# UNDER THE LILAC TREE.

One morning when several visitors were all seated at luncheon. Some of the gentlemen remarked what a charitable country ours was-what large sums of money were forthcoming when any great disaster occurred.

Lord Yorke agreed. "But." he said, "I do not think we realize what the word 'famine' means. In our happy land we have seen women and children dying by the roadgrass in the pangs of hunger."

there scenes that will haunt me to my dying day-gaunt hungry men patient women dying without com- poor, poor lad!" plaint, children like spectres with famine written in their faces. I have seen mother and children lying dead to- have saved this poor man's life. gether-and it takes a long time for hunger to kill."

"Did you really witness all this?" isked Lady Yorke.

"I did." replied Mr. Devine. "I did not know," said Lady Yorke fied of hunger. I do not suppose that I quite understood the meaning of the

word 'famine.' " "Your life has been a happy one, Louise," said Lord Yorke. "You have seen only the rose-colored side of ex-

more gravely than I had expected. morning was lovely, but her mind was evidently still disturbed by the conversation of the previous day.

"Miss Chester," she said, suddenly, "have you ever seen people who were really ill from want of food?"

"Yes, very often, when I was at home with my mother. She, out of her limited means, made a point of relieving some poor person or other ev-

ery day." never, so far as I remember, relieved a poor person in my life. We send

I have seen so few poor people.' I saw that her mind was awakened. We talked on the same subject during Lady Yorke, as she came away. "If we the whole of our drive. I told her what can save little Annie, she shall be I had seen among the poor at Gracethe pathos and beauty of their lives.

"The true heroes and heroines of this world," I said, "are the uncomplaining poor."

there be heroic in poverty?"

Poverty bravely borne is true hero- days when we were alone. ism." I said. "It is easy to be happy and contented when everything goes well, when one has plenty of money, derstand it." oic than the endurance of hunger and morning. I want to talk to you." known even to herself. That woman what it is outside?" is one of heaven's own heroines."

Lady Yorks was silent and thought- half sadly.

and having no other engagement she words, but I never knew what they consented. Just waht I longed for meant. I knew only the sound not the hopened. When we reached the shop sense, until yesterday." of the principal stationer the wife of the rector was there. She knew Lady happened then?"

Mrs. Durrant was an active, energetic woman, whose life was filled with

Lady Yorke said gently: "Will you distribute this among your means of gaining her livelihood in her ations."

The eyes of the rector's wife filled to live upon." with tears. She saw in the gift relief for many from utter misery. "If you would see poverty in all its

nestly, "you should go to a place that to die of hunger!" called Sandy Fields." After the rector's wife had depart- tiful head. ed, I turned to Lady Yorke. "Will you go?" I asked her.

said, drawing her rich silks and laces attention to charity." tightly around her. "I have never seen anything of this kind."

will like to have some good deed to re- when everyone wakes to the realities mother, lest she should hart her. member. You will like to think that of life. Your time had not come."

"You frighten me," she said. "Yes, years I had truly been asleep." said

Half an hour afterward fashionable. Then they discussed what was best self-indulgent Lady Yorke stood in the to be done. Lord Yorke suggested that poorest cottage in Sandy Fields, look- one of the pretty cottages built on food, no table, no chair, no bed. It is a most bepeless case.

A contrast to Westwood," I whis- earn money enough herself. t first the woman was sul

d not speak-her

hunger. I loved him with all my heart and I had to sit and listen until I could have rushed out of the house were at Westwood the conversation to slay and rob the first person turned upon the Indian famine. We met. He died hungry, while in your house good food is wasted. Ah, my lady, your dogs and horses are better off than we are!"

