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OR, THE FAWS OF SPRINGSOFF. (Continued from tast week.)

"Yes, yes," she replied; "but papa, and where is my manning

Jane, collect yourself, my treasure. You an impression that some calamity is to are overcome with sorrow. The parting occur either to him or me," from Charles Osborne has been too much

"Parkage it was wrong to mention his name," whispered William, "May it not occasion a relapse, mother?"
"No," she replied. "I want to touch her heart, and got her to weep if pos-

aible. "I would like to see you my papa," she caplied. "I should be glad to hear that he forgives me ; how glad! how glad!

That's all that troubles you poor Jane; all in the world that troubles her poor heart =f think These words were attered in a tone of such deep and inexpressible misery, and with such an innocent and childlike an-

consciousness of the calamity which weighed her down, that no heart possess not fear my heart, paps, but I do my ing common humanity could avoid being head? here is where the danger lies here ercome.
"Look on me, love," exclaimed her her hand to her forehead, and gave a faint

father. "Your pupe is here, ready to pity smile of melancholy apprehension. and forgive you.

"William," said Agnes, "a thought strikes me the air that Charles played ever since, you know it go get your flute and play it with as much feeling as you

Jane made no reply to her father's words. She sat musing, and once or twice put up her hand to her sidelocks, but immediately withdraw it, and again foll into a reverle. Sometimes her face brightened into the fatal smile, and again became overshadowed with a gloom that seemed to proceed from a feeling of nat-ural grief. Indeed the play of meaning and insanity, as they chased each other ewen sight, even to an indifferent beholder, much less to those who then stood

William in about a minute returned with his flute, and placing himself behind her, commenced the ate in a spirit more mouraful probably than any in which it had ever before been played. For a long time she noticed it not; that is to say, she betrayed no external marks of attention to the They could perceive, however, that although she neither moved nor looked around her, yet the awful play of her features coased, and their expression bec came more intelligent and natural. At length she sighed deeply several times, though without appearing to hear the music; and at length, without uttering a word to any one of them, she laid her head upon her father's besom, and the bears fell in placed torrents down her cheeks, By a signal from his hand, Mr. Sinclair intimated that for the present they should be silent; and by another addressed to William, that he should play on. He did so, and she wept copionally under the influence of that charmed

melody for more than twenty minutes. "It would be well for me," she at length said, "that is, I fear it would, that I had never heard that air, or seen him who first sent its melancholy music to my heart. He is gone; but whenwhen will he return?

" by not take his departure so heavily, dear child," said her father. "If you were acquainted with life and the world you would know that a journey to the Continent is nothing. Two years to one

fut my love for him my love for him that now is my misery. I must however, roly upon other strength than my own, I must however, Papa, kneel down and pray for me and you, mamma and all of you; for I fear I

am myself incapable of praying as I used to da, with an undivided heart."

Her father knelt down, but knowing her weak state of mind, he made his supplication as short and simple as might be consistent with the discharge of a duty so

"Now" said she, when it was con-cluded, "will you, memma, and Agnes help me to bed; I am very much exhausted, and my heart is mak as if it were never to beat lightly again. It may yet; I would hope it hope it if I could."

They allowed her her own way, and without any allusion whatsoever to Charles, or his departure, more than she had made herself, they embraced her; and in a few minutes she was in bed, and as was soon evident to Agnes, who watched her, in a sound sleep.

The next morning they arose earlier than usual, in order to watch the mood in which she might awake; and when Agnes, who had been her bed-fellow, camedown stairs, every eye was turned upon her with an anxiety proportioned to the disastrous consequences that might result from any unfavorable turn in her state of

"Agnes," said her father, "how is she! in what state! in what frame of

"She appears much distressed, papfeels conscious that Charles is gone—but as yet has made no allusion to their partine yesterday. Indeed I do not think she remembers it. She is already up, and begged this moment of me to leave her to herself for a little,

"I want strength, Agnes," said she,

and I know there is but one source from
which I can obtain it. Advice, consolation and sympathy, I may and will receive here; but strength—strength is
what I most stand in need of, and that
only can proceed from Him who gives rest
to the heavy laden."

