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ing story : It was on a Sunday morning, 'ages long ago,' that the miller of this mill and his whole family went forth to hear the holy mass at the nearest church in the village of Hersel. The mill, which was also his residence. was left in charge of a servant girl named Hannchen, or Jenny, a stout hearted lass, who had long lived with him in that espacity. An infant child, of an age unfit for church, was left in her charge, likewise,

The girl was busily employed preparing dinner for the return of her master and his family, when who should enter all of a sudden but an old sweetheart of hers, named Heinrich Bottelor. He was an idle, graceless fellow, whom the miller had forbidden the house, but whom Jennie liked with smisble perversity. peculiar to her sex only, perhaps, all the better because others gave him no countenance. She was glad to see him, and she told him so, too: and although in the midst of her work, she not only got him something to est at once, but found time to sit down with him and have a gossip while he dispatched the food she sat before him. As he ate, however, he let fall his knife.

'Pick that up, my lass,' said he, in a joking way, to the good natur-

ed girl. 'Nay, Heinrich,' she replied, 'your back should be more supple than mine, for you have less work to make it stiff. I labor all day long and you do nothing. But never mind "Twould go hard with me an' I refused to do more than that for you. bad though you be.

This was spoken half sportively and half in good earnest; for kind hearted as the girl was, and much as she liked the scapegrace, she was too honest and industrious herself to encourage or approve idleness and a suspicious course of life in any one else, however dear to her. She stooped down, accordingly, to pick up the knife. As she was in the act of raising, however, the treacherons villain drew a dagger from under his coat and caught her by the nape of the neck, gripping her throat firmly with his fingers to prevent

her screaming the while. 'Now, lass,' he said, swearing out s bad oath at the same time, 'where is master's money? I'll have that or

your life; so take your choice.' The terrified girl would fain have parleyed with the ruffian, but he would hear nothing she could say.

'Master's money or your life, lass!

was all the answer he vouchsafed to

her entreaties and adjurations. 'Choose at once!' was the only alternative he offered her; 'the grave or the gold! She saw that there was no hope of mercy at his hands, and as she saw it, her native resolution awoke in her bosom. Like the generality of the gentle sex, she was timid at trifles; a scratch was a subject of fear to her; a drop of blood caused on the first and last Saturdays of each | her to faint; an unwonted sound filled her soul with fear in the night But when her energies were aroused by an adequate cause, she proved, as

her sex have ever done, that in cour-

mind, and in resources for every

emergency, she far surpassed the bravest and coolest men. 'Well, well, Heinrich!' she said resignedly, 'what is to be, must be, But if you take the money I shall even go along with ve. This will be no home for me any more. But ease your grip of my neck a littleyou hug me so tight. And if I can't most desperate character. stir, you can't get the money : that's must be done quickly, as the household will shortly be back from

Hersel. The ruffian relaxed his gripe, and noble girl replied. 'God is greater body continued to be whiried round finally let go his hold. Her reasons than you, and in him I put my trust." were all cogent with his cupidity. 'Come,' she said ; 'quick ! quick ! imprisoned ruffian above ; 'that will connection with such a villain, and no delay. The money is in master's bring her to reason. bed-room.'

the last five years.' The rufflan was thrown off his should reach her.

self-deceit was most certain to be abuse and the fiercest imprecations,

Southal.

'I'll back this whelp's limbs to pieces

the ruffian returned to the infant.

ter to swait his time for slaving. He

In the meanwhile her mind was

busied with a thousand cogitations.

'It is Sunday,' said she to herself.

mill was in full operation.

It was that very instant that the

which set it in motion, or to extri-

cate himself from his perilous situa-

tion, were fruitless. His cries were

most appalling; his shricks were

truly fearful; his curses and impre-

cations were horrible to hear. Hann-

chen hastened to the spot and saw

him caught, like a reptile as he was,

in his own trap. It need not be

added that she did not liberate him.

She knew that he would be more

trightened than burt, if he kept

within his rotary prison; and she

knew, also, that unless he attempted

to escape, there was no danger of his

falling out of it, even though he

were insensible and inanimate all

the while. In the meantime the

wheel went round and round, with

the ruffian along with it, steadily

and unceasingly, too. In vain did

he promise the stout-hearted girl to

work her no harm; in vain did he

implore her pity on his helpless con-

dition; in vain did he pray to all the

powers of heaven and adjure all the

powers of hell to his aid. She would

and unheeded of them, likewise mut-

in the untiring wheel, until at last

feeling and preception failed him

fell senseless to the bottom of the

engine, and even then his inanimate

and round as before; the brave girl

being, therefore, afraid to suspend

the working of the machinery, or

running at their fullest speed.

