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THE DROODS. BY MRS. MARY B. FINCH. No gathering was complete with out her, and there her praises were sung in every key in the scale, with all the different changes and variations the motley assemblage could produce. She was dignified and majestic, qualities that were inherited from her father, also angelic and winning, which was her mother's legacy. All bearts bowed in submission to her will, regardless of sex, age, or condition; and this secret power that was wielded so graciously was none other than strong magnetic influence, the same by which some orators hold their audiences spell-bound, or the animal tamer subdues the spirit of resistance in a ferocious subject. I hope this will not be looked upon as a flight from the sublime to the ludicrous, because it is a scientific fact. As it will be as impossible for me to describe understandingly, her dark eyes, her radiant complexion and queenly manner as it would be to make a blind person see the beauties of one of our western sunsets, I will pass on to the mysterious episode in her life that brought her aged parents down in sorrow, not to a literal grave, but the grave of all earthly hopes. There was a young doctor in the village only three miles away. whom the world contemplated not as a rising but a risen man. He was Helen's escort on every occasion. and was regarded by "they say" as her accepted suitor; but the sequel proved it to have been a one-sided party one night when she discovered

affair. They were returning from a daughter gave promise of even smile, and a very poor quality of scribable grace of Charlotte and series of forgeries amounting to to her horror that they were going than her mother's had been. in the wrong direction, and when The twins for the sake of variety the girls, of course, and I'm sorry he an atmosphere of affliction; that the doctor rose up in the sleigh and and convenience, I will call Char- was, for he put on high and mighty though producing a subdued sadlashed his horses into a furious gal- lotte and Marion. If every one of airs when he found Charlotte was ness, had been borne as all the bur- will again begin their work, and it lop she understood that he was try- you dive into your sleeves and come about to marry my nice old doctor. dens of life should be, with a self- behooves the tax-payers of Omaha ing to capture her by force, but with up with the ghost of a smile in each Yes! that young snip of a boy who sacrificing and uncomplaining spirit. to take an active interest in the singular presence of mind she said hand I shall not announce them by couldn't have been over two years There is yet another cause for the proper listing of property. The nothing, and when in sight of a their real names, as some of the older than Charlotte, took it upon mental and physical symmetry pos- burden of taxation has for years friendly house, some part of the actors who figured in the drama are himself to choose not who her hus- sessed by this remarkable family, been borne by the small tax-payers harness gave way, and the doctor yet on the stage of human existence. band should be but whom he should but which relates to a subject so and men of limited means, while was compelled to get out and cap- These two girls had all the beauty not be; and when the doctor went tabooed by everybody for fear of our capitalists have shirked their ture his team. "Now or never," and ascribed to the elder sister, but had for his bride instead of finding her "offending ears polite" that I cannot taxes by all sorts of devices. This not waiting to look before she leap- more of gentleness, a charm which in bridal array found her in tears. approach it without a degree of is especially true of personal proped was soon out of the clutches of you were sure had the stamp of the Then there were more tears, but hesitancy that I might succeed in erty. Men who have investments the human hyena, and screaming for genuine article, and was not borrow- they were of no avail. Charlotte describing if I could be allowed to in stocks, mortgages and lands have help she reached the house where ed for occasions, and when worn for was arisen to enter into a marriage use the word "shakiness." The systematically evaled their taxes she fell in a dead faint at the door, a time, laid away with the visiting without the good will of her only cause alluded to is the physical as either by failing to list their prop-I'm extremely sorry this part of my dress and labeled "company man- remaining brother. Perhaps it was well as mental adaptation of conju- erty or by perjured returns. This story should savor so much of the ners." Their features and complex- just as well, for those children might | gal partners. A great many mar- systematic shirking of taxation has sensation novel, wherein the heroine | ion, the result of temperament, were | have been a crying evil. She after- | ried couples, phyiologically speakinvariably in deadly peril, as inva- different, and yet at times the ex- wards married a young man of good ing, are brothers and sisters, with riably escapes at the opportune pression was so near the same, that family and when I last heard from temperaments as nearly alike as disposed to invest in Omaha either