I saw Lady Yorke's face grow very pale, and her eyes sought mine with a frightened look. "He mouned all night," continued

the woman, "and I had nothing to give him but water. He was not one to complain, but when death came on him in the morning he said to me. 'Ah, lassie, the rich have it in this world; we shall have it in the next!' I went side, plucking the dry roots and the out and sold the last thing that belonged to me-my wedding ring-that "I have seen something like it." morning and I bought tea and bread. I have gone past it," he said. 'It is all said Mr. Devine. "I was in Ireland over, lassie. It has come too late." during the 'potato famine,' and I saw Seven years ago when we were married he was tall and straight and handsome. He took me to a pretty home, and he worked hard for me; but trouble came whose eyes was a wolfish gleam, pale, and he died hungry. My poor lad! My

I knew that in her heart Lady Yorke was thinking of the dainties, that, sent away in capricious discontent, would

"Annie is dying the woman went on, in the same hopeless, helpless voice with a wild gleam in her eyes. "A few weeks ago food might have saved her; now it is too late. Last night I went everywhere to get one penny to buy her an orange with. She had been craving all day for an orange, and evwith a slight shudder. "that people ery time she fell asleep she dreamed that she held the orange in her hands, and that it fell to the ground. I would have done anything for one penny, but I could not get it."

For the first time I saw tears in Lady Yorke's eyes.

"Would you like very much to keep Annie with you?" she asked, and I hardly knew her voice. It had lost "That must be true," she allowed, its langour, and was clear and sweet. "Would I? Ah. my lady, Annie is the very heart that beats in my The next morning I had to drive breast!" she cried. "When she is gone with Lady Yorke to Woodheaton; she all is gone. I shall not try to live; wanted to make some purchases. The I shall lie down and die by her side." "How long is it since you tasted

food?" I asked her. "Two whole days," she replied. Her white, quivering face and trembling hands bore testimony to the truth of her words. Lady Yorke look-

ed at me. "We must help them." she said and as she uttered the words it seemed to me that a new soul shons in her eyes.

mearest shops. "Tell me what to buy. Miss Chester." she said, and a basket of food, includ-"And I," said Lady Yorke, "have ing some fine ripe oranges, was or-

The poor creature never thought of money to various charities, but I herself. I shall never forget the cry have never personally given any away. With which she saized an orange and gave it to the child; it was one of delirious delight. "I shall do all I can for you," said

And again I saw tears in the blue dieu-their patience, their industry, eyes which until now had never looked out on others' woes.

CHAPTER VII.

"Heroes and heroines!" she repeat- downstairs, alert and energetic, before erne, but we were not so agree ed. "Why, Miss Chester, what can mine. Her husband looked up in sur- ably impressed by his wife. We were that specimens of the new two-cent

plenty of food, and everything one "Do not laugh at me. Stanley." she tired me in an hour, and I am sure she can desire. What can be more her-said. "I am very much in earnest this tired her husband, too. He liked to ember 4. The new two-cent stamp is

of what the world calls heroines-Joan had generally been to ask either for really roused my curiosity." of Arc, who won a throne for her king; new jewels, or a check for some heavy Charlotte Corday who slew the enemy bill-always something for herself,

who works without ceasing, never com- world is like outside our park gates? his wife. She has such a strange name Newfoundland. One of them showed up her children well, and practices her- warmth and luxury-the roses of life ofe virtues unseen by any one, un- without the thorns. Do you know "I know something of it." he replied

ful during the rest of the day, but in "Ah, such a world, Stanley!" she the evening she relapsed into the old said. "There is sickness, sorrow, poverty, hunger. Hunger seems the hard-A few ays afterward I asked her est to bear," she continued, thinking if she would go to Wodheaton again, no doubt of those tragical words, "He is she would go to Woodheaton again, died hungry;" "and I have heard such

> Here she paused. "And then?' said Lord Yorke. "What

She told him all that had occurred. "I am glad, Louise," he said. "I have

"She shall have it," Lord Yorke said gentlemen at once." "Heaven bless me!" cried the rec- smiling. "You could not employ your "Is she a flirt?" I asked. tor's wife, startled out of all proprietime or your money better than in "To tell you the truth, Miss Chester, ty. "Why, Lady Yorke, it is only mon- relieving the poor. But all charity I could never make out exactly what by that we want! Money will purchase must be governed by discretion. While she was. I only know that we liked food, coal, clothes, shoes, and every- the woman and child are ill, keep them; her husband, and for his sake we enbut afterward, although you can go on dured her, as we shall endure her I heard the rustle of banknotes, and helping her, let her work for herself, again. They will be here next Tuesday,

