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consolate semi-circle that dreary. drizzling May night, when the rain pattered against the window panes, and the poor little daffodils in the borders shook and shivered as if they would fain hide their golden heads once more in the mother soil. My mother, Eleanor and I. The first pale and pretty, and silver haired with the widow's cap, and her dress of black bombazine and crape; the sweetest looking old lady, I think, I ever saw. Eleanor sat beside her, looking, as she always did like a princess, with large dark eyes, Disua-like features, and hair twisted in a sort of coronal around her queenly head. While I, plain, home-

middle of the circle, erect, stiff and rather grim. He was stout and short with a grizzled mustache, a little round, bald spot on the crown of his head, and two glittering black eyes that were always sending the dusky lightnings in the direction least expected. Uncle Barnabus was rich, and we were poor. Uncle Barnabus was wise in the ways of the world, and we were inexperienced. Uncle Barnabus was prosperous in all he did; while if there was a bad bargain to be made we were pretty sure to be the ones to make it. Consequently, and as

What do we propose to do about her beautiful jetty brows.

business women, and it is certain surely got to be done."

in her chair with a troubled face. 'Yes,' said Uncle Barnabus, 'something has got to be done! But

And another dead silence suc-'I suppose you girls are educated.'

said Uncle Barnabus. 'I know found enough old school bills when I was looking over my brother's papers.'

been most expensive. Music, drawing, use of globes.'

'Humph!' grunted Uncle Barnabus. A queer thing this modern idea of

'A situation?'

blossoms. 'I spoke plain enough, didn't 1?' a situation."

What sort of a situation, Uncle Barnabus?"

tleman do that.'

'Not do it? And why not?' 'It's too much -- too much,' whispered Eleanor, losing her real dig-

eucy, 'like going out to service.' 'And that is precisely what it is?'

'Oh, yes, I know,' faltered poor for the proposed plan, and her anxiety not to offend Uncle Barnabus Berkeline, didn't know what to say. But I-I've always been educated to be a lady?"

'So you won't take the situation, eh?' said Uncle Barnabus, staring up at a wishy-washy little water color drawing of Cupid and Psyche, an 'exhibition piece' of poor Eleanor's which hung above the chimney-

'I couldn't indeed, sir.'

Well, girls,'said my Uncle Barnabus, and now what do you propose

We sat around the fire in a dis-

uite right, said she. 'The Berkespun Susannah--commonly called 'for short,' Susy-crouched upon a foot-stool in the corner, my elbows on my knees and my chin in my Uncle Barnabus Berkelin sat in the

matter of course, we looked up to Uncle Barnabus, and reverenced his

it?' Eleanor slowly repeated, lifting

'Yes, that's exactly it,' said my mother, nervously; 'because, Robert Barnabus, we don't pretend to be that we cannot live comfortably on our present income. Something has

And then my mother leaned back

who's to do it?'

evident pride; 'their education has devoted head.

Eleanor looked dubious. I was quite sure I could not. Madame from behind her black bordered Lenoir, among all her list of accomplishments, had not included the art to see a daughter of mine going out of practical tuition.

cheeks like pink and white apple Barnabus helped me out.

said Uncle Barnabus, dryly. 'Yes,

servant, part companion to an elder- gilding, exotics and blue satin dam-

'O, Uncle Barnabus, I couldu't

piece.

'Wages twenty-five dollars a month,' mechanically repeated Uncle Barnabus, as if he were saying off a illogically responded my Uncle sprightly and active, corn may make lesson. 'Drive out in a carriage Barnabus. 'I've no patience with a a horse dull and slow, but strong

afternoon to yourself, and two weeks come, and here you stay! Ring the spring and fall to visit your mother.' bell, Prue, and order tea, for I am as 'No, Uncle Barnabus, no,' said hungry as a hunter, and I dare say Eleanor, with a little shudder. I little Susy here would relish a cup

stoop to menial duties." Uncle Barnabus gave such a prolonged sniff as to suggest the idea of in the country cottage envies me a very bad cold in the head, indeed | bitterly, for she had all the tastes

'Sorry,' said he. 'Heaven helps

am a true Berkeline, and I cannot of tea!'

can't expect me to be any more lib- uabus will not hear of my exchangeral minded than heaven. Sister ing with her. Rachel,' to my mother,' 'what do

My mother drew her pretty little figure up a trifle more erect than 'I think my daughter Eleanor is

commendable of housewives. We lines have all been ladies." I had sat quite silent, still with my have little confidence in that neatchin in my hands, during all this ness which is practiced with a flourfamily discussion; but now I rose up and came creeping to Uncle occasion to know that a display, an Barnabus's side. effort to call attention of everyone

'Well, little Susy,' said the old to wonderful labors and surpassing gentleman, laying his hand kindly neatness resulting therefrom, is very on my wrist, 'what is it?' 'If you please, Uncle Barnabus,'

said I with a rapidly throbbing heart, 'I would like to take the situation. Bravo! cried Uncle Barnabus.