'Cut the brat's throat!' roared the not daring to trust to appearance in

girl within.

heart; 'an' master arrives in time I She clearly perceived that no means

will offer up a taper on the altar of would be left untried to effect an

window of the chamber in which she that has sent it to me.

merry blaze, I trow.'

'Go, lass!' was all he said, but be with my knife, and then burn the

As he was thus employed, howof his prey, and eagerly occupied in foot within these walls whilst I have fell senseless into the arms of the securing it on his person, the brave- life to prevent ve.' hearted girl stole down stairs on The ruffian haid the infant for a great difficulty recovered. tip-toe. Creeping softly slong the moment on the sward, as he sought of the chamber unseen by him, and to execute his latter threat. In this

the outer door of the mill and gave great wheel and the other machinery the alarm. 'Fly! fly!' she shricked of the mill, and was a point entirely to the child, her master's little boy, unprotected, for the reason that the an infant five years old, the only simple occupants had never suppos-Fly! fly to father! fly for your life! Tell him we shall all be murdered inlet. Elated with this discovery. an' he not haste back! Fiv! fiv!

The child, who was at play before and tying the hands and feet of the many years, and died at a good old the door, at once obeyed the ener- little innocent, threw it on the age, surrounded by a flourishing getic command of the brave-hearted ground even as the butcher will girl, and sped as fast as his tiny legs | fling a lamb destined for the slaughcould carry him on the road by which he knew his parents would then stole back to the aperture, by return from church. Hannchen which he hoped to effect an entrance. cheered him onward, and inspirited All this was unseen by the dauntless his little heart as he ran. 'Bless thee, boy! bless thee!' she exclaimed, in the gladness of her

our blessed lady of the Kreutzberg entrance, and she knew that on the She sat down on the stone bench own existence. A thought struck change of taste with respect to estby the mill door to ease her over- her: excited spirit; and she wept as she sat at the thoughts of her happy 'the mill never works on the Sab-

'Thank God!' she exclaimed; It can be seen far off, and haply my thank God for this escape! Oh, the master, or some of his neighbors deadly villain! And I so fond of wondering at the sight, may haste A shrill whistle from the grated thought,' she exclaimed; 'tis God

deliverance.

bad shut up the ruffian Heinrich, caught her ear, and made her start all her life accustomed to mill-gear, Deither, Deither!' she heard him her to set the machinery in motion.

ment from which the imprisoned villain's hand beckoned to some one in the distance, and then looked anxiously after her infant emissary. The little messenger held on his way unharmed, however, and she tho't to herself that the alarm was a false one, raised to excite her fear and overcome her resolution. Just, however, as the child reached a hollow spot in the next field, the channel of a natural drain, then dry with the heat of summer, she saw another ruffian start up from the bed of the drain, and catching him in his arms, hasten toward the mill, in accordance with the directions of his accomplice. In a moment she preceived her danger, and in a moment more she formed her future plan of proceeding. Retreating into the mill she double-locked and bolted the door, the only apparent entrance to the edifice, every other obvious access to the interior being barred by means of strong gratings fixed against all the windows, and then took her post at an upper casement, determined to await patiently either

quent delivery from that dangerous position, or her own death if it were inevitable 'Never,' said she to herself, 'never age, in endurance, in presence of shall I leave my master's house a prey to such villains, or permit his property to be carried off before my eves by them, while I have life and

She had barely time to secure her-

self within when the ruffian without,

holding the hapless child in one

strength to defend it."

break it in on ye.'

her master's return and her conse-

hand and a long, sharp knife in the other, assailed the door with kicks don't squeeze so hard; I can't move, and curses and imprecations of a not hear nor heed him; and unheard 'Confound thee,' he cried, applying tering curses he was whirled round clear, you know. Besides, time the foulest enithets of which the presses, and if it be done at all, it free-speaking Tentonic language are and he saw and heard no more. He

so copious; 'open the door or I'll

'If you can you may,' was all the

Stout-hearted as poor Hannchen She tripped up stairs gaily as a was, she quaited at this cruel sug- stop the mill-gear and tackle from lark; he followed closely at her gestion. For a moment her resoluheels. She led the way into her tion wavered; but it was only for a master's bed-room, and pointed out moment. She saw that her own shortly after heard, and she hastened the coffer in which his money was death was certain if she admitted the thither. It was her master and his assailant, and she knew that her family, accompanied by several of 'Here,' she said, reaching him an master would be robbed. She had their neighbors. The unaccustomed at all until his three boys grew up axe which lay in the corner of the no reason to hope that even the life appearance of the mill-sails in full to be tall, strapping young fellows, room, 'this will wrench it open at of the infant would be spared by her swing on the Sunday had, as she had and his wife began to cut down old once; and while you are tying it up, compliance. It was to risk all anticipated, attracted their attention, clothes and fix them over for him. I shall just step to my apartment and against nothing. Like a discreet and they had hastened home from And then he said he did get mad. get a few things ready for our flight, girl, she consequently held fast in church for the purpose of ascertainas well as my own little saving for her resolve to abide as she was while ling the cause of the phenomenon.