> hands than to give her money enough And as I wrote them I wondered "I see that," she replied, gravely. "Oh. Stanley! If I had only thought

before now how many people I might desolation. Lady Yorke," she said ear- have saved! It must be a terrible thing He laid his hand lightly on her beau-

"I do not know, Miss Chester," she could give a little of your time and

"Why did you not tel! me so?" she be read and pondered. asked, eagerly.

you have lessened the burden of one "I shall never be so careless again. rocking-chairs, as the rockers may I feel as though through all these crush her.

Lady Yorke. was better. Lady Yorke was to allow her so much each week until she could

t will not do

So life passed on at Westwood, and no great change came until the spring. To me every birthday, every Christmas day, were as milestones on the way to heaven. As I passed each, I

was nearer to Mark. Again the lilacs were in bloom. They were not so plentiful or so beautiful as at Gracediau, but the sight and fragrance of them brought back forcibly the remembrance of my lover to me. No words can tell the sharp pain that pierced my heart when I saw the nodding plumes. Lady Yorke was fond of kilacs. While they lasted she would

her what the sight of them cost me. Schurman, who has recently removed thought I would give it a fair trial. found a tetter situation. Mrs. Clin-born in Bedique about seventy years to directions. The result was a perfect ton, with her little daughter, through ago. Some twenty-five years ago he cure and her health has been good ever Lord Yorke's kindness, went to live was sworn in as a justice of the peace, since her recovery, due, we feel sure, there. By Lady Yorke's wish I visit- and about twenty-one years ago he to the good effects of this wonderful ed them almost every day, the lilacs was appointed clerk of the county medicine. You do not know what a grew all round the west lodge-tall court, in both of which offices he has comfort it is to my wife and myself fine trees, with a wealth of fragrant given every satisfaction. Mr. Schur- to have her rest red to health. I leblossoms. Mrs. Clinton, who could man was also a farmer on a large scale | here the cure is permanent, and I shall never do enough for me, had gather- and like most men engaged in that always feel thankful for Hood's Sarered some of the finest sprays occupation led a busy life, being com- saparilla." George McFarland, Walland one morning when I went to see pelled to attend strictly to business, aceburgh. Ont. her, she held the bunches of lilac bloom but less than a year ago he retir-

If I had seen one risen from the dead

eart. I went home sad and weary. Here was the world waking up again him completely out. This is what he to the beauty and glory of spring, and tells about it, and how he was cured. my heart was sinking, my hope was dead. My lover, to whom my love, toil and drudgery connected with the my troth, my faith was plighted, was

As I walked home and saw the yellow primroses shining like stars in the grass and the buds bursting into leaf. sobbed aloud. I felt so tired of waiting. If some angel hand would but draw me up to heaven and place me by Mark's side. Oh, my love, how I I always felt cold, and consequently ment." fairness of spring, the brightness of life, were as naught to me, because you were no longer with me! As I entered the house I met Lady Yorke in the hall.

"Will you come to the library, Miss Chester?" she said, "I have some let- had no ambition and less strength, and licited testimonials we have lately reters I must answer and some for you was not a bit the better, of all the ceived: When we were seated there, and she had made those inquiries about the

sick child which she mover omitted she showed me a bundle of letters. "We shall have a large party here soon," she said. "This morning I had letter from Lord Severne. We met im and his wife last year in Italy, and made him promise that ours should be the first house in England that that they would visit. Lord Severne

is a great favorite of mine. You have We left the house and went to the heard of the Severnes of Mount Sev-"No," I replied. dered to be taken to the woman's It was a very old title, Lady Yorke

told me, but the present possessor had who are suffering as I was. come quite unexpectedly into it. that I have been a most indifferent seemed to interest me, but I certainly did like Lord Severne. He is very handsome, but terribly melancholy. He

never smiles like any one else." Finding that it pleased Lady Yorke to speak of her friends, I listened with interest. I banished the lilacs and Mark from my mind; they were of time

