedges.

pany and her whole mind is bent on be-Colored muslin and batiste are quite ing agreeable. But the pretty girl has a score of men to talk to, and falls into trimmed with yellow ribbons and lace, a habit of inattention. The pretty girl is considered especially smart. Pale has a harder time than the plain girl. pink and blue, trimmed in white lace.

is also much worn. Some of these gowns are made in the old-fashioned style of baby waist and have a narrow fichu edged with lace.

A new and sensible idea is the combination silk and muslin petticoats. The petticoat itself is of taffeta silk. a tray, bookholder and writing outfit. At the place where the usual accordion plaited ruffle begins there are but-

is bound with the color of the silk the tomatoes till tender. Mix the laundering is an easy affair.

with advantage, but the brunette near- soda, and serve at once. ly always looks better in cream-colored fabrics. This ought to be more generally recognized. Brown eyes and a brown dress go well together. Blue pan and cook for fifteen or twenty eved girls should wear blue as often minutes until nearly all the water has as possible. The tan shades are not evaporated, season with salt and pepoften suitable for slim figures. Black per, add a generous tablespoonful of satin intensifies the effect of round putter, a tablespoonful of bread crumbs shoulders. Dull black is the best and half a pint of fresh mushrooms choice for a fair-haired woman, while chopped fine. Cook until the musha brunette must order something bril- rooms are tender. Have some bread liantly black if she really wishes to put in nice slices, toasted and slightly look her best.

Reflection of a Bachelor Girl. If all men were wise all women would seem sensible.

Women value dress because men value it so thuch more. Men are not nearly so wise as women

let them think they are. More women would be angels if more

men cared anything about heaven. Most men look at a pretty girl as if she had Seen born expressly on their account.

Most men divide women into two classes-their mothers and sisters and all other women.

A woman can seldom stop to look in a corset shop window because there are so many men around. Man's consistency permits him to

take beer in winter to keep him warm Suppose you are the mother, and the and in summer to keep him cool.

children dash into your presence with | Many men in a restaurant give the some experience of childish triumph to impression that they are there not so

Baby's Hammock.

Mock Poached Eggs.

This is a sweet dish made with preserved peaches. The other ingredients required are spongecakes, one glass of wine, cream, and a little spinach green coloring. Cut the spongecakes into rounds and flavor them with a little wine. Whip the cream and put a round spoonful on the top of each as fashionable as white. Pale gray, piece of spongecake, sprinkle the peaches well with caster sugar, and put a little wine on each; then place a half peach on each round of cake and t will partly sink into the cream. Add the few drops of spinach coloring to the remainder of the cream and put a bale green border round each cake. The ream should be sweetened an i flavored with vanilla before whipping.

Mock Bisque.

One can tomatoes, three pints milk, bed rail, with an adjusting clamp to tons, pretty white buttons, but of good, one tablespoon flour, one tablespoon substantial size. To these buttons are butter, one small teaspoon soda, one tion for embroidering, reading, writing fastened ruffles of muslin. The ruffle teaspoon salt, pepper to taste. Stew

petticoat and has small loops of silk flour with enough of the milk to make sewed to it. To one taffeta skirt one a smooth paste, and boil the rest of may have a dozen ruffles, and the the milk. Then add to the milk the flour, butter and seasoning, and when The color of the eyes should deter- thickened remove from the fire, and mine the choice of the dress and mil- strain into it the tomatoes. Bring it linery. A blonde may wear pure white once more to a boil. Then add the

Tomatoes and Mushrooms.

Put on a pint of tomatoes in a saucemoistened with warm milk. Pour the tomatoes and mushrooms over it and serve very hot.

Household Hints.

To keep tins bright wash them well with hot soda and water; then dry and polish with a little powderyed whiting and a clean cloth.

For dingy or rusty gold or steel beads, and also gold or tinsel embroidery, burn alum, pound it fine and sift through coarse muslin. Apply with a oft brush.

The proper way to wash milk and gream jugs is always to wash them in cold water first. If they are put straight into boiling water it has the ffect of causing the milk to sink into the ware.

