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The recent heavy snow has been a godsend to the large wheat raisers in the west and northwest, as it saved the winter wheat crop.

offer to arbitrate. Both countries are characters as Hoke Smith for his preparing for war. Should they go aspersions and attacks on Union to war, Mexico will probably wipe veterans; a paper which frowns with make it a part of Mexico, nuless it unions, camp fires and national enreceives aid from other Central campments as tending to promote the American countries. The great majority of the people Senator Lodge has a record which

of this country are economizing now speaks for itself, as a patriot and a don't consider they are either of them n ar -living close, getting and keeping statesman. His talents and best out of debt. Not so, however, with abilities have always been on the side all London three years ago. Miss Thorn; the general government under the of his country in war and in peace, Reckless squandering and going statesmanship and patriotism are emdeeper into debt seems to be the rule bodied to day in men who have a under this Democratic administration.

The Chicago Golf Club has pur chased a 200-acre farm near Wheaton they will have one of the finest club ern Confederacy, houses in this country. We understand that there is an artificial lake on the farm which they will enlarge and use for a skating pond during the winter.

THE STEWART DEFEAT.

The Hon. Lewis Stewart is defeated in his contest for Mr. Childs' seat in Congress. The committee on elections Tuesday, decided that Mr. Childs was elected and was entitled to his seat.

The decision will meet with general approval. There was nothing to hang a contest on, and Mr. Stewart was dragged into the affair against his better judgment by selfish advis ers. Not even an appropriation for if all else were indifferent, and this the legal expenses.—Kendall Co. Record.

One of our old Downers Grove voterans has received notice from his designs. Hoke Smith that his pension will be reduced from \$12 to \$8 per month, and with Lady Fanwick; but I was not unless be now produces additional such as Mr. Gascoign . The carnestness ing-room, with heautiful carved cak chimneyevidence satisfactory to the aforesaid Hoke within 30 days. This economical administration will thus have the proud satisfaction of saving \$48 per year from the meager pension of a man who was shot at and crippled by Hoke Smith sympathizers during the War of the Rebellion.

The Naperville Charion came out last week with a two column write up me know. I don't suppose you will see my ing-room wing; and on both stories were of the business firms of that place, way about the bouse yet? If not, ring the in odd bays and corners of the bouse which This was on the first page. Upon bell; if you do, ring it for my man." turning to the local page, our eye fell A maid-servant appeared with the man, a plan. upon a letter written by an outside! of mob-caps and muslin aprons. party, which they published. The contrast is very striking. The first for you," she said, as, with a little brass lamp page gives the reader the impression that Naperville is a hustling business town, as seen by its citizens, while the letter gives an outsider's view of the town. We would advise the citizens of that place to heed the advice given in the letter. One of our poets bas put forth the effort entitled "The Sleeper on the 'Q,'" which we publish in this issue.

The Chicago Herald, in an editor ial in last Sunday's issue, objects to Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, be his great-grandfather was George Cabot, who was the president and rejoiced over my helpless struggles. of the Hartford convention in 1814, and the friend of Aaron Burr. The editorial in question is launched mine the offending senator because deres to criticise the course of the desinistration in its unpatriotic at towards Hawaii, and closes as "Senator Lodge apparent nletes the example of his great Mather, in his hatred of Democ and all its works. The Amersable have little use for a man principles and such ante-And this from the Chicago month piece of modern

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Democracy; a paper which howls long and lond against going back 30 years and raking up the record of its Copperhead President and Knight of the Golden Circle Vice President; a Mexico has declined Uncle Sam's paper which lauds to the skies such the Guatemalan republic, and virtuous indignation on soldier re waving of the bloody shirt and keeping alive the animosities of the war. control at Washington. while the Herald's highest ideals of record as brigadiers in the secession army, or northern traitors who tried to stab their country in the back in Here's the glass." its time of peril by organizing oathbound societies for resisting the draft, the consideration of \$28,000. disconraging enlistments and encouraging their misguided, but more contemplate putting as much brave brothers, who were openly in on it in improvements, when the field fighting to establish a South-

CHAPTER III.