"You feel too deeply, Jane," I replied;

you should try to be firm."

I not been unwell, very unwell? Your teelings, dear Jane, overcame you resterdey, as was natural they should but now yot are calm, of course you will not yield to despondency or melancholy. Your dejection, though at present deep, will soon pass away, and ere many days you will be as cheerful as

"I hope so; but Charles is gone, is he

he should travel for his health; besides, have you not found a plan of correspondence with each other?"

"Then," proceeded Agnes," she pulled out the locket which contained his hair, and after looking on it for about a minute, she kissed it, pressed it to her heart, and whilst in the act of doing so, a few tears ran down her cheeks."

"I am glad of that," observed her mother; it is a sign that this heavy grief will not long abide upon her."

" She then desired me," continued Agnes, " to leave her, and expressed a sense of her own weakness, and the necessity of spiritual support, as I have already told one I am sure the worst is over.

When Jane appeared at breakfast, she was paler than usual; but then the expression of her countenance, though pensive, was natural. Mr. Sinclair placed her between himself and her mother, and each kissed her in silence ere she sat

papa. I know I must have been; but I have made my mind up to bear his absence with fortitude—not that it is his "I am hore, my own love; here I am. mere absence which I feel so severely, but

"Impressions of that kind, my dear child, are the results of low spirits and a nervous habit. You should not suffer your mind to be disturbed by them; for, when it is weakened by suffering, they gather strength, and sometimes become

"There is no bearing my calamity, pape, as it ought to be borne, without the grace of God, and you know we must pray to be made worthy of that. I dare say that if I am resigned and submissive that my usual cheerfulness will gradually return. I have confidence in heaven, papa, but none in my own strength, or I should rather my in my own weakness. I know it is excessive, and I indeed think its excess is a disease. Yet it is singular I do

"Wait, Jane," said her brother, "just wait for a week or ten days, and if you don't scold yourself for being now so when they first met has been her favorite childish, why never call me brother ever since, you know it go get your flute again. Sure I understand these things like a philosopher. I have been three times in love myself."

Jane looked at him, and a faint sparkle of her usual good nature lit up her coun-

" But who were you in love with, Wil-

liam," asked Agnes. "I was smitten first with Kate Sharp, the Applewoman, in consideration of her charming method of giving me credit for fruit when I was a school-boy, and had no money. I thought her a very interesting woman, I assure you, and proferred my suit to her with signal success. I say signal, for you know she was then, as she to now, very hard of hearing, and I was

forced to pay my suit to her by signs."
"Dear William," said she, "I see your motive, and love you for it; but it is too soon iny spirits are not yet in tone for mirth or pleasantry—but they will be-they will be. I know its too bud to permit an affliction that is merely sentimental to bear me down in this manner; but I cannot help it, and you must all only look on me as a weak, foolish girl, and forgive me, and pity me.

She then retired, and for the remainder of that day confined herself partly to her

bed, and altogether to her chamber; and it was observed, that from the innocent caprices of a sickly spirit, she called Ag-nes, and her mother and Maria—somethnes one, and sometimes another and had them always about her, each to hear a particular observation that occurred to her, or to ask some simple question of no importance to any person except to one whose mind had become too sensitive upon the subject which altogether en-grossed it. Towards evening she had a long fit of weeping, after which she appeared more calm and resigned. She made Agnearead herachapter in the Bible, and expressed a resolution to bear everything she said, as became one she hoped not yet beyond the reach of Divine grace and Christian consolation.

