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Something had evidently occurred to grieve Miss Fanny Burton-a lovely young girl of seventeen.

Otten of lace she would sit alone in her own little room, in her

copt me, Matilda has one, So has will have no other person!" Bell, And so has Lucy. Why She remained locked in her room, Grimwell. cannot I have one ?

her mirror to see her pretty face, house. her mirror to see her pretty face, with fair skin, hazel eyes, and brown hair.

Then there was a knock at the door and, when Fanny unlocked it, also colored, but somehow the fact proved himself the real champion in

Cortainly her beauty was not inferior to that of her three elder sisc lately seen a fine looking youth of have you disturbed. He spoke read these lines: twenty-a midshipman-named quite tenderly." Frank Forman, belonging to the Ringgold, a sloop-of-war, commanded by Captain Crimwell, one of her father's old friends.

Although she thought she had tine. Bella was indignant, never before seen so attractive a not progress at the social gatherings Don't you let him persuade you. loved you, but said he could not where they met, and it was this that vexed the pretty damsel.

Such bushfulness on Frank's part in female company resulted, as it ly answered Fanny. has sometimes happened in the case of a young man of his age, from the respect, amounting almost to veneration, which he had for women, and which inspired him with a feeling something like that of inferiority well can't to the house. when in their presence.

Fanny's sister Bella said to her but you are a little ninny for doing so. He is bashful, and a bashful man cannot be brave. I for one have no confidence in your bashful men."

She had placed her lamp reading. She had placed her lamp happiness lighting her face she passed the note to her father, and the men."

The entrance of Mr. Burton-the sation between them on the sub-

"Fanny," said Mr. Burton, "Captain Grimwell, my old friend, Fabruary-to morrow. You will tion."

"Certainly, papa" "When he saw you at the last party he took a great liking to you," continued Mr. Burton, as Fanny thought, very significantly,

"Let me see, papa, he is about vour age, is he not," said Bella. "Well, yea-about auxty-two; but

Was it possible, thought Fanny, that her father wanted her to as it took fire. encourage Captain Grimwell as a

ailtor f She feared so, when, on the after-

tender, expression of his eves,

continued.

"Bella will probably receive smoke, some," Fanny replied, "bat I—I," Ste dashed her hand against one here she faltered, and in spite of of the panes of glass, breaking it,

don't know," said Fanny, from the roof, arrived close to the blushing deeply.
"Well, apoke up the captain, blantly, "if the young men will not send you say, I know an old man who will.

erdir Pr cold mondeyllable, Captain Grim- away the each, frame and all. well went on :

from you, sir,"

ing, as she spoke. "I shall send it, at all events,"

said Grimwell, "and you can do as thing is certain-Faint heart never help," cried the youth. won fair lady'-and so I am resolved A second time he mounted to the to send the valentine,"

the apartment, and ran up to her meaced to aght the flames. own room, where the tears fell like It was perilous work, owing to the

firm on that point. It I cannot tinguished. As times she would murmur to have the one I want"-and here The gallant young mid then criminating rates against other herself : "They all have beans exc there was a fresh burst of tears-"I asked to see Fanny Burton, saying railway companies, then the Gov-

Then she would rise and look in saw Captain Grimwell leave the which the fair girl was now in addition to the Government

Hella came in. ters just named, and, as she had is the matter? Our visitor inquired seemed to have removed some of his said, were provided with beaus, for you. He wanted to bid you bashfulness, Fanny, who was of a sweet temper good bye. Papa and I said we "I have a and kind disposition, did not bec would look for you and bring you. Burton, from Captain Grimwell," gradge her sisters the happiness of But he then answered that he would be said. loving and of being loved in return; not permit it—that, perhaps, you but the plain truth was that she had had a headache, and he would not

"Did hel" said Fanny, clinching her little white teeth.

