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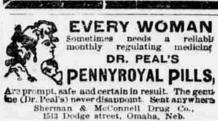
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you'll be sorry in the end,"

talking in the world wen't have the least approval or cold word of reproof. effect-so you may as well be pleasant and do your part cheerfully. As to disobedi-ence, after all, papa did not actually forbid so that if the waist hooks burst the bow do your part cheerfully. As to disobediwill never know anything about it."

"Now, Miss Nancy, you know quite well rour pa understood your silence as consent to his wishes. He told you plain enough he monly. could not allow you to go to this party, as Mr. Philip had such a decided objection." "What business is it of Mr. Philip's, Dray?"

"I suppose whatever concerns you conerns your future husband, too." "Well, why should be object to my going to a harmless Christmas party at the house of people I have known all my life? It is She gathered up her gloves and handker-

"I don't suppose he would mind if Mr. and Mrs. Thornleigh were at home, but all them giddy girls and the sailor brother with his friends want some one to head them report, a few minutes later. "Your shut in the study, cook and Jane are

"Now, Miss Nancy, you know as well as pers, though, for it's beginning to snow do that Miss Watson is no sort of a chap-I do that Miss Watson is no sort of a chaperon, but just a silly, good tempered old lady that they all walk over. I wonder Mrs. Thornleigh liked to leave her in charge; but no doubt the poor lady was too worried with her sick husband to trouble much is shout them. Nice dutiful children they

about them. Nice, dutiful children they are to be arranging dances and such like his health. No good can come of such go-

"But I am going, so you need not try This graphic and authentic resume of the cyclone's deadly and destructive ful ones. First, I love dancing and a merry party; second, nothing over which I have any control shall prevent my wearing that dress I have been slaving at in secret for over a week, and third, 1 do not intend to be ruled by Mr. Philip Atherton until I am his wife—if that ever happens." dear! Miss Nancy, how shocking

not offered for sale at any other place in the city.

Oh, dear: sales along and you engaged over a year!"

You talk, and you engaged over a year!"

"Merry, Merry, answer, me truly." Nancy caught the old woman's hand, and forced her back in her chair until the lovely face and the old, hard-featured one nearly touched each other. "How much I hope do you love Philip-now, on your word of "Miss Nancy, I-you--" the laughing

eyes searched her soul-"I can't abear The girl burst into a peal of laughter.

you speaking so disrespectfully of Mr. Atherton. I would give a shilling if he

"We won't suppose the impossible. Philip never alters his arrangements. He named in time for dinner on Thursday," and in time for dinner on Thursday he will be. time for dinner on Thursday he will be. These, with an abundance of palms and ferns from the greenhouse, made up a very effective whole. "How do you think it looks?" whispered myself. Besides, I counted on you to stick

to me."
"And so I will. But first, let me just try

I lose my master's confidence."
"You won't do that, Merry. Papa is never angry with anybody. He would never have dreamed of refusing me such a simple pleasure if Mr. Philip had not put him up to it. I believe Philip would like to lock me up in a glass case. Now hear my arrangements: You must send dinner up half an hour earlier than usual—papa will never notice-and the minute he goes to the study I shall fly upstairs, where you must have everything ready to dress me. We shall have to walk to the end of the lane, where the carriage will be in waiting for us. Be careful that neither cook nor Jane gets

an inkling of anything, won't you?" "I should like to see them poking their noses into what don't concern them! You trust me, Miss Nancy."

Mercy Gibson, or Merry, as Nancy had about tonight, so he gave in at last."
when the old servant's face had worn a "Yesterday afternoon. It's wonderfu

more than usual solemn expression—a name which became general—had been a housemaid with Mr. Grainger's mother, remaining in the house in the same capacity when the gentleman brought his wife home. She was an excellent servant and they valued her accordingly. She had been a slave to Nancy from the hour of her birth, but in apite of her intense affection for the exacting little lady, she had not made the sinful mistake of spoiling her by overindulgence. She was a true and conscientious mother to the little girl, for Mrs. Grainger died before the child completed her fourth year. The widower talked vaguely of engaging a woman to manage his establishment, but Mercy, who had been made housekeeper, conducted everything so admirably that the half-formed plan never reached fruition. Nancy's childhood passed happily and uneventfully. She went gallantly through the period of study with governesses and masters and at 17 was a charming mistress of her father's house. Having petther brothers nor sisters and no youthful cousins, she and the children at the hall had been fast friends from her earliest years: There was no break in their intimacy until Maud and Gladys Thornleigh went to Paris to finish their education and handsome Charlie be-came "middy" on board "H. M. S. Invincible." Nancy begged hard for permission to accompany her girl friends, but Mr. Grainger was obdurate on this point. He could not spare his darling—the one bright