I did as I was told, and sat opposite to Mr. Gascoigne at the spindle-legged chequertopped table. It was about time o'clock | wide world. Ever since I saw it 1 rst. St. then, and we played for an hour and a half. Gabriel's Grange has been that perfection while our conversation was limited entirely to the technicalities of the game, I soon learned that Mr. Gascoigne did not approve of a word being spoken to interrupt the progress of play, and I soon discovered also that he was a remarkably good player, and that he devoted himself to the game with an eager intensity. I had never seen equalled, Had fate and fortune dependent on each move, it could not have been made more cirennispectly; my pieces were taken with chnekles of enjoyment, and he would erv "Check I" in an accent of real trimmph.

I cannot say be played the game as if he forgot it was simply a game. He played as great game of life. As we played the second match, I noticed be invested the pieces with distinct per-onalities, and seemed even to cherish personal spit against some which where one might sit with a book in perfect he won d sacrifice to blind me and forward | peace and look through the diamond pame's

I had learned from my brother, and had winter sky. had games now and again with old friends equal to the task of meeting an antagonist with whice he devot d himself to the game, the vindictive eagerness with which he ago, waged the imaginary warfare, half startled me; and yet I won, simply because he chose to throw away a knight rather than with it suddenly confronted by the nine teenth cen-

"You have beat n mr. Mes Thorne; but I long windows to the terrace walk, and the will do better next time. You'l be a good player with plenty of practice, Good night." "God might, sir." I answered, "What time shall I begin my didies to morrow?"

"Lamele at one. Telt shear do what you please. Tell the houseke par of anything that you want, and, if you don't get it, let nieces until after lunch, the you know your

"If you phase, Miss Annis desired me to ask you, miss, if there is anything I can do and down the corridor to my room. "I have a cup of chocolate ready for you, and I was to sleep in your dressing-room, if you had

My last thoughts that night were kind ones of Annis Farquhar; but all through my dreams I was hannted by knights and eastles, kings and queens thwarting and pursuing me, by cease ess efforts to solve impossible problems and to place my pieces in attitudes of defence, which immediately proved to be moves into the hands of my adversary. Never could Mr. Giscoigne himself have been more harassed and distressed in mind by cries of 'Check!' and 'Checkmate!" than I was that night. And, strangely enough, it was not the master of St. Gabriel's Grange, my actual antagonist and my employer, who was my adversary; but the laugh, a thousand times more mocking, and the scornful eyes, a thousand times fiercer, of Lady Martin Pomeroy followed me about

The next morning my memories of the evening reemed strangely unreal, and, but for finding myself in the old-fashioned room, with its deep-sunk windows and antique furniture, I might have thought it all a dream mingled with the bewildering fancies which had crossed my brain.

Lucy again proffered her services, and l was better able to speak to her than on the revious night. She had a round, honest English face and a pleasant obliging manner, and, like most servants, was not indisposed to talk.

"Are you the maid to all the young ladies?" dexterous fingers.

"No, miss-only to Miss Hilda and Miss Annis. How thick your hair is, to be sure, miss! I used to be maid to them all before Miss Gwendoline married; but she has one of her own, a French person, now."

From Lucy's accent it was clear that the Ther. was a family foud, it was plain, from French person found no favor in her sight.

"You have been in the raining a rong time

"Four years, miss. It's only two years

since Miss Gwendoline married, and I had been with them two then." "And you don't find the Grange duff?"

"I've been here only a year. The Misses Farquhar lived in London perhaps you didn't know that, miss-till just before Lord Martin went away. But, if I heave, it won't be because of the duliness."

"Are you going to leave?"

"Sometimes I think I must, miss, for I can't stand that Frenchwom n; but they don't want me to go, and I say, so long as she don't interfere with me, I'll stop. But interference from her I won't put up with.

I've no wish to leave Miss Anais." "I should think she is a kind mistress," I said; "and both she and Miss Farquhar do

justice to your pains." "You mean in looks, miss? You'll have your hair plain coiled, I sopose? But I so handsome as Miss Gx. ml dine Ludy Martin Pomeroy. She was the beauty of and an artist-Mr. Dashwood painted her picture, and told me ones, when I was taking him a message about the doing of it to the painting-room, that she was the handsomest young lady he'dev'r painted-and he had done a lot of them, you know, He admired her so, we the ight he would have a plain 'Mr.' There it's done now, miss.