moment, but as I had nothing to do a great many said they looked ex- her she was mother of two beautiful though born of the same parents: with forming the circumstances that actly alike, which to a close observer little girls to whom she had trans- and I consider that two-thirds of make the warp and woof of the nara- seemed impossible. They resemb- mitted that lady-like grace which the demonism, the idiocy, ill-health tive, I can only tell in my rambling led Helen to some degree but were had for its foundation, true kind- and general good-for-nothingness in way of each one as they occurred, free from that magnificence that in ness, without which there is no true the world are attributable to this which is the best I can do. It makes her earlier days must have been gentility. me feel very much chagrined too, bordered on hauteur. Charlotte was Would it bring down vials and that my young lady should faint, but taller and more slender, and to my quart bottles of wrath to make a I have sometimes seen folks do this childish imagination, older than "new departure" in the way of an outside of novels; and I've learned Marion, over whom I fancied she other digression? I should like to that it can be overcome by exerting exercised a quiet surveillance. Per- sandwich in somewhere a little a powerful will against it; but you haps this thought came of my having story; a story within a story, so to know the will isn't always available, an older sister. I tell this for the speak. I can't resist the temptation I'm not sure but that the next reve- benefit of second daughters who are of comparing the Droods with their lation of affairs will sound as much generally expected to play second- culture and refinement to a family like fiction as the foregoing, but as fiddle to the older ones. When who lived just beyond them, down has been remarked on a former oc- Charlotte smiled which was but sel- by a little creek in a log house, the casion, "the truth shall be told tho' dom, her countenance wore a look inside of which was festooned with in March, 1881. If we were in his the heavens fall," and to impress of infinite sweetness, but immediate- the paraphernalia of the chase, and shoes forty-eight hours, we should every lady with a feeling of security ly relapsed into that far-away ex- the outside with the results of the make it particularly lively with Gov. I will add that no one need stand expression so often seen in those chase, namely, peltries. There was Saunders et al, and impress them in ily of children and no resources. from under, as I am confident the suffering some silent grief. It may the usual division of boys and girls a way they would not soon forget. heavens will not fall to any great be she being possessed of a peculiar in this, as in most families, the elder that we were the Senior Senator extent, they hardly ever do. It temperament, the family sorrows of whom were Jim and Sallie. The from the Commonwealth of Nebraswill not require a very vivid imagi- had made a deeper impression on creek, so dear to the heart of every ka. We would cultivate vertebræ, thought by some monks to be the nation to picture the storm of rage her. Her beauty was of the lily duckling, was a natural outlook for and like old Ben Wade and Zach. same kind of tree that is called chitthat swaved that house from turret type, and I believe would now be a duck ranche. Once, just as a Chandler pound the living fact into timwood in the scriptures. Sir J. to foundation stone, when this proud called the spirituelle. She too, had neighbor arrived on the scene of the husband of Mrs. President Hayes, D. Hooker, who had obtained specfamily heard of Helen's adventure her little romance, wherein the cen- action, the mother, a kind yet ignor- that we knew our rights, and "by imens of it from Sir Samuel Baker, and subsequent escape. If there tral figure was a doctor, but the very ant soul,-(but here let me declare the eternal" would maintain them, were threats made it would be but opposite of that other one. I rey- my intention of bowing in silent, and that he must respect them. a natural following of exasperated ered this one almost as much as I but humble adoration to people who, Senator Paddock hasn't anything to smaller leaves and other slight difhumanity. Every mother knows did my father. He had once saved whatever else they may, or may not lose by being aggressive and posiwhat her feelings would be under a my life as I then thought, and there- de, cultivate a spirit of kindness in tive. The slippery elm policy of like outrage. I don't know that fore I gave him my unbounded their families. Let me worship the hero of general order No. 1, they did threaten, but think it very gratitude, and in my mature years I them tho' I do so at long range.) should be handled without gloves. probable. Not long after this as the can see it was not confidence mis- With the spectacles that seemed The truant memory of "our admindoctor was standing in the street in placed, for he was really one of the never to be taken off, she came to istration" should be refreshed in a the village talking to a friend, he best men it has ever been my good the door and called "Sal-l-e-e, let's manner, by Pad. and Val. which was shot by an unseen hand. Throw- fortune to know. Not only was he go and look for Jim's duck's nest, will make it impossible to forget or ing up his arms he excisimed, "I'm good, but he was a noble looking she'll go to the woods and we can't to misinterpret, or make possible a dead man," which on examination man too. It was his gentle disposi- find the aigs!" Now what a pros- any namby-pamby business .-- West- fully." proved truer than anything he had tion and real worth, added to a fine pect was that for some young lady ern Nebruskian. ever said. Then the dear people physique that gave him that grand | candidate for connubial bliss. Here arose with that nice sense of honor demeaner. His barshest language was a son, and him tall, well-formed and injured innocence usually shown to his children was "tut! tut!" and lithe of limb, and light complexion, out of the improper use of a tele- Chicago, "that I ain't honest; they on such occasions and harangued | they said of him that he had never grandiloquently and Fourth-of-July- struck one of them a blow. Happy

