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WE LOVES HER THE BEST.

In all her gracious loveliness She stooped and gave a fond caress Unto the lad with curls of gold, Who had been gently kissed and told This lady was to be a mother To him and his wee baby brother.

That night, unmindful of the bride, He stole unto his father's side; Upon his knee he climbed and said, With tearful eyes and low bent head: "Our new mamma is sweet and kind And good; but, if you wouldn't mind,

"Dear papa, me and little brother Would rather have our other mother, The one who went away one day; Nurse says 'twas just a year last May (A sigh escaped the tiny breast), 'Coz, papa, we loves her the best."

-Pearson's Weekly.

HOW A GIRL DROVE AWAY A WORTHY LOVER AND WAS SORRY.

"If I go, Rosalie," Harry Reynolds said, "remember that I shall not return." He made a step toward her and continued, "Have you not a word for me, Rosalie?"

"I do not think of anything further that I wish to say," she responded coldly.

Harry gazed at her a moment and then rushed from the room.

"Cold hearted, selfish girl!" he exclaimed.

For a few seconds after his departure Rosalie retained her indifferent position, but all her senses were alive to catch his lightest movement. Of course he would return, and when he behaved properly and asked her pardon and submissively he should have it, but to be lectured and scolded in that manner was more than she would bear. In vain did she listen. An hour, then two, then three hours passed by, and sick at heart Rosalie went up to her room and cried herself to sleep.

Rosalie was warm hearted and quick tempered, but was easily appeased. She was also passionately fond of admiration and quite as much bent on having her own way as was good for her. These faults, however, did not prevent the village beaus from being at her disposal, and hitherto she had been nearly impartial in her treatment of them, having no mind to give up the general homage by fixing upon

But lately there had been a difference in her feelings. She had acknowledged there was a charm in Harry Reynolds' attentions such as she had never found in any other. A thrill new and delicious went through her when their eyes met, and she read the admiration which he vainly tried to repress. Harry had a high ideal of womanly excellence which Rosalie by no means came up to, but in spite of her frivolities and his own misgivings they were frequently together and fast verging toward an explanation when that destiny which appears to delight in the annoyance of lovers introduced an element of discord into their happiness.

Mr. Clarence Dalton came up from the city on a visit to his uncle. He was handsome, agreeable, wealthy and noted for the careful elegance of his attire. The girls were enchanted with him, and Rosalie alone regarded him with seeming indifference. She said to herself with virtuous resolution, she must be careful now. Harry might be wounded if she received attentions from such a lion.

Happy for her had this prudent disposition lasted. But the old spirit came up after awhile. She was entirely accustomed to queening it in her little world, and her vanity was piqued that Mr. Dalton did not at all seem struck by her charms. It was quite a Christian duty to give Mr. Dalton a lesson in good taste. So by a few little feminine lures, such as a pretty girl well knows how to practice, he was attracted to her side, and once there he seemed exceedingly well pleased to

Harry could endure it no longer and in the interview whose close we have portrayed determined to "put his fortune to the touch to win or lose it all." Conscious of her power, indignant, with some justice, that he should assume to dictate her conduct when he had never openly declared his love, Rosalie had responded by a series of flippant, exasperating little speeches which drove Harry almost to despair. She intended to relent in time, but pride, vanity and a certain triumph in knowing that his whole manly heart was hers to play with at will wrought sad mischief.

Rosalie had no doubt that Harry would come the next evening as usual and all could easily be made right again. But the evening came and went and no Harry. What could it mean? Surely he loved her, and if so he could not stay away. She would wait patiently since it was all that she could it was for you, Rosalie. I

The next evening Mr. Dalton called, but Rosalie sent down word that she was ill and asked to be excused. Yet as night after night went by and Harry did not return her submissive mood changed. She would show Mr. Harry Reynolds that she was not suffering from the withdrawal of his presence. There were other people quite delight-

ed to be in her company. The next time Mr. Dalton came she did not decline to see him, but came down and was as friendly and pleasant as could be desired. The young man noticed a more womanly thoughtfully ness in her manner than he had hitherto observed and wondered what

might be the cause. Poor Harry's state meanwhile was | ner far from enviable. For the first 24 hours he maintained a fierce resent- for ment. But as the days came and went he softened little by little until every

determination seized him to seek Rosalie and try to efface the memory of his previous sternness.