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thing in his solitary, studious life. And then, in her 18th year, Nancy found herself "You mark my words. Miss Nancy, no betrothed to Philip Atherton, the son of a good ever came of disobedience. Be sure "Don't be such a creaker, Merry. You little weary and began to wonder if it know I've made up my mind to go-all the held nothing sweeter than his quiet smile of

CHAPTER II

my going, and if we manage properly he will hide the gap. That's right. Bless the man who first brought chrysanthemums to such perfection. There, do you like that arrangement on the bodice?" Yes, Miss Nancy; it suits you uncom-

"One more pin, please. Now I think I

She tilted the glass to the right angle and surveyed the charming vision it flected with girlish satisfaction. Nancy at that delightful age when a dress of soft white crepon, ornamented solely with clus-ters of shaded gold and brown chrysanthemums, formed a toilet as becoming as the ost finished work of the practiced modiste chief, while Merry wrapped her fur-lined cloak around her.

"Just pop down stairs and see that the coast is clear, will you, Merry?"
"All quite safe," was the old servant's "Your pa is ane are talk-"You stupid Merry. Is not Miss Wat-son, their aunt, a proper person to head them?" ing nineteen to the dozen in the kitchen, and I have left the hall door on the jar. You must put on something over your slip-

a chap-red old "I had better slip on some walking sho-wonder and change them in the carriage," sa said Nancy, suiting the action to the word. Quietly the young conspirator and her reluctant abettor went downstairs through the large hall, with its smouldering fire, and out into the night, Nancy drawing the hood are to be arranging dances and such like with their father away in a foreign land for his health. No good can come of such go. Merry closed the heavy door by cleverly inserting the key in the lock and turning to avoid making any sound. At the people, Merry, you are the worst. You have heard that Mr. Thornleigh is well now, which Miss Grainger and her dispute have heard that Mr. Thornleigh is well now, but is staying in the south until the weather here breaks a little. Any one would think, by your talk, that he was banished to New Zealand."

"It's no account where he is so long as you behave like a reasonable young lady and give up all thoughts of going to the ball tonight."

which Miss Grainger and her duenna stepped, Nancy only thankful that they were so far safely through. Her eyes sparkled with expectancy, a rich color glowed in her soft cheeks, while she tapped her feet on the warm rug, which covered the bottom of the vehicle, in anticipation. Arrived at The Hall, Nancy peeped out of the steamy window to see a blaze of well-coming light and a man's flavor hereing. coming light and a man's figure hurrying out of the open door. He took the girl bodily in his strong, young arms, and carried her over the snowy path.
"Welcome, little Nancy," he whispered

tenderly, as he placed her in a great chair "I expect you have forgotten me."

Before she could answer, Merry was be

side them. Charles Thornleigh sh warmly with the old servant, who had given him many a lecture in the days gone by. "You're looking well, sir," observed Merry, and there was a softness in her eyes, as she regarded the young man, which, as a rule, came only for Nancy.
"I am in the best of health, thank you.

But he was interrupted by the sudden enrance of his sisters.

"Oh you dear! I am so glad! Gladys was half afraid you would lose courage at the last moment. Take off your cloal How pretty you look! Doesn't she, Charlie? "Oh, Merry, with all your solemn ways you are as transparent as glass! But fancy red; he hid his embarrassment by making

a low bow.

Maud carried off her friend, while the am sorry that I came tonight. I wish now that you had told papa or done any-And again her laughter burst forth.

The old woman glanced half-apprehensively at the closed door:

"You know he is safe in London; but you had no business to ask me such a quarter.