ically about the law. Curious isn't father! happier children! To me

it what a difference there is between at that time he appeared to be some-

the moral and the statute law. A where on the sunny side of eighty,

handful of the heroic few who could but on looking back, I find that he

detect the distinguishing line that wasn't over forty. If the trinity of

separated tweedle-dum from twee- fatherhood, widowerhood and doctor-

dle-dee, and were morally certain | hood didn't add to a man's years I'd

they had seen the smoke of fire-arms like to know what would. This

in the vicinity of the house belong- the deductive or seductive reasoning

ing to Helen's brother, then raised of childhood. Having disposed of

their most indignant howl, and the those four 'hoods by placing them

flat had gone forth. The house was high and dry on a logical basis, I

searched, but nothing found except- will proceed to tell that the doctor

ing an old rusty musket with the had met Charlotte, and being a man

were arrested and held for trial; and a man; but the "course of true love" now that the strong arm of the law | you know and all that, which brings held them in its iron grasp it was me to speak of a junior member of expected they would be wrung to the firm that I've been afraid all the last drop. This was near the along I should have to drag forth, time when the state of Illinois was and the reason I didn't want to disso agitated over the Mormon ques- cuss him is that I knew he was after tion, and excitement ran so high as the same style of youth that young to preclude the idea of one of those | ladies inevitably fall in love with at people holding their peculiar tenets | sight. I was somewhat anxious lest | ever having a fair and unbiased trial some of them should be thoughtless by twelve honest men. They may enough to elope with him, but the have been the soul of honor, yet it | fact that now his hair has been powwould have been but a natural con- dered with the snows of at least sequence if they were prejudiced in fifty winters will put a stop to any their opinions against the Mormons: foolishness of that sort. When he therefore Helen's counsel decided on rode by on his spirited bay horse he a change of venue, where the whole | went so fast that his dark curls floatproceedings was judged with candor | ed way behind, and his fine circular When the unhappy girl was acquit- only one in the neighborhood, floatneeded to help any further, they and red cheeks gave coloring to the could only assert that it was her picture. Then his finely chiseled beauty did the business; some hint- nose, or shall I say the finely chised that the paternal wealth had its eled lips? I don't know which will influence. I'm sure I know nothing be best, but I do know he was handabout it, and care less. The result some, and that your handsome man

I remember her as a happy looking enough afterwards to pay his barber. the Summer-land.

who was sole owner and proprietor of a duck which his mother and sister with an eve to his pecuniary interests had given him, and were engaged in the laudable enterprise of looking after the "aigs," which would in all probability be found, then there would be more ducks, and eventually, feathers, and still farther along, money. At the rustic merry makings of the rural population, this little theatrical performance if spec-

If Charlotte was of the lily type of beauty Marion was the rose and lock off, that looked as tho' it had of experience in these matters, knew | couldn't have been anything else if done duty for Washington's body- at once she would make him a good she had tried. She was round and guard, but bore no trace of having mother. I commend him for his rosy-cheeked and full of vivacity. which has expressed itself in massbeen used since his time. Helen and discernment and native good sense, Her dimples were no sooner her brother the' found reading in a and I greatly admire her for her smoothed out into sober realities to the tariff were passed.

"brought down the house."

state representing tranquillity itself, judgment in saying "yes" to so noble than they broke out again like little patches of sunshine through a mist of clouds. But she looked so sweet and happy that to laugh seemed the very thing for her to do, though she

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was never rude or hovdenish. Marion's disposition, as near as can remember, was like her mother's, and this reminds me I haven' said scarcely a word about her yet. A dear, sweet-faced old lady, not so very old either, but with hair whitened with grief, which formed such a contrast to her black dress. According to my way of thinking those sombre garments only made her sadder than she would otherwise have been. If black is worn as an emblem of woe, isn't it parading our grief before the world, and what instead of previous predilection. cloak with red velvet facings, the does it avail to say "Go bury thy sorrow?" And then, too, might not ted, those who had clamored so ed behind too, and that and his hair a spurious article sometimes be loudly for the law and justice, now looked as though they were going palmed off? If the undergarments scratched their heads over the di- to be terribly puzzled to catch up. are white as formerly isn't it all an lemma, and almost forgot where He reminded me of the pictures of outside show, and nothing but an they were; but as they were not Spanish cavaliers, and his dark eyes, old custom that ought to have been buried long ago with the barbaric ages? It is often an expense and a burden and does nothing toward alleviating our sorrow, but increases by Gus. Thomas, while engaged in it rather, while it injures the health, and affects not the departed. Have was the same that hundreds of par- is almost invariably a dangerous they been naught to the world but a allel cases have been since. The one. Talk about the vanity of wo. blight and a curse, then let us wear Leavenworth, Kan., and ran half a termination of the affair was that men! It doesn't spoil the average black; but if they have done their mile before he was captured. He Helen married a prominent lawyer woman half so much to know she is duty to humanity in general and was fired on several times, and after soon after, but whether he was the handsome as it does the average their own friends in particular, if being recaptured, was put in close same one who had defended her or man to think he is. Let a male we make a change at all let us wear confinement. not, I have forgotten; to make the biped once get that idea into his white in memory of a spotless name, story complete he should have been. head and he won't earn money and like raiment awaiting them in Richmond, Va., editor of the Plantwife and mother whose one little He won't do anything then but I have a theory now that the inde- gaged for the past two years in a greater beauty, if that were possible, smile it will be, too. Oh! havn't I Marion was acquired or inherited, \$28,000. He has fled the city and told you? this one was brother to perhaps both, from growing up in left a confession.

