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心何美學家原程 义义!!....Continued. Tes." he said gently, "I know he is d. Dolores, but after death all are made straight. He knows tter than he ever could have from your telling, and I know a has forgotten us."

There were sweetness and solemnhe the young man's voice as he above the beautiful cold face that wood Dora to catch her breath in den comprehending of the depth the kindly heart, as he slowly reited the touch on the girl's hands tender, the light in the loving yes entering into her very soul:

There is no death. What seems a This life of mortal breath but a suburb of the life clyslan, whose portal we call death.

CHAPTER XXIII.

"That Girl of Johnson's." Dora was standing at the well at slores' old home with her husband, tting for Dolores and Charlie Green, he had gone at the girl's request to opposite mountain. It was trauge freak of Dolores', but with the sual simple acquiescence in any wish hers they had gone, and here Dora nd her husband were waiting for their turn at the girl's old home.

But it was not the home of the ri's remembrance. The garden was the order and the fence well built; loager did the gate swing on its rickety hinges. The enterprischickens were scratching among abrubs at the back of the house, t not a chiuken dared show its face the front of the neat little house here Jim Lodie and Cinthy livedtwo young pepole who had always an kindly thought for its former

Dura was standing at the well estebling her husband as he swung he bucket down among the coul adows, her sweet face, grown more remanty and holding a deeper meanin every delicate line. She stood tiptos to look down and follow the of the bucket, but even standing she scarcely reached to his shoul She turned her pretty head on ne side as a bird, might do, and said an air that convulsed her husand, though there was a deeper and tender meaning to her words he would not let her know he un-

The course of true love never die amooth and look at that poor seket, Hal. You are fairly beating the life out of it against the sides of

"Foor thing!" said the big fellow, in a some that implied scant sympathy for inckless bucket. "You had better that Charlie is eating his bear because your cousin will not love Dot. In the never going to be dito him for his faithfulness, dear? deserves a good life and a good an; Dora; even your cousin cannot may that."

Blow't talk of Lorie as though she wire heartless, Harry," Dora said, with one of her swift wistful mees up to his face. "Lorie is not a other girls."

The other two having passed down at the settlement, followed by the all accoratul eyes of the men at the sern, crossed the rotten bridge over in river and ascended the opposite stain slowly among the bent makes and mysterious mists that ald in their hiding the snares of eath and the pitfalls that lay in wait-

That goes that gal o' Johnsing's, from Smith said, with a rough break Claughter in his deep voice. "What ther world she's goin' ower yander beats me holler."

"Goln' ter say her prayers ower her erther's grave, I reckon," joined in Braun Sadler, coursely, but the anmuring laughter on Smith's lips never seed them as Jones turned his indigat eyes upon them, removing his from his lips to make reply.

pears to me," he said, slowly an amphasia that hushed their "that ye might hev gained a a o' respec' an' kindly feelin' arfter these years sence Johnsing died



ye ain't so welcome ter this tav'n a ye were. An ye ken take et as ye will. Thet's all I've got ter speak, an now my mind's better'n when I so hyar list'nin' ter yer men talk."

A flush came even through the tan of rough Sadler's face, and Smith shuffled his feet upon the gravel and knocked the ashes from his pipe as he said, slowly:

"Thanke 'ee, Jones. Wes been frien's nigh onter fo'ty year, an' fer my part ain't agoin' ter low sech triffin' words ter kem atween we. . Hyar's my hand on 't. I ain't mebby so onfrien' to'rd D'lores es ye 'pear ter thenk Wes all say thengs 't wes don't mean, an' mebby thet's ther way of us. Eh, Sadler?"

Sadler nodder his grisly head slowly. He wasn't so frank spoken as Smith nor perhaps so kind-hearted under his rough speech. Smith said many rough things, but he would have done much also.

And young Green, holding Dolores' warm hand closely in his to assist her up the rough, seldom trodden path under the bending boughs and ghastly mists, was thinking of the many years she had lived there in the stolid settlement with not one friend in all the world save, it might be, the rough, unspoken kindliness of Jim Lodie and Cinthy. And with his kindly eyes upon the grave, beautiful face he could but wonder how such a life could yield such a marvel of womanliness and tenderness.

It was a strange freak of hers, no doubt, this wish to once again stand upon the brink of her father's death. but how could he, loving her, dissuade her from a desire so intense as this was shown by the pleading of the dark eyes? And so they had come, and, standing in the very place where she stood years before, with the misty, mysterious gulf at her feet and the broken glimpses of blue heaven through the floating mist, a touch of grief and pleading and tenderness came over the pure, pale face that deeply: caused this man, loving her, to bow his head as one involuntarily bows the head before the chancel with the touch of an indescribable holiness broading above. And he removed his hat, standing so, with his hand upon her round arm as she stood immovable searching the terrible death below her, as though for the solving of the bitterpess of her life, as though for the solving of her own barsh heartlessness in accusing her father when none other save the man at her side and others with wicked intent, charged him with crime. And there was an agony dawning over the pallid face and wide eyes that husbed all other thought for the time in the heart of her friend-all thought save an intense desire and longing to take her into his arms and soothe this agony of hitterness and shield her all her life long from any touch of pain, any touch of life's harshness. But he waited silently with bent head, his hand upon her arm, while she fought-and wonperhaps a struggle that few are called upon to fight, that few would con quer. Then the eyes, widened with agony, were lifted from the depths of borror and mystery seeking the broken bits of blue heaven through the mist of the tangled pines upon the height, and an indescribable grandeur and beauty gradually grew upon the lifted face and in the depths of the grave eyes as though the peace sought had been won, and the bitterness of years was buried never again to be