If there is no lacquer on the articles, spirits of salts, used carefully with a little whiting, is a good thing for bringng a polish on brass. If much tarnish-

HOLDS THE WORK

berries to hold an extra receptacle ad-

Scolding the Children.

though an excellent walker, was barely able to keep so near as to assist Alice whenever the width of the path permitted.

CHAPTER V.

Gabriel, when they had reached the doorstep, relinquished his hold on Alice's arm and turned abruptly away.

"I don't know but that I have been guilty of violating the laws of hospitality," said Alice, as she and Harleigh stood looking after him, as he took his way down a narrow path, which led to a deep and narrow glen.

"You think that you ought to have invited him to share with us the morning meal?"

"Yes; but I so dread to have him present. He has always inspired me with fear, ever since I can remember-a feeling which of late has increased tenfold, and has now become absolutely unendurable."

"His fanaticism has undoubtedly reached that point which approaches alienation of mind.

"Breakfast is ready." said little Ella, whose bright, sweet face suddenly shone upon them from the doorway.

"I wish to speak to you concerning

bare, so that the bleak winds of the coming winter will pierce through them." Mr. Walworth's sense of the ludicrous again got the better of him, and a merry

light for a moment danced in his keen. gray eyes.

"You have an eye to comfort as well as thrift," Mrs. Walworth remarked. "Ay-as far as may be allowable." "Gabriel," said Mr. Walworth, "I feel

it to be my duty to speak to you seriously in this matter."

"I am far from desiring to treat it lightly.'

"What I wish," said Mr .Walworth, "is to caution you against being too sanguine."

"Alice may like some one better than she does you," Mrs. Walworth ventured to remark.

tery "You are thinking of Clarence Har-

The Laziest Creature.

A most curious and sluggish creature is the tautawa, a nine-inch lizard, whose home is in New Zealand. The little imitation saurian has the reputation of being the laziest creature ever

created. He is usually found clinging to rocks or logs along the shores of rivers and lakes, and has been known to remain in one position perfectly motionless for many months. How the

creature manages to exist is a mys-

relate; now is your test. The children's much to eat as to talk to the waiteyes are like diamonds as they tell their | ress.

A man can earn \$10,000 a year, and story, and all the eagerness of their sinless souls is shining through them, yet he has to marry some little woman inen as follows: Tie up some cream but from a large round hole in a new with \$1 a week spending money just to of tartar in the stained part and let it pair of stockings a little round kneel make himself comfortable. stares at you-a dear, soiled, plump, Men will never concede that a wom- Then wash and rinse in clear water pink baby knee it is, and you love the an knows anything, yet some men owner of it. Well, you know how it spend all their time fussing because irritates you when you see the hole in some women don't know more than the stocking. What do you do then? they do.

Do you still see the love and joy shining in their eyes, or do you frown and scold and send the children away to be cleaned up, as though the soil on their open air are swung on folding frames. lesign, being made on straight lines, faces and clothes were spots on their Upright corners and cross pieces of withstall, slender, square posts, tapersouls instead?

The Honest Thing to Do.

Rattan Chairs in Favor. thing for the sake of the thing itself-

There is a continued demand for ratbecause we love it, because we believe tan furniture upholstered with bright in it, because we want to do it, because we feel that it is the one thing of all cretonnes. Chairs of this kind are so other things that we feel we can do and decorative, so comfortable and so inexwould like to do. Then we bring mind pensive that they are practical for all Add a half cupful of hot milk and and heart together, and that is a com- classes of people.

ed it must be allowed to stay on a short time for the acid to penetrate.

Fruit stains may be removed from boil in soapsuds for a few minutes. and the stain will be gone.

When one wishes something light, a ittle different from the enameled bedcoom furniture, there is something new n furniture which cannot be found Hammocks in which a child of 5 years verywhere-sycamore finished in the or under may take summer naps in the latural wood. These sets are simple in half-inch wire support a gauze canopy | ng at the ends.

> An excellent way to use again a little eft of a vegetable like peas, beans, or orn is to add to one cupful of the leftover a cupful of hot water and hast. Wash, strain, and reheat. Blend a half ablespoonful each of butter and flour, season, and stir in the vegetable liquor. lerve.

that is effectual protection from flies The honest thing to do is to do a and mosquitoes.