Toward evening he wended his way to her home with the sweetest anticipations of reconciliation and affection. With every step she seemed to grow lovelier and dearer than before. But as he neared the gate a sight met his eyes which speedily cooled down the fervid tones of his fancy painting. It dum books. 5. One who makes known. was Mr. Dalton assisting Rosalie to 6. Heavenly. 7. A fluid obtained from dismount from her horse. The exercise had brought a bright flush to her cheek, letter. and she was fairly dazzling. She perceived Harry in time to bestow on him a very distant bow and then turned, with added empressment, to her companion. Harry changed his intentions at once, walked by the house in the most leisurely and indifferent manner and proceeded to call upon that obnoxious Nellie Kellis, whom Rosalie regarded so superciliously.

Mr. Dalton meanwhile found his affairs in a somewhat perplexing state. Flirtation had been since his eleventh year the element in which he delighted to exist. Matrimony with its cares and responsibilities was to him the most distant of prospects and must offer extra inducements to make him forsake his freedom. Now, however, he began to feel himself very seriously interested in a person who had not one claim to fashion, family or fortune-a little village girl who wore dresses of her own fitting and made all the pies and cakes that appeared on her table. Whether she really cared for him or regarded him as a friend or simply as an admirer was impossible to say.

Other people were not slow in draw- themselves .- New York Herald. ing their conclusions, and before three weeks were over the village authorities in such cases declared it would be a match.

Harry could not in his heart deny the reasonableness of their predictions. He had the grief of believing that his wishes, hopes and affections were nothing to Rosalie. Yet had he anything but his own harshness to blame for the change? He was miserable, but his own act had caused the misery.

stately lady of some forty odd years, well preserved and a leader of society. Clarence was her only boy and the tiful flower. 14. A heavenly body. 15. object of a great many ambitious dreams. The marriage which looked to her so misty and far away was to her a very near reality. She had selected a girl of his rank for a wife, when, lo, there came a rumor that struck her to the heart. Could it be that Clarence was about to make a fool of himself? She wrote a letter to her son in which she expressed perfect confidence in his discretion and her assurance that he would do nothing foolish or imprudent,

Mr. Clarence's brow as he read the maternal effusion was clouded with thought. Where, in the name of common sense, could there be any danger in a marriage with such a charming girl as Rosalie Ames? As for the danger of her heart, he wished he were a little surer of it. He felt at that moment that his own was in a much more perilous position than hers.

As Harry walked that afternoon along the broad road leading from his house he was attracted by almost inarticulate groans, and looking a few yards into the distance he saw a senseless form lying in his path, while a mad horse dashed furiously down the road. As he drew nearer he recognized the dark, tasteful riding suit which he had seen Dalton wear so often before. And passing from the clothing his eyes rested upon the face, pale as death, of the unconscious man.

Good and bad angels tugged at Harry's soul for one moment in a mortal conflict. What call had be to interfere in his behalf? The sneering fop who had blighted all his hopes! Let him stay there and die. But in the next moment, forgetting all but the welfare of his fellow being, he snatched off his overcoat and raised Dalton's head and rested it upon it. Then, with frantic haste, he summoned aid, and all that skill and care could do was employed for the sufferer's restoration. Harry hung over him, pale and agonized, the accusing voice ever ringing in his ears. "God forgive me!" he cried. "That wicked delay."

At last signs of returning life were visible, and ere long the physicians assured the watchers round that all was hopeful. Rest and good nursing alone were needed.

Harry quietly stole away and resumed his walk. Wandering thus, quite forgetful of the outer world, he encountered a well known form-Rosalie stood in his path, her cheeks pallid, her eyes swollen with weeping. Sh did not seek to avoid him, but seem waiting for him to speak. He took ' hand. She did not withdraw it.

felt that she knew all. "Don't hate me," he said. 'I de- | Calyx. serve no credit. I almost tur ned to leave him, for hatred and jealc usy had possession of me, and if he had died I should have been his murd .erer. But loved you so! For I have saved ' aim only to render certain the destr action of my own happiness."

Rosalie looked up at him with brimming eyes. "I don't se e why," she said softly. "I am sure t' aat nobody wishes to make you unhapr

Now, I cannot sa y whether this statement appears p: articularly lucid, but Harry was clever enough to understand it instaatly. All the troubles, trials and mi sgivings of the last few .sed like mists before the sun, and c ontent took the place of wretchedn ess in those two reunited hearts.

Clarer .ce Dalton made a very stylish best m: an at the wedding of his preservd, judging from his devoted manto the maid of honor, he did not er irremediably from his loss. As t his mother, she blesses to his day ae friendly accident that aved her darling from so terrible a misalliance.

-Brooklyn Citizen.



No. 247 .- A Diamond.

1. A letter. 2. An open wooden vessel. 3. A fictitious story. 4. Pocket memoranalcohol. 8. Found in sedateness. 9. A

No. 248.-Bird Poem Puzzle.