I had breakfast alone in he halfe sistings room near my had room: and, after breakfast, I sat there aden un i. Mrs. Greams asked me if I should I k to se the rest of

"Miss Annis." she said, "told me to show

Gladis I laid down my back and I dlowed her, and saw the house his in a chief. and ev rin ire was to be to be the the most beautifu in En and.

I have seen in my a ar neighbors, larger, more cost sport to the d. 1 . A militared the jesth tichonaes courts so of the stately mansions of tines. he had a boils of England's h ray, the residence of men of genins and power, I revere them, delight in them, do homage to them; at there is to me only one home that is a rise tion in the in my eyes.

I cannot tell its beauty on paper. How can I describe the grand old hail, with the armor and proud banners and spreading antlers on the walls, the long twilight corridors lit by mullioned windows of stained glass, through which the sunshine glanced and dyed with crimson and purple stains the polished oak, and glerified the gold and azure of the Gascoigne arms, repeated now and again in the centres of the big casements-the noble rooms, with their dark wood-work and dadoes and polished floors. reflecting the spindle-le, sor the old-ta-hloned carved-back chairs and Queen Anne tables, their rich deep-bued bangings and furniture? The deep windows in the bays yielded views of park and lake, and in one room soft-cushioned seats lined the bays. at the bare dark trees and the pair blue | Eureka Chemical & Mfg. Co., La Crosse, Wis.

At the back part of the house were the library and breakfast room and the kitchens, and in the right wing the stately dinsieces and paintings of Greengrees of long

It was all exquisite, until we turned to the drawing-room in the left wing, and were tury. Adjoining this room was a morning-"That will do for to-alche," be said then, from in similar Style, the one leading by other into a fernery and conservatory. They were both charming rooms, specious and handsome; but they were things apart from St. Gabriel's Grange, Above them were also the apartments of the three ladies. My rooms were over the library and breakfastroom; those of Mr. Gascoigne over the dinlittle studies and writing-rooms scemingly had been accidentally left out of the eneral

> "It is such a house as I have dreamed of, only a thousand times more beautiful!" I "Yes," rejoined the housekeeper, "it is a

home that even the Gascoignes may be proud in her hand, she led me round the gallery of. It will be a fine fortune for some one when Mr. Gascoigne dies. "He has beirs, I suppose." I asked-

> "nephews of consins, if not some?" "There is no entail," the hon-ekeeper answered. "You have seen all you would care to see n: w. Miss Thorne, I have ordered your limen for one o'clock in your room.

My litt'e parlor was a corn r-room; it had two windows in it, one looking over the fields and to the distant hills behind the house, the other a smaller easement, with a view I loved more, for there was a glimpse of the lake and the dark wood found it. I was standing near it, when, after luncheon, Lucy came to say that Mr. Gascoigne was ready for me. I think she liked to bring me messages, as I was a stranger and alone. She was always ready to do an I firg for me or to get what I wanted, and for a long time Miss Farquhar's maid was my best friend at St. Gabriel's Grange.

"Lucy," I said, without moving, "come here a moment. You are not so lonely at the Grange as I thought. There is a house, a dark red house, youd r. through the trees beside the take. Who fives there? The reany address. Write to land must join Mr. Gascoi ne's."

The maid answered, with evident con-"It is Mr. Ulric Gascoigne's house, miss,"

"Mr. Ulrie Gascoigne! Has Mr. Gascoigne, "Yo, miss, he has never married. Mr. Ulric is a nephew. The property belonged to his mother, who marr e ! Mr. Gascoigne's

brother." "Then be will be Mr. Gascoigne's nearest l'asked, as she plaited up my hair with relative. I suppr se? Is he at the Grange

> "Oh. no!" said the girl. "They used to live here; but that was before my time. They never come now.

> Whether "ti ey" included Mr. Ulric and his wife I could not tell; but I survised it. Lucy's tone; and, reflecting over the pity of

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