"You know he is safe in London; but you had no business to ask me such a quarter. "You know he is sate in London, but you had no business to ask me such a question. Had been removed, the carpet taken up, what sort of a fix would you be in if he took it in his head to come down this evening instead of tomorrow."

The turniture, excepting chairs and lounges, had been removed, the carpet taken up, and the floor beautifully waxed. It was a royal room and needed little decoration; but the girls had curtained off some cozy

> ing straight for us. And I have not spoken to auntie yet." "My dear Miss Grainger, this is a de-

lightful surprise!" observed the elderly damsel mentioned, fixing Nancy with her "And so I will. But first, let me just try to persuade your pa."

"Are you mad? He would refuse pointblank, and I should not dare to go then. To be disappointed at the last minute would out of his shell have to go the shell have to go then. "We all know how very diffiout of his shell, but, of course, he must "Well, well, honey, I'll help you, even if know that girls require little pleasures and recreations of this sort. How is he, dear?

Nancy hesitated, and Maud came gallantly to the rescue. "Mr. Grainger will not be here

sent his daughter on with her maid." "Oh, how considerate and father-like! You are blessed with a loving papa,' "Yes, and you would be speedily blessed with a mamma, too, if Miss Paulton could bave her way," whispered Maud, as they crossed the room to where Miss Watson was standing—the very embodiment of good

nature and smilling amiability.

Just then the band, hired from Slowton. commenced adjusting their instruments, and there was quite a buzz of excitement whilst partners were selected.

"Isn't it vexing about the programs?" "I do, thoroughly."

"Isn't it time to pour out the master's freshing themselves with iced lemonade later on. "We ordered them a week ago, and asked Gladys, as she and Nancy were re-"Isn't it time to pour out the master's tea? If it is, he'll be a-looking for you."
"I'll go. You're a brick, Merry, and I'm sorry I called you a croaker."
"Bless her pretty face!" mumured the old woman, as the girl ran quickly down the stairs. "She's heaps too good for that the stairs. "She's heaps too good for that the stairs." the stairs. "She's heaps too good for that the stairs. "She's heaps too good for that upstartish fellow, with all his money and upstartish fellow, with all his money and went he would be sure to let something slip

"Yesterday afternoon. It's wonderful how amazingly a men can help in little things if he likes. There are always so many matters that need attention at the last minute, Charlie really has worked like Briton. Here he comes. Are you going to dance this waltz with him?"

"I think so. Is it No. 6?"
"It is No. 6," answered the young man, catching the question.

In another minute Nancy was gliding round the room, supported by the arm o her old playfellow. There seemed some thing a little queer in his proximity, but that was probably owing to their long separation. Nancy, who generally had so much to say, became unaccountably silent, while a timid glance into her partner's face did not tend to reassure her; he was regarding her with such earnest scrutiny. When the music stopped she opened her fan, and waved it slowly to and fro.

"Are you thirsty?" asked Charlie. "Well, you are too heated to drink yet. Come with me." He led her out of the room, regardless of more than one pair of jealous eyes, through the cool hall, and into a little room at the

father's den. There was no light here save

extreme right-no other than his

that of the leaping, glowing fire, which the young man stirred into a yet brighter blaze. "We can have five minutes' peace here, and when you have rested I will get you There's no help wanted

Mr. Grainger spoke with palpable effort. "Mr. Philip Atherton." Oh, Nancy, why did you do it?" There was a pause, during which Nancy ould hear her own heart beat. Charlie stood by the fire, looking down to the girl's troubled face. 'Did not you know that I loved you?" he asked. How could I? I never thought-of-love

"It is true. I have been engaged nearly

How odd her voice sounded!

Who is the man?

in-that way."
"Your sweet little face has always been before me. You were so young and free that I did not like to speak before I went away—and I felt so secure in my fool's par-adise. I thought it a shame to startle your light-hearted gayety, you seemed such a child. And now it is too late! How am I stand it myself."

going to bear it, little girl?"

"And do you now?"