In the poem puzzle above words are to be supplied in place of the pictures representing them. The alternate lines must rhyme together, except the last two, which are to form a rhyming couplet by

No. 249 .- A Zigzag.

All of the words described contain the same number of letters. When these are rightly guessed and placed one below another in the order here given, the zigzag, beginning at the upper left hand letter, will spell the name of a book that has been famous for a long time.

Crosswords: 1. A large book. 2. A means of conveyance. 3. A timid animal. 4. One of the United States. 5. One of the characters found in the book named by the zigzag. 6. The first man. 7. A Mr. Dalton had a mother living, a kind of apple. 8. Christmastide. 9. Painful. 10. A famous battle fought in 1796. 11. A favor. 12. Utilized. 13. A beau-Lines of light. 16. To salute with the lips. 17. A famous square in London south of Oxford street. 18. A certain quantity. 19. A common fruit.

No. 250 .- Riddlemeree. In keen, not in sharp. In fiddle, not in harp. In fin, not in scale. In tea, not in ale. In up, not in down. In city, not in town. In lake, not in pond. In fondly, not in fond. Whole a state is found.

No. 251,-An Olio.

1. To R M D add what letter thrice repeated and have "a fleet of armed ships." 2. What word meaning "good fortune" and desired by almost every one is flanked by a consonant and a vowel, thus showing what the person must be usually to obtain the desired "hap."

3. To "border" prefix fifty and have "a ridge of rocks;" again prefix "a letter which came from the Egyptian tongue' and have "a large, heavy hammer."

No. 252 .- A Charade.

A SECOND, standing by the WHOLE, Looked on the shore receding, When murky skies above forewarned Foul weather might be breeding.

She was returning to her home, Her soul breathed out a prayer For quiet seas and gentle FIRSTS To waft her safely there.

No. 253.-A "Pack of Lies." 1. Lize who adores? 2. Lize who seeks to make all men her

3. Like who would prefer to be deep than broad? 4. Lize who Concentrates forces?

5. Lize who renders one helpless? 6: Lize who protects from germs? 7. Lize who trans to stone? 8. Lize who endows with energy?

> H ere and There. There ' was a man in our town Inve sted all his health, With madly avaricious aim, To , win the goal of wealth,

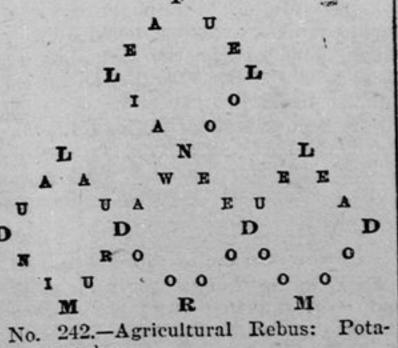
With all his might and main H e vainly lavished all his wealth To get his health again. Tes cher-What do you understand by cating population, Tommy? somas-Sailors, mum.-Tit-Bits.

An' I when the same he had attained

Key to the Puzzler. No. 237 .- What Character? Jaliet. 1. Lute. 2. I. 3. Let. 4. Lie. 5. Tie. 6. Eli. 7. Tile. 8. Jut. 9. Jute. 10.

No. 238 .- Charade: Turn-pike. No. 239 .- Square: 1. Nomad. 2. Opera. 3. Merit. 4. Arise. 5. Dates. No. 240 .- Jumbled Parts of Flowers: 1. Seed. 2. Stem. 3. Leaf. 4. Fruit. 5. Pistil. 6. Stamen. 7. Flower. 8.

No. 241.-Pyramid of Diamonds:



No. 243.-Central Acrostic: Centrals, Trenton. 1. Altar. 2. Coral. 3. Scent. 4. Tenor. 5. Latch. 6. Groan. 7. Links.

No. 244.-Geographical Anagrams: 1. Malaga. 2. Malta. 3. Hebrides. 4. Cumberland. 5. Mysore. No. 245 .- Decapitations: 1. C-row. 2. S-wan. 3. F-lute. 4. S-lumber. No. 246.-Bird Puzzle: 1. Robin. 2.

Sparrow. 3. Pewit. 4. Dove. 5. Whippoorwill. 6. Blackbird. 7. Crow. 8. Chickadee. 9. Bluebird. 10. Humming

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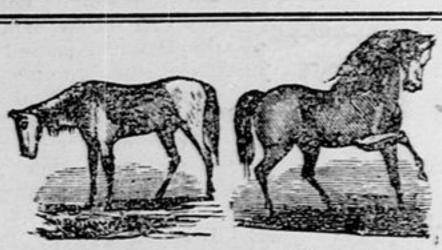
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