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Even mother was not disposed to

I told her that. She was a brave

don't know what the fate of cowards

might not have been-and we took

I had to go and bring help from

the village-there was no other way

and it was six o'clock when we had

not even suspect my departure.

locking the door against him.

police arrived, at a little after twelve

o'clock, the house was in a state of

siege. There were five ruffisnly

fellows, inclusive of our gardener

and Jake, and they had the masks.

knives and lanterns of my dream.

As the police came upon them from

behind, without their even having

suspected that belp had been sent

for, they were captured with scarce-

gentleman came along in a buggy,

While I found myself, quite sud-

v a blow.

had formed it.

Mother called them both to the

underneath the silent bell.

letting Mima hear a word.

see if the rope was in order.

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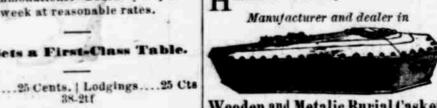
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I was sixteen. Not a very wise or reverend age, certainly; not an age when one is liable to be looked upon as an oracle (by the members of one's own family in particular)rather, indeed, an age at which one is well used to being snubbed, more especially when one makes an attempt at being more than usually brilliant-that was the manner in which our folks treated my flight of

got so philosophical that I really never thought of minding it. So when I announced at the break fast table one morning that I had had a peculiarly vivid dream, it did not surprise or offend me that nobody Office over corner of 11th and North-st

genius at sixteen anyway, and I had

seemed to care, or offered to yield me even a polite show or civil attention. Such gentle amenities of life would appear to be too precious to be wasted on 'chits of sixteen,' in the bosom of their own families-(perhaps, if we used them too lavishly among ourselves, we should have none left to show off with among strangers and out-of-doors: the general practice of domestic life appears to be governed and directed by some

such dread, at all events.) But I, as I have intimated, philo sophical beyond my years, and armed against the contempt and indifference of my auditors in a complete panoply of conceit and selfesteem more potent (for my requirements) than 'proof of steel;'pausing after my remark, and glancing around the table to catch a look or word of answer (quite in vain, as no one seemed aware of my very presence), I took up the thread of my story very calmly, and (addressing myself more particularly to the

IF YOU have any real estate for sale, if you wish to buy either in or out of the city, if you wish to trade city coffee pot) went on: of the city, if you wish to trade city property for lands, or lands for city dream,' I said: 'but it was so clear, was you, Mima dear'--(addressed Justice of the Peace and my invalid and elder sister, whose atrocious name of 'Jemima' we had A TTORNEYS AT LAW, Columbus, Nebraska. N. B.—They will give close attention to all business entrusted pillows, and beside you was papa, All kinds of repairing done on short notice. Buggies, Wagons, etc., made to order, and all work guaranteed.

passion of tears. 'The locket I gave him from the house. to poor Walter before he went they all overwhelmed me with reently managed to say-'don't blame it, and it is very, very strange that she should have seen it in a dream. And seen papa restore it to me. Ah, Lillian, as well look for my dear, locket pext to his heart, my dear, and I know it lies on his dead bosom

at me, hoped I was 'satisfied with my work;' and only two sources of first that Mima drew me to her and secondly, that at that very minute the mail arrived and distracted our parents' attention.

papa and our mother very much, I tunity to estimate for you. Shop on 13th St., one door west of Friedhof & denly summoned to New York.

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brought later news from the scene state-the shock of this midnight of the wreck-the cruel shipwreck, alarm might prove to my poor life had gone down with her lover! Three weeks ago the dreadful disasand could not, even yet, be said to vantage of this, I slipped from the ed, tenderly. "Oh," she said, with be out of danger. 'To arouse a hope | bed and the room unseen, and away in her mind, and then disappoint it,' swiftly and silently, up stairs. said my mother to me, 'would kill

and on a more substantial foundathe dark staircase on the wings of fear, and lo! I was in the bell-tower.