"We met the Severnes in Florence." Lady Yorke went on, "and both my The next morning Lady Yorke was husband any myself liked Lord Sevprise as he entered the breakfast room. very intimate with them, and went Newfoundland postage stamp, bearing This happened to be one of the rare with them every day. Lady Severne the portrait of the Prince of Wales. "A revolution!" he cried. "The most carnest, grave with a strange veil of and the new one-cent stamp which has luxurious woman in England down at melancholy always over him; she is the latest portrait of the Queen, arrthe early hour of mine! I cannot un- most animated, the gayest and most ived in London on Wednesday. They cold without complaint? I have read When she had sought him before it man," she continued, "who has ever the image of the Prince of Wales. talk quietly with me. He is the only interesting mainly because it revives

"Why?" I asked. of France; but to my way of thinking, never anything for any one else; and to have done any great wrong, and But it will be news to most people exthe real heroine is the wife and mo- I am sure that he expected the same yet he looks like a man with some cept philatelists that two other porgle, who denies herself that her hus- "I want to talk to you. Stanley." she you will like him. Miss Chester, but ent periods have already appeared on heavy trouble on his mind. I am sure traits of his royal highness of differband and children may have enough, continued. "Do you know what the I am not sure whether you will like passage stamps—in both cases th se of

> heard Lady Yorke say so much about the other, dating from 1866, has a porany living creature. "Lurline." she trait of his royal highness arrived at replied. "Now can you fancy any manhood. sensible woman with a name like that?" "Her name is her misfortune, not her fault," I said. "I like it, Lady Yorke. It is fanciful and uncommon."

"It is like herself," declared her lady- the Yukon region. ship, "Well, Miss Chester, we must have party to meet them. Lord Severne himself does not care about society, but Lady Severne lives for it only. We must have plenty of visitors, and plenty of gayety to amuse her. "She is a troublesome visitor," I said,

with a laugh "Yes, but she is a power in herself. good deeds, the very reverse of beauti- always thought that, if you under- She is one of those women who sweep ful, luxury-loving Lady Yorke. To my stood more of what was going on in all before them Lord Yorke could only great delight, she legan to talk to the world around you, you would try compare her to a whirlwind. Yet I canof the people. I shall never forget to help others. And now about this not imagine how she has persuaded
Lady Yorke about the badness of the poor woman—Mrs. Clinton, did you her husband to return to England. times, the want of work, the poverty say? What do you want to do for her?" When we were in Florence, she said experience. Constant suffering from cottage in the fresh air. plenty of Avon and her brother, Sir Charles, to use Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor.

a match in conversation for any six day without pain.

It will be greater charity to place the so we must hasten to send out invitmuch what Lady Severne could be like. (To be Continued.)

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The following maxims have recently ment with a Ransom's Cook Book free. been published in a paper for young "It is never too late to mend." he folks, and one cannot resist the shrewd said. "I have often wished that you suspicion that they are intended not so much for dolls, as for dolls' owners. As such, it is recommended that they

"When you die." I remarked, "you "My dear Louise, there comes a time ful not to hit her head against her result of eaves dropping. A doll should keep away from the

Give the average boy a doughnut to ing round her in horror and dismay. modern principles which stood just boy will get the hole. Give him a dose divide with another boy and the other Only a starving woman and a starv- outside Woodheaton should be given of corrective medicine to divide with g child were there; there was no fire to the poor woman rent free until she another boy and the other boy will

The boy who sings I want to be an angel louder than anybody else in Sunteremember, one thing, day school is just as likely as not to edship, "that you chip the superintendent's tall hat off cases quite as with a snowball as soon as he gets out-

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