Nancy sprang from her chair. With an impulsive movement she stretched out he 'Charlie! Charlie! My heart is broken

do not love Philip Atherton, and I never in his arms, her face pressed close to his heart. Then she broke away, and before he could stop her she was out of the room. Back into the ball room she hurried, excitement keeping her up-there would plenty of time for tears by and by-eagerly

ooking for Gladys.

'Will you do me a favor?" she whispered. and Miss Thornleigh readily promised,
"I have a most shocking headache, and want to go home at once. Will you man- relief the girl came in with a lighted lamn age it for me without any fuss?" "My dear, I am sorry. You shall go and lie down in my room and try and get a lit-tle sleep. I will bring you a cup of freshly

made tea. Poor child! You look quite feverish." "Please do as I ask you. I must go Gladys possessed considerable acumen the saw her friend was laboring under

painful excitement, and without another word she hurried off to do her bidding, and Nancy and the astonished Merry were soon seated in the carriage and bowling quietly over the soft carpet of spow that had been steadily falling for the last two hours Charlie Grainger came out of the little

room where he had received such a cruel "Nancy gone!" he exclaimed to his sister 'Why didn't you tell me "She went off in a dreadful hurry. I can

not divine what is the matter with her. You are never going after them—" seeing her brother take his overcoat from the pegyou would get Nancy into dreadful dis grace "I forgot " He hung the coat up again, drew his sis-

that his face was strangely pale and his eyes were heavy and troubled. CHAPTER III

ter's hand through his arm and took her back to the dancers, but Gladys observed

"Am I at liberty to ask the meaning of this move, Miss Nancy?" asked Merry, who, to tell the truth, was somewhat ruffled at making such a hasty exit from the warm room and comfortable supper she was enjoying.

You can have the gratification of know "Well, I never! Of all the ungrateful young ladies-"No Merry, I don't mean it. I beg your

pardon. I am tired and my head aches. Don't be cross." And Merry happened to catch sight of two big tears glistening in the beautiful eyes, whereby she was instantly disarmed. "I'm a disagreeable old woman; you must not mind me. lovey."

Now, Merry, once for all, are you going to do as I ask you amiably, or am I to brave the powers alone? Go I will; but don't mind admitting that it won't look very respectable to return here late at night by myself. Besides I counted on you to stick in straight for us. And I have not specifications, made up a very effective whole. "How do you think it looks?" whispered it at home. The maids had gone to bed, but Mr. Grainger was still in his study. Merry raked Nancy's fire together, and after disrobing the young lady proceeded to make some coffee with an apparatus she kept in They found everything as they had left at home. The maids had gone to bed, her own room. Nancy, warmed and refreshed, was soon fast asleep, in spite of the sorrow which had suddenly overtaken She opened her eyes on a white world in the morning. For a moment it seemed very beautiful in its spotless purity, then the dreary loneliness of the cold, wide prospect struck into her heart. She dropped the curtain with a shiver. Philip was com-ing today, this, the first day of the new

year, and she realized that her indifference for him had rapidly grown to dislike.
"I will tell him," she decided. shall know the truth, and if he still insists on holding me to my promise I will marry

daughter quietly informed him at the break-fast table of the previous night's escapade. "Is this a joke?" he asked, feebly. "Surely Merry, with her years and discretion, would not be a party to such a prank." "She tried very hard to persuade me to give it up. You must not blame her-it was entirely my fault."

"I can't think what Philip will say. would not-perhaps—be necessary to—to tell him, only that these things always leak You were very injudicious, child. If you weren't going to be married soon should be obliged to have some one look after you. What time did you get home?" after you. "About half past 11, I think. Here's the

Mr. Grainger opened the leather satchel Jane brought in and took out two letters and a paper for himself and one epistle fo Nancy "Philip is not coming today," she announced, looking up from the short, formal note in Mr. Atherton's stiff caligraphy, her heart lightened with a sudden sense of re-

lief. "He says he may not be able to get down until next week."
"By that time this piece of folly will have blown over, I trust," answered her father and forthwith proceeded with his breakfast About 11 o'clock Nancy donned her thickest boots, and with her sealskin jacket and toque, felt herself armed against the elements. She wanted a long, bracing to restore her mind to its usual balance. Luncheon was on the table when she came

back. "You just missed young Thornleigh." father remarked as he scated himself. seemed particularly vexed, too, at not seeing you; and he could not wait for fear of missing his train." Nancy looked up sharply. "His train?"