After a second night's sleep she arose considerably relieved from the gloomy grief which had nearly wrought such a dreadful change in her intellect. Her father's plan of imperceptibly engaging her attention by instruction and amasement was carried into effect by him and her sisters, with such singular success, that at the lapse of a month she was al-most restored to her wonted spirits. We

most restored to her wonted spirits. We say almost, because it was observed that notwithstanding her apparent serenity, she never afterwards reached the same degree of cheerfulness, nor so richly exhibited in her complexion that purple glow, the hue of which lies like a visible charm upon the cheek of youthful beauty. Time, however, is the best philosopher, and our heroine found that are many weeks she could, with the exception of slight intervals, look back upon the day of separation from Osborne, and forward to the expectation of his return, with a calimness of spirit by no means unplease. calmages of spirit by no means anpleas-

confidence in his affection. His first letter son it d, relieved, transported her. Indeed, so completely was she overcome on receiving it, that the moment it was placed in her hands, her eyes seemed to have been changed into light, her limbs trembled with the agitation of a happiness so intense; and she at length sank into an ecatacy of joy, which was only relieved by a copious flood of tears.

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For two years after this their correspondence was as regular as the uncertain motions of a tourist could permit it. Jane appeared to be happy, and she was so within the limits of an enjoyment, narrowed in its character by the contingency arising from time and distance, and the other probabilities of disappointment which a timid heart and a pensive fancy will too often shape into certainty. Fits of musing and melancholy she often had without any apparent cause, and when gently taken to task, or remonstrated with concerning them, she had only replied by weeping, or admitted that she could by no means account for her depression, ex-

no means account for her depression, ex-cept by saying that she believed it to be a defect in the habit and temper of her His tutor's letters, both to Charles' fither and here, were nearly as welcome to Jaue as his own. He, in fact, could say that for his pupil, which his pupil's modesty would not permit him to say for himself. Oh! how her heart glowed, and conscious pride sparkled in her eye, when that worthy man described the character of manly beauty which time and travel had gradually given to his person! Aud when his progress in knowledge and accomplishments, and the development of his taste and judgment became the theme of his taster's panegyric, she could not listen his tator's panegyric, she could not listen without betraying the vehement enthusiasm of a passion, which absence and time had only strengthened in her

These letters induced a series of sensations at once novel and delightful, and such as were calculated to give zest to an attachment thus left to support itself, not from the presence of its object, but from the memory of tenderness that had already gone by. She knew Charles Osborne only as a boy -a beautiful boy it is true-and he knew her only as a graceful creature, whose extremely youthful appearance made it difficult whether to consider her merely as an advanced girl, or as a young female who had just passed into the first stage of womanhood. But now her fancy and affection had both room to indulge in that vivacious play which delights to paint a lover absent under such circumstances in the richest hues of imaginary

"How will he look," she would say to her sister Agnes, "when he returns a young man, settled into the fulness of his growth? Taller he will be, and much more manly in his deportment. But is there no danger, Agnes, of his losing in grace, in delicacy of complexion, in short, of losing in beauty what he may gain oth-

"No, my dear, not in the least; you will be ten times prouder of him after his return than you ever were. There something much more noble and dignified in the love of a man than in that of a boy, and you will feel this on seeing him."

"In that case, Agnes, I shall have to fall in love with him over again, and to fall in love with the same individual twice, will certainly be rather a novel case a double passion, at least, you will grant, Agnes.

"But he will experience sensations quite as singular on seeing you, when he returns. You are as much changed—improved I mean—in your person, as he can be for his life. If he is not a fine fullgrown young man, you are a tall, elegant —I don't want to flatter you, Jane—I need not say graceful, for that you always were, but I may add with truth, a majestic young woman. Why, you will scarcely know each other.' "You do flatter me, Agnes; but am !

so much improved?" "Indeed you are quite a different girl from what you were when he saw you."
"I am glad of it; but as I told him once, it is on his account that I am so glad; do you know, Agnes, I never was vain of my beauty until I saw Charles?"

"Did you ever feel proud in being beautiful in the eyes of another, Jane?" "No, I never did—why should I?" "Well, that is not vanity—it is not love visible in a different aspect, and not the least amiable either, my dear."

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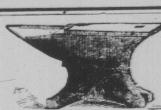
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