Then she related what the cap-

"It shall go into the fire," prompt-

but in her excitement she walked

by a small table, near a clothes Furman-is! to tell him that you one day : "You like Frank Furman, press, and picking up a small book, cannot accept my gift." endeavored to divert her mind by

morning when Fanny's book dropped. father of the two sisters soon from her hand, and she unconscious- papa. she was half waked by a knocking with blushes, running out of the noise, which would cause her to room. Her father read the letter without opening her eyes. The noise was produced by a stage ing hanging by ropes from the 100f, some carpenters whom Mr. Burton had lately employed not having yet finished their work. The staging, hanging about twenty feet below the window of Fanny's room, and within about three feet of the ground, for his letter. "You must read in about three feet of the ground, this to understand what I mean."

Her father read the letter without finished their without for his old friend, Captain for his old friend, C please to show him every atten- had lately employed not having yet for bringing the young people

All at once starting in her sleep note.

closet was creekling and anapping that he had detected the flames shining through the window near
The flames now came rolling Fanny's form in season to effect her

forth in sheets, and the door of the spartment was in a few minutes

noon of the next day, the captain selled and was particularly attentive to her. He was sturdy, and broad shouldered, with gray hair and whickers, and honest, penetrated the smoke and the heat, she groped the sindex her way to the septed.

From the moment Frank learned that Fanny accepted him for her valentine his bachfulness gradually forsock him, and it was not long shricks, while, nearly smothered by the smoke and the heat, she groped damsel to be his wife, and was accepted.

confused as she was by terror, Fan- although it had come out unharmed. "To morrow is St. Valentine's ny found them so on this occasion. She was also forced to acknowledge day," he remarked, at last.
"Yes, sit," she answered.

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"Yes, sit," she answered. "I suppose you and your sisters while she heard the hissing and showed that a man might be bashful will get heaps of valentines?" he crackling of the flames, but could and at the same time be very brave. hardly breathe on account of the

"Miss Borton, where are you?" Fanny recognized as that of Frank Furman, the young midstipman. She faintly answered; then there

"I know an old man who will. Up Fanny, and, getting as:raddle of You will receive a valentine from the window-sill, bade her cling firmme between this time and suprise by to his neck with both arms. Re-"From you?" cried Fanny, in in- his directions, so he was enabled to dignant surprise. "Really, 1-1- slide down the staging-rope with her could not think of accepting one to the ground. There he found her father, who had been aroused by the She rose, her cheeks hotly flush- noise that had been made, and to

"I will climb up there again, and you like about accepting it. One do my best, sir, while you go for

young girl.

burning room, and finding a pail As stately as a swan, Fanny, there he rapidly drew water from a with rustling skirts, swept out of pump in the apartment, and com-

rain from her pretty, dark eyes, thick smoke which almost sufficated "I understand it all, now," she him, but although badly scorched, paving anything for it. murmured to herself. "The affair and, for the time, half blinded, he has been arranged between pape contrived to keep the flames in and Grimwell. That captain has check until Mr. Burton came to his Government subsidy being \$12,000, been selected as a husband for me. assistance with several neighbors, and if the Northern Pacific Juncfather's honse, with a bright flush But I will not have him. No! of A ladder and hose had been obtainon each check, and tears in her dark course not! They shall find me ed, and thus the fire was finally ex. Company, or the Hamilton and

he had a note for her from Captain ernment step in, and take the link

seated.

of his having had the young lady in this particular case of Ontario rail-"Why, Fanny !" she cried, "what his arms when he rescued her way rights.