tion than a dream, how doubly wild and cruel! Hopeless idiot as I was. I could see that and hold my tongue accordingly. Our home was a very lovely country house, standing on the side of a

hill, surrounded by thick woods, and fully five miles distance from the village. An old-fashioned, rambling place, built for eccentric rich man's whim of solitude, and having a belltower, with a huge, rusty bell in it, by means of which we could have summoned help (had the need arisen) from miles away. So, at least, papa said. To me-looking up at the red-brown old bell, hanging voiceless and motionless in its opensided house-it seemed difficult to believe that the thing had a tongue at all, or that its clamor could arouse the country-side, at a minute's notice, after having bung there,

usting silently, for so many years. Our family was not a large one There were my father and mother, Jemima, and myself, and three women servants, within doors, and the gardener and his son (a cross old man and a surly young one) working outside the house, and sleeping over the stable. Being but newly come to the place, and not knowing the neighbors-if indeed, you could call people 'neighbors' who lived three or four miles away-we found our summer residence lonely enough. It had been mother's intention to make it pleasant and lively by entertaining a lot of old city friends, but the wreck of the 'Iris' and poor Mima's illness and grief for the loss of her

lover had made that impossible. So we were lonely enough, and mother was almost as uneasy as myself at the idea of being left 'without a man in the house,' by 'It wasn't anything wonderful as a papa's sudden call to town; the worst of it was that he was certain and I recollect it so vividly-just to be absent for two nights, at least, like a little scene or a picture. There and we knew but little of the gardener and his son, and liked them

By papa's advice we said nothing softened and shortened into this to the servants as to how long he pretty diminutive)-there was you would be away or where he was lying on your couch and on your going, and he, taking a small satchel started on foot to the high road who had just come in from a jour- where he could find a conveyance to town-in order that the men might ney, and who held a locket in his the depot. It would have been hand. He tried to put it around easier and pleasanter for him to your neck, but you pushed it away. have ridden into the village, but to 'I shall never live to wear it?' says do that Jake would have had to sadyou so sadly -- and then I woke. It dle the horse for him, and would was a dark blue emeril locket, with have necessarily known of his departure. We flattered ourselves 'With a gold anchor on the back !' that by the present arrangement the

cried poor Mims, bursting into a two men-servants would never miss The night passed peacefully and away! Oh, Lillian!' And then quietly enough. I am competent to make the statement, for I don't think proaches; all but Mima, who pres- I closed my eyes or lost my conscionsness in sleep from midnight her. She don't know of the locket; until long after morning dawned; a none of you knew of it, or even saw fear-a nervous dread-an indefinable sense of danger threatening-

kept me alert and awake. The first consequence of which was that I was intolerably sleepy all dead lover himself! He wore the next day, and in the early hours of the afternoon, stole away to my own room to take a nap; just as I reached now, in the depths of the cruel sea! my own door, who should I see And then papa opined, aloud and upon the stair-case (the upper stairdespairingly that I was a hopeless case, as if coming down from the idiot!' and mother, soothing poor top of the house) but Jake-the gar-Mims, and casting reproachful looks | dener's boy-carrying an open knife.

I stopped, in sheer surprise. Cer tainly he had no business in the consolation were left open to me- house that could take him beyond the kitchen. 'What are you doing breast and kissed my tears away, here?' I demanded, promptly. He gave me a furtive glance out of his round black eyes, as he shuffled past, slipping the knife into his pocket, One letter seemed to disturb both but no word of answer.

I watched him down the stairs and noticed, though Mima did not, that out of sight, and then went into my they cast anxious glances in our room, full of a strange uneasiness. direction while reading it. At last, Falling asleep at last-as I lay wonafter a long whispered consultation, dering what could have been his and accomplished the rescue. papa announced that he was sud- errand there—the second of my dreams came to me.

her knees before them, and beseechhis lips, and mother seizing me by might be, for poor Mima's sake, the shoulders, hustled me out of the Mima was still sleeping, I thought, in an inner room, and a chill of She acknowledged to me after- horror crept through me as I realized ward, however, that the letter had how fatal-in her weak and nervous

At the same instant I realized something else-namely, that no one

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this: A: the outer edge and in the the rope, but I grasped a hand incentre of he great platform erected at the east front of the capitol for the inauguration ceremonies there sprang from the bed to the floor. was a small one, rising a few inches and awoke-almost my first waking above the floor. Along the center thought was of Jake, as I had seen of this were three chairs. General him coming down the upper stairs, Garfield sat in the middle one, with President Hayes at his left and the I stood quite still for a few minutes, trembling, but with a certain chief justice at his right. Mrs. Hayes sat back of the chief justice with General Garfield's mother next had never been up into the belltower, and had, indeed, a nervous on the left, and Mrs. Garfield next prejudice against the place, but I to her. The ballustrading along the was going there now, and alone, to front, heavily draped as it was by flags, almost entirely. If it did not wholly conceal these ladies from the The afternoon had worn away while vast audience in front, while those I slept, to judge by the sun on the who stood back of them shut them lawn. If help were needed, from the in from the sight of the mass of ofseven miles distant town, it could ficials on the platform. A few of not reach us before nightfall, I tho't, the correspondents who had been given seats close to the presidential and who was to summon it? Out on the lawn stood Jake and his party, and a few of those near Genfather, talking together, and casting eral Garfield as he turned from the side glances toward the house; I platform in common with all the felt an instinctive distrust of them. rest, saw that he stopped to kiss his yet now-while I could be sure they old mother, and then his wife, who sat next her. It was an act as far were not spying on me, now was the time to investigate the condition removed as possible from the spectacular, and there was scarcely a dry Away I went, up the seldom-used eye in the whole circle which nostairs, almost as swiftly as in my ticed this beautiful act of filial and dream. Being afternoon, the little