'My dear child!' exclaimed my 'Susannah!' uttered Eleanor, in accents by no means laudatory. 'Yes,' said I. 'Twenty-five do!lars a month is a great deal of mon- family need have no fears. Guests ey, and I was never afraid of work. who may come to her unexpectedly I think I will go to the old lady, will not disturb her equanimity. She Uncle Barnabus. I am sure I can is well assured that the home masend home at least twenty dollars a chinery is in perfect working order.

lady's name?' Didn't I tell you? It's Prudence- | means of providing is good enough

Mrs. Prudence.' 'What a nice name!' said I. I Unexpected guests may increase the know I shall like her.' 'Well, I think you will,' said Uncle Barnabus, looking kindly at me.

is a bargain for the nine o'clock train to-morrow morning!" 'Yes,' I answered stoutly, taking care not to look in the direction of

'And I think she will like you. It

my mother and Eleanor. 'You are the most sensible of the lot,' said Uncle Barnabus, approv-

But after he had gone to bed in the best chamber, where the ruffled pillow cases were, and the chintz cushioned easy chair, the full strength of 'Of course,' said my mother, with the family tongue broke on my

'I can't help it,' quoth I, holding valiantly to my colors. 'We can't 'Yes, yes, of course,' interrupted starve. Some of us have got to do Uncle Barnabus. 'But is it practical? something. And you can live very nicely on twenty dollars a month.'

'That is true,' sighed my mother, handkerchief. 'But I never thought to service.' We took a carriage at the depot and drove through so many streets

education. Well, if you can't teach that my head sprung around and you can surely do something! What around like a teetotum before we do you say, Eleanor, to a situation? stopped at a pretty brown stone mansion-it looked like a palace to The color fluttered in Eleanor's my unaccustomed eyes-and Uncle

'Here is where Mrs. Prudence lives,' said he with a chuckle.

A neat little maid, with a frilled white apron and rose-colored ribbons in her hair, opened the door with a courtesy, and I was conduct-Well, I can hardly say. Part ed into an elegant apartment, all y lady!" exclaimed the old gen- ask, when a plump old lady, dressed in black silk, with the loveliest Valenciennes lace at the throat and

'So you've come back, Barnabus, have you, she said. 'And have nity in the presence of the emerg- brought one of the dear girls with you. Come and kiss me, my dear. 'Yes, Susy, kiss your aunt,' said retorted Uncle Barnabus, nodding Uncle Barnabus, flinging his hat one his head. 'Service? Why, we are way, and his gloves another, as he

'Why, of course,' said the plump Eleanor, who between her distaste old lady. 'Don't you know? I'm your Aunt Prudence.' 'But I thought,' gasped I, in be

wilderment, that I was going to situation? 'Well, so you are,' retorted Uucle Barnabus. 'The situation of adopted daughter in my family. Twenty-

five dollars a month pocket money-

the care of Aunt Prudence's cat and

canary. And to make yourself generally useful.' 'Oh, uncle,' I cried, 'Eleanor wo'd more quiet and tractable on corn have been so glad to come if she had than with any other grain, and will

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week.'

'An m, I believe.' Then he took the office out of the yster can, ran over the alphabet,

blacksmith shop and get a horse-This was an excellent idea, and he secured the nail. Next day, four other types were missing, and Warner got more nails. The day fol-Warner got enough nails to set the

hostess is able to devote time and Dull, depressing, dingy days produce dispiriting reflections and The postal card is a little over six gloomy thoughts, and small wonder years old in this country, yet it is when we remember that the mind is doing as well as could be expected not only a motive, but a receptive for its age. It has only two enemies, organ, and that all the impressions it the man who receives duns on it, receives from without reach it and the manufacturers of writing through the medium of senses which paper. This little postal causes a are directly dependent on the condecrease of from \$12,000,000 to \$15,- dition of light and atmosphere for 000,000 every year in the business of their action, and therefore immethe writing paper trades in this distely influenced by the surroundcountry. Postal cards are made at | ing conditions. It is a common-Holyoke, and forty men are contin- sense inference that if the impresually employed at their manufacture. sions from without reach the mind The card board is furnished in pack- through imperfectly-acting organs ages of 3,000 each, and every sheet of sense, and those impressions are is made into forty postals. Three themselves set in a minor esthetic presses are kept going night and key of color, sound, and general day. A machine slits the sheets into qualities, the mind must be what is strips of ten cards each, and these in | called "moody." It is not the habit turn are cut into single cards, and of sensible people to make sufficient dumped into piles of twenty-five allowance for this rationale of dulleach, when they are packed by girls, ness and subjective weakness. Some in paste-board boxes containing 500 persons are more dependent on excards. A government officer is ternal circumstances and conditions constantly on hand to see that no for their energies-or the stimulus pilfering of eards is done. The that converts potential kinetic forces Holyoke manufactory turns out -than others; but all feel the influabout 1,000,000 cards a day. Last ence of the world without, and to year there was used in this country | this influence the sick and the weak 246,093,060 cards. Of the new inter- are especially responsive. Hence national cards, introduced a few the varying temperaments of mind

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dom bear a rigid examination. That etly, is the work that has unassailable foundations, and is perfectly and remarked. finished in every department. With

'Yes, we've lost our m.'

the pleasant consciousness that 'What shall we do?' everything in her house will bear Don't know, unless I go to the examination, the mistress of the

month to mother and Eleanor, and that there need be no uneasiness or lowing somebody stole the office then the two weeks, spring and fall, excitement. She knows her table, and threw the can into the street. would be so nice! Please, Uncle however simply provided, will be Barnabus, I'll go back with you neat, and the food which is to be set | paper up, and after it was issued, when you go. What is the old before her husband will be the best the leading man in the place (he she can afford. What is good worked at a livery stable) came 'Her name!' said Uncle Barnabus, enough for him who furnishes the around and complimented us upon the improved appearance of our

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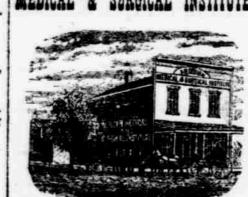
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