"Yes. They have telegraphed from Men-tone for him to fetch them home. My old friend Thornleigh is homesick. The sum-mons was urgent, so Charles is starting at "How glad the girls will be to have their nother and father back!"
The day passed quietly. Nancy half made up her mind to write to Philip, but, after consideration, dismissed the idea as im-

attending a board meeting—when Jane en-tered and announced "Mr. Atherton." Hastily she scrambled up from the stool on which she was sitting to greet the tall, stately-looking man who followed on the servant's heels. "I did not expect you," she remarked, holding out her hand.
"No; I was not sure until this morning that I could come today. Will you give me a cup of tea? It is cold and raw out of

taking her tea alone-her father was absent.

Before Nancy could ring the bell Jane appeared with a cup and saucer.
"How is Mr. Grainger?" asked the gentleman, as he took from Nancy's hand a cup of the cheering beverage.
"He is about as usual, thank you."

"Yes."
I thought so. I am glad to find you alone, Nancy, for I want to have a little serious conversation."
Nancy started. Was he going to insist upon a date for their wedding. She had hitherto most carefully avoided discussing details.

details.

"Can't you put off what you want to say?" "Why?" Mr. Atherton's finely chiseled face ex-pressed cold surprise, although a keen ob-

some claret cup. Meanwhile, little lady, I want you to render a true and particular account of yourself. The girls said someness as well in the glance of his eyes—a look at once searching and anxious. thing about your being engaged, but I felt "I don't know. I think I spoke idly.

"You are aware that my custom is to come straight to the point. Nancy, after sure they were only fooling. Tell me so, Up leaped the bright color into the girl's very serious deliberation I have come to face, deserting it a moment later, and causing her, by contrast, to look quite white

the conclusion that we are not altogether suited to each other." The girl's heart gave a great bound. Could

In a flash—all at once—she knew her own heart, understood what before had been so it be possible that she would be spared her painful confession? She looked up with vague. But she was brave by nature, and did not break down at once."

incredulous wonder. Do you really mean-is it possible you want to break our engagement?"

Philip Atherton's manner of reply to this question was characteristic of the man.

I do not want to hurt you, and if you lesire it very much will fulfill the contract into which we entered. But you must admit that we have very few tastes in common and I feel sure that in the future -we should regret our union as a great Since when have you made this dis-

I think-it is difficult to say-I mean, I have realized for some time that we are unsuited to each other."
"Then why did you not speak before?"

"That is a singular question. I naturally eared to upset you." But you must have known all along that

"And do you now?"
"I am just beginning to learn."

You flatter me.' "I speak the truth. And I am thankful you see matters in the same light as I do. We are most unsuited to each other."

Nancy, with the bright sparkle of hope in her eyes and a brilliant color in her soft cheeks, was a very lovely object and her recalcitrant lover was moved beyond con-trol. Stepping forward he seized her almost

roughly in his arms and held her tightly.
"I don't think now I will give you up!"
"Philip, you hurt me!" she said, alarmed at this unusual proceeding on the a man generally so phiegmatic. V passionate kiss on her lips he released her and took up his former position. To Nancy's at this moment. She stole a timid glaner at Mr. Atherton. He was standing calm and cold—a figure carved in marble. "What an extraordinary being he is!" was her inward comment. Both were glad when a little later Mr. Grainger returned home. Nancy availed herself of the first opportunity that presented itself to escape to her

relationship to her father.