"I have a letter for you, Misa

Her eyes flashed indignantly, but she took the letter, and, opening it,

"I send you a valentine, as I promised. As you can see for yourself this valentine is Frank Farmen, one of my midshipmen. tain had said to her about a valen- Of course, you can accept him or not, as you choose. The other day "I think as you do," she said- he came to me-his old captain, who youth, yet, as she was shy and he "that papa yould like to have you has always been his friend-in very bashful, their acquaintance did encourage this Grimwell as a suitor, much trouble, and told me that he What will you do with his valen- overcome his bashfulness enough to even become better acquainted with you. I told him that 'Faint heart never won fair lady,' and promised, There was I ttle sleep for her that | if he would take a letter from me to night. She did not even go to hed; you that he would soon learn you that he would soon learn medicine. It cures permanently where whether or not his company would other medicines have failed. As a blood her room for hours, dressed exactly be agreeable to you. He does not as she had been when Captain Grim- knew what is in this letter; so all von have to do if you do not want Finally she and down in a rocker this valentine of mine-this Frank

Rosey red became the cheeks of

"Tell him I accept the valentine, after, put an end to further conver- ly fell into a doze. Occasionally And then away she went, covered are prepared to fight.

is coming to see us on the 13th of ing hanging by ropes from the roof, tain Grimwell, had previously con-

awayed, scraping and knocking this to understand what I mean." breed murderers now awaiting against the side of the house Words were inadequate to express execution at Regins, will be carried

All at once starting in her sleep as captain of the sloop of war Rings weld—the finest vessel in the American navy—his position is one that even a young lady might be proud of. He wears his age well, too; in fact—ah—in fact, young ladies have even married and heen happy with older men than he."

With that Mr. Button left the room.

All at once starting in her sleep at the sleep and yet not waking, and yet not waking, the young girl's elbow struck the latter had been given to him by his captain on the might before, to be delivered early this morning, he had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to hover about the vicinity of the had been unable to resist the temptation to have a described to the letter had been given to him by his captain on the might before, to be delivered early this morning, he had been unable to resist the temptation to hove a beautism, we have resolved to place the had been unable to resist the temptation to hove a beautism, we have resolved to place the had been unable to resist the temptation to have a significant and adsentation of the litter had been unable to resist the temptation to have many remarkable curse.

It fell—making but little noise—

It fell—making but little noise—

It fell—making but little noise—

It fell—making but little noi

resone from a terrible death in the room, as shown.

At length Mr. Burton went out, and Fanny and the visitor were the only occupants of the room.

The window sashes were closed and intently at her for a few moments. She felt nnear, for the did not like the gentle, almost her to move, and weakened and we

Important to Ontario. (Terente World.) While the premier province is

here she faltered, and in spite of every effort on her part to keep the tears back, they came out on her eyelashes. "I do not expect any."

"How is that? Perhaps you are too shy with the young men, she poke, and stroked his gray whishers.

"I don't know" said Farry (complete strokes) and the morning of the panes of glass, breaking it, while the premier province is convulsed over bribery scandals in Toronto, something of tar more importance to Ontario has been secured at Ottawa, and that by a government which has been accused of being hostileto Ontario's interest. In the railway committee of the House the other day the bill relating to the Northern and the Hamilton and Northwestern railways and the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the staging ropes, hanging, as stated, the convention of the province is convulsed over bribery scandals in Toronto, something of tar more importance to Ontario has been secured at Ottawa, and that by a government which has been accused of being hostileto Ontario's interest. In the railway committee of the House the other day the bill relating to the Northern and the Hamilton and Northwestern railways and the construction of the Gravenhurst Saws and Shingle Mill Machinery and Callendar link was under consideration. Mr. Abbott said there came a clear, manly voice, which were two points that should be particularly attended to in the agreement that it was proposed to make between the Government and Not in the least abashed by the was a crash as the youth kicked the Northern Pacific Railway Junction Company, chartered last He sprang into the room, caught year to construct the link. The agreement should mention that the Pacific Railway Junction Company must not only give equal rates to all vived by the fresh air she followed railway companies over its line between Gravenhurst and Callendar, but also that the other companies who propose to join in supplying the funds necessary for constructing the link should be bound to give equal whose care he now resigned the rates from the front to Gravenhurst and from Gravenhurst to the front. Then, secondly, if this condition were at any time violated, the penalty should be not merely the forfeiture of the bonns given by the Government but the forfeiture as well of the amount the road cost UNDERTAKING DEPARTMENT over and above the \$12,000 a mile bonus given by the Government;

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