guard by her openness and her anx- 'An' ve open not the door,' shout- with the child was tied, but he was which have been removed to a temiety to accompany him. Like all ed the villain from without, accom- unable to obtain any account of the porary pest-house, and citizens are egotists, he deceived himself, when panying his words with the vilest extraordinary circumstances that fleeing from the danger.

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had occurred from the affrightened

Hannchen, in a few words, told not long. This job will be done in mill over your head. Twill be a all; and then the spirit which had sustained her so long and so well I put my trust in God,' replied the while the emergency lasted, forsook ever, absorbed in the contemplation dauntless girl; 'never shall ye set her at once as it passed away. She miller's oldest son, and was with

The machinery of the mill was at passage she speedily gained the door shout for combustibles wherewith once stopped and the inanimate ruffian dragged forth from the great likewise unheard. It was but the search be espied, perhaps, the only wheel. The other ruffian was pro't work of a moment for her to turn possible ciandestine entrance to the down from his prison. Both were the key in the wards and lock him | building. It was a large aperture in | then bound and sent off to Boun, This done, she rushed forth to the wall communicating with the under a strong escort, and in due course came under the hands of the town executioner. It was not long till Hannchen became a bride. The bridegroom was being within sight or sound of her. ed it fessible for any one to seek the miller's son, who had loved her long and well, but with a passion admission through such a dangerous

previously unrequited. They lived

family. To the latest hour of her

How Tastes Differ.

thenceforward happily together for

life this brave hearted woman would shudder as she told the tale of her danger and her deliverance.

The tastes of neighboring nations. The Germans and the English esteem the goose almost as highly as the turkey. But in France the former is looked upon as a vulgar bird, unfit to set before epicures. An exclusion of her foe depended her English journal, writing of the

ing birds, says: "To-day we never see a poulterer's shop adorned with rows of peatiful birds appear upon the table at some grand public or private dinner, none of the guests would go into hither to know the cause. A lucky ecstacies over the dish, as if its delieacy was a fact universally known. But at Rome, no banquet was com-No sooner said than done. Being plete without the presence of a peacock. Among the other large birds it was but the work of a moment for the cranes, the swans and even the ostrich were held in high esteem. shout, 'catch the child and come A brisk breeze which sprang up, as Geese were also highly prized, and hither! Bring the boy here, and kill it were, by the special interposition they were eaten not with a sauce, of Providence, at once set the sails but stuffed with small green apples. She glanced hastily up at the case- flying. The arms of the huge engine | The duck and teal were served with whirled around with fearful rapidthe juice of the orange and not that ity: the great wheel slowly revolved of the lemon; and they were preferon its axle; the smaller gear turned red to the heathcock and woodcock. and creaked and groaned, according As for larks and thrushes they were as they came into action, and the usually eaten at the end of a meal, with the idea that it would prove a sovereign remedy against affections ruffian. Diether had succeeded in of the bowels. But the bird most in squeezing himself through the aperesteem with the subjects of the ture in the wall and getting safely Casars was the common thrush. lodged in the interior of the great These birds were raised and fatted drum-wheel. His dismay, however. in large establishments near Rome was indescribable when he began to | and brought very high prices. The be whirled about with its rotations artificial rearing of these birds. and found that all his efforts to put which are excellent for the table,

a stop to the powerful machinery | would prove an easy matter."

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because "she needs less. It cannot be because she spends less, for the extravagance of women was dwelt upon by Solomon and Jeremish, and it is a song that has never known a rest. The reason for the difference in wages is generally found to be in the assertion that women who do not need a support or who have few responsibilities crowd into the paid occupations. There is an inconsistency here. If she loves ease, why does she work? If she spends more, how is it she

The truth is that very few women

work from any other reason, but necessity. Here and there is one who loves independence, works for it, and deserves it, and here and there is another who would rather work than forego certain luxuries, and she earns them, but the majority of women work because they have responsibilities, and as a class they are our most reliable, sober and economical workers, for no woman with a family of little children gambles away their bread and butter, or no sister or daughter who is, of necessity, the bread winner, wastes what she earns, and comes home to a sad, hungry family, bringing them empty hands and an indifference to A loud knocking at the door was their needs.

> Toddlekins is a very small man indeed, but says he never minded it

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