The new year was five days old when Nancy and Charlie stood side by side once more. They were watching the moon rise over the white landscape and as the girl nestled close to her handsome young lover's side a deep wave of thankfulness swept over her heart—thankfulness for the present over her heart-thankfulness for the present love, the bright future, and, above all, that she had been saved from the misery of loveless union

"I should certainly have drifted into it if had not met you again," she whispered. Charlie comforted her by saying that he would never have permitted her to marry 'that cold-blooded fellow," even if he had been obliged to run away with her. "But," he added, "his conduct is a perfect enigma to me. He must have cared for you in his wn way, so way give you up voluntarily? The young man's wonder was great as his yes rested on the charming face and fair uffled hair pressed against his breast. How could any man in his senses willingly yield up such a treasure as sweet, dainty Nancy? The puzzle was explained a month or so later, when they saw the announcement of Atherton's marriage to a wealthy heiress-a recie. Not love, but ambition, was the lominant passion of his nature, and he intended his wife's money to be the steppingstone to his aggrandizement. And Merry ejoiced exceedingly at the turn events had taken.

THE SNAKE WAS GRATEFUL.

Clever Enough to Repay Kindness that Had Been Shown to It. Edgar B. Haymend, one of San Francisco's parristers, has been a close student of natiral history, and has succeeded in gathering some very interesting information regarding the birds of the air, the beasts of the land and the fishes of the seas. Incidentally he has been able to collect a few snake statis-

"I once knew a case," said Mr. Haymond to some listeners in the Occidental hotel

ics, says the San Francisco Call.

recently, "wherein a snake displayed not only an unusual amount of affection, but a great deal of courage. It appears that some years ago a professor of natural history from an eastern university was sent to the southern part of Yucatan to investigate the snakes of that section. I might state that he was a very humane man and frequently displayed it. One afternoon while walking over a desert, thinking of little but the time he would arrive at camp, he heard a peculiar rattling sound that seemed to come from inder a pile of rocks. He at once made an investigation and was rewarded by the discovery of a mastedon rattlesnake, which he was on the point of dispatching so as to put out of misery, as the read so fallen that a portion the snake's body was badly mangled and torn. In the matter of taking the reptile's life he hesitated, owing to the pathetic and pleading expression in the wounded creature's eyes. It quite unnerved him to commit murder, so he rolled the rocks off and awaited results, which in the shape of very pronounced gratitude, The delighted and thankful creature wriggled over to him and rubbed his leg with a grateful air that was bound to last. The professor was moved by this exhibition, and, having some cotton in his valise, he bound up the wounded part and left the snake as comfortable as possible. The next day he left Yucatan for Guatemala and was gone over five years. On his return to Yucatan he again had occasion to pass over the desert, and, greatly to his surprise, en-countered the same reptile a few miles from where the previous incident had occurred The recognition was mutual, and the rattler coiled about his leg, licked his hand with a friendly tongue and showed marked and industrious appreciation. When the professor took up his march again the snake followed him and even insisted upon getting in the wagon and becoming a regular oc-

cupant.' "Look here, Edgar, ain't you going a lit-

tle too far with that yarn?" inquired a friend. "Not as far as the snake is going. To continue. He finally got back east and had for a traveling companion the snake, which was allowed to wander at will. As a natural consequence the professor and his dumb companion became the best of chums, and it was a common thing to see the naturalist walking out in the road with his snake giding along beside him. Well-now here comes the real point of the story-one night after the professor had retired and left the snake downstairs in the dining room he was suddenly awakened by the crash of glass, followed by the falling of a heavy body. He rose up in his bed, only to hear a groan and the crushing of bones. In a flash he bounded into his dressing-gown and repaired to the room whence came the sounds of strife. Imagine his horror, on striking a light, to see his pet snake colled around a man's bleeding body, which it had lashed to the stove and was hugging violently. On the floor was a burglar's dark lantern and a kit of tools, while the snake, in order to display its presence of mind, had his tail out of the practicable. The following afternoon she was seated by the fire in the drawing room.

"What for?" inquired a listener in breathess excitement.

"Rattling for a policeman." In Montrose, N. J., there is a foreman of printing office who has a series of "pigeon"

noles" back of his deak. One day he pulled off his cuffs, rolled them up and placed them in the aforesaid pigeon holes. Soon a little wren flew through the window of the office and decided that inside the rolled cuffs would be a good nesting place. She was not disturbed, and is now sitting on her little eggs, the little window being left open for her. No one is allowed to molest the bird or disturb its rest.

Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria. Children Cry for Pitcher's Castoria.

"This is Slumpton board day, is it not?"

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