cause alone. What with theorizing and philosophizing I have let Marion slip through my fingers entirely; but as she married a young lawyer who was deemed by maneuvering mammas, if there are such mammas, and by young ladles who were aspirants for the matrimonial halter, to be the

her go with my blessing.

hone in Cincinnati. A young wophone exchange reported that some very profane language had been sent from one of the leading business houses in the city to another large house. The telephone was at once removed from the house whence came the oaths, and the injured firm has instituted a suit for damages for

Oberlin, Ohio, is in a high state of tacles could be furnished always excitement on account of the discov- ticipate. ery that the use of tobacco is increasing among the college students there. The rumor that a new cigar and tobacco store is to be established has produced great indignation, meeting, where resolutions hostile

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-There is considerable emigration just now from Ireland to Amer-

-Nuckolls county, Neb., pays for wolf, coyote and wild cat scalps \$2

-The citizens of Plum Creek, Neb., have raised \$1,212 to erect a Presbyterian church.

-One hundred and fifty miles north of Cheyenne a man was frozen to death in the recent cold spap.

-Mrs. Griffing, a relative of Senator Conkling, perished the other day in the flames caused by the explosion of a kerosene lamp.

-Mrs. Susan R. Johnson has been nominated and confirmed as postmistress at Cheyenne City, Wy.

-It is claimed that the fall-sown winter wheat in central Wisconsin has been ruined by the freezing and thawing weather the past winter.

-The coroner's jury in the Seward tragedy returned a verdict on the 5th stating that Wm. Bates came to his death by pistol wound inflicted

-Chief Douglas jumped from the second floor of the guard-house at

-Rev. Dr. S. R. Dickinson, of er and Farmer, who has been en-

raised the rates of taxation and kept away foreign capitalists who were in real estate or manufacturing enterprises. The time has come when the men who bear the brunt of our burdens shall assert their rights by demanding and enforcing the listing and equitable assessment of all

classes of property .- Omaha Bee. People in Lawrence, Kan., say that the best farmer in that vicinity is a woman. She was left a widow ten years ago, with a bit of land and fourteen children. She now owns three large farms, two of which she greatest catch" in town, I shall let has given her boys. Mrs. Mary Mc Cutchen runs her farm with the aid of her children, and without much Our senior Senator's time expires hired help. This is a good example of what has been done in the midst of what are called hard times in Kansas, by a woman left with a fam-

A tree grows in Cyprus, on the mountains near Krysokus which is finds that it closely resembles the cedar of Lebanon, having, however,

A Pittsburg minister has a very stubborn little 5-year old boy. The boy's mother determined to conquer him, and, having administered a severe chastisement, she said : "Will you mind me now, Johnny?" With sobs and cries he replied: "Yes, mamma, I will, but I hate to, aw-

"Some folks say," said Long John A suit for damages has just grown Wentworth, when he was Mayor of say I steal. Now, I ain't agoin' to man who was employed in the tele- discuss that question; but I'll tell you one thing-I ain't agoin' to let anybody else steal anything! I'll set on the chist!"

Arrangements are making for a National Methodist Episcopal campmeeting at Old Orchard Beach, N. H. in July, 1880, which will be a gaththe unexpired term of the contract. ering of all prominent Methodists in this country. The Bishops of that church have been invited to par-

> A negro boy in Memphis, when asking for ration, the other day, told the following story: "I've got brudder, and he's got free ribs broke an' de spine and his leg, and 'less he gits something to eat be's bound to die." He got it.