manly devotion. There had been a multitude of moist eyes in the senate chamber, as one after another of the great crowd there recognized the white baired newly cut,-one short end hanging mother of the President. There had been many more as she was helped down the steps of the east porch and forward to a seat near her son. Her presence was the one touching fealaugh at 'me and my dreams' when ture in the magnificent pageant. American manhood and the repreand sensible woman, fortunately-I sentatives of the foreign nations uncovered as she passed, to do her honor. To every one, while the counsel together quietly, without tears started, there evidently rose up a vision of the long road from widowhood and poverty over which she had struggled with her boy,seeing him rise step by step from one finished our consultation, and I must success and honor to another, up to walk-a half mile or more, through this position of crowning triumph. the woods to the highway, and then It was the subject of general mentake my chance of a conveyance to tion in all the crowds throughout the day, and to the bonor of all, rough and cultivated, the act was referred to in tones that indicated back of the house while I slipped deep feeling, and with eyes which away through the garden. We told how strongly the incident apfound that Jake had said something pealed to the most sacred feelings in

to the girls about sleeping inside the heart of man. the house that night, 'for their pro-What memories must have rushed tection.' Fortunately mother was through his mind as, turning from quite equal to the task of frustrating that platform a President, his eye that design, when once she knew he rested first upon that aged, whitehaired mother, and under these cir-She did it admirably. Walking cumstances he stopped and kissed into the kitchen at ten o'clock, and his mother and the wife who was finding him seated with the girls, supporting her, while tears stood in she pretended to hear my father the eyes of the little company of calling at the gate, and sent Jake out to see; as soon as he was fairly out witnesses. And in thus honoring of the door she kept him there, by his mother he surely honored both himself and the high office which he holds. The brutal writing, even if That very act, however, showed smuggled into respectable prints, her suspicion, and aroused theirs, so will not cause the great mass of his that they commenced operations countrymen to forget their manhood earlier than they had probably at and decry that of the President first intended - when I and the himself .- H. V. B. in the Cincin-

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in which the hopes of poor Mima's sister. ter had chanced, and my sister had seemed to take note of me, or be been very near to death since then, aware of my presence. Taking ad- tumultuously. "And why?" he ask- at a time I would have killed every

And when that hope was based this vivid dream I seemed to fly up vears."

I couldn't keep back a loud cry of A horrible, terrifying dream. It surprise. I was only sixteen, and was night, and there were robbers tion, and a courtship, which culmistory high, a good stock range, plenty of (according to my own father) a in the house and in the room,-men water, and good hay land. Two miles hopeless idiot, and what did I know with lanterns, and long knives, and should be about discretion? There was a crape masks upon their faces, thro hopeless idiot, and what did I know with lanterns, and long knives, and when I was sweet seventeen.

found, and together we set about constantly increasing demand west We accomplished more than that up with the country" and obtain a together with success, too. We future competency. We fail to see dated from that night a mutual affec- why any enterprising homesteader

journey for papa in my dream!' I | which their fierce eyes glared hide- | Papa brought home the blue locket cried. 'And he brought the locket ously. It seemed to me that, look- with the golden anchor (exactly as I back! How do we know but he'll ing from my bed, I saw mother on had seen it in my dream!), and, of I said no more. Papa arose, with ing them, in low tones of terror, to too, who had not been drowned, brought them a number of sticks something terribly like an oath upon | work their wicked will as quietly as after all, though he went terribly near it. And very much surprised papa was, and very much pleased with me, (I don't think he ever called me a 'hopeless idiot' again!), when he had heard the whole story, and saw the fortunate results of-my two dreams.

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