for her to speak. All her life passed her in review as she stood there conscious even though friend at her side-all the bitterness and pain and humfliation and struggle of her life, all the thoughts and sorrows and struggles, and when at last she turned facing this friend, the change upon her face was as though an angel had touched her standing there, and life's suffering had passed from her, life's struggles and pain, and left only the touch of heavenly fingers upon the eyes and mouth.

resurrected in all the life before her

never again to shadow, as it had done.

the love and life of this friend beside

her. And he, guessing in part the

thoughts in her heart, made no move-

ment save a more tender hold upon

the steady arm he held. And he waited

One of her slow, radiant smiles broke the sadness of her face as she laid her hand upon the hand on her arm as she said softly, a new intonation even in the low voice:

"You mustn't be so good to me, Charlie: I ought to suffer alone sometimes. You cannot realize how much deserve it."

He laid his other hand warmly over this soft hand on his arm, a new light on his face, and in his eyes that caused a sudden drooping of the face in the light of the sunset.

"You deserve to suffer!" there was fish so that they have been drowned, watching the suffering on her face, and from the suffering in his own soul. Ton deserve to suffer, Dolores John If there is need for your sufferhow much more should I suffer who was equal with you in thinking the inkind thoughts? Come away

question I asked so long age, Lorie under the light of your heavens, under the tender light of your stars ere you left me for your new life and posalble forgetfulness."

Bhe met his eyes gravely and squarely, though the new light of tenderness was still in them as she said, slowly, with aimost her old slowness:

"The happiness of a man's life does not altogether depend on the love of a woman, Charlie."

"Tota great extent, darling." "But even if I should tell you 'no," you would be happy after a while, Charlie. Time heals everything."

"Not everything, Lorie." "Yes, everything," she said, decidedly. "You know that time heals everything. Charlie-even the old pain of unforgiveness."

"Hush!" he said, swiftly, and his hands on both her arms as he held her facing him, were trembling with the wish to hold her free from pain. You are never to say such things again, dearest. Let those things pass. You have suffered enough for them, and God will lay His great tenderness over them."

She was silent a moment, as though reading his inmost thought, the lifted eyes grave and searching and tender. Then she turned from the gruesome chasm buried at her feet in its treach-



"I am sure I want you."

erous shroud of mist, and said, softly, with a tenderness that touched him

"God is very good, Charlle. I cannot doubt his tenderness. All my life I will leave in his hands as you sayall my life, past as well as future." Then presently she added:

"Let us go, Charlie. I leave here buried in the heart of His mountains the sitterness that has shadowed not only my life but the lives of those who love me. The mountains are His and my life is His."

But as they paused for an instant on the rotten bridge with the waters sobbing at their feet, black with the slime and smoke of the town, she laid her hand earnestly upon his arm, and lifting her grave face to his, flushing with its new tenderness, she added,

"You have been so good to me always, Charlie! Are you sure-sure you do want nobody but that girl of Johnson's? I come with empty hands, you know."

He smiled into the quivering face and wide, searching eyes and he answered her, taking her two hands in his closely as though he would never again let them go from him:

"I am sure, sure that I want you Dolores Johnson, more than any woman in God's beautiful world. Your hands may be empty hands, but they are beautiful in the work they do and have done for others, for even these cruel people here who would have ruined your sweet life, and the woman who, now your uncle's wife, would have stained ber hands forever for the darkening of your heart."

And what could she say? And the lights of the sunset were very tender over them as they crossed the bridge and passed up along the road through the settlement where the changes of her working had given an air of neat ness and home life and widening o view, with its school and church and the bitterness of this warm, kindly kindly touch of neighborliness; and as they passed the tavern where Jones and his comrades still sat with their nines in lazy enjoyment, the men gave greeting with a new touch of kindliness that went to the heart of the girl who had lived her twenty years among them uncared for and unloved. And the eyes of her lover were brilliant with the depth of his thought for her, and his arm was strong to guide and guard her through any pain the future might bring, and never again could this pale, beautiful girl o Johnson's suffer alone or bear her life's burdens outside of the pale of tenderest love.

(The End.)

Possibilities of Radium.

Mr. Hammer, who was formerly a coadjutor of Edison, has produced with radium a partial paralysis of the fish known as the electric ray, so that it could give no further shocks. He has, with the radium, paralyzed small intensity in his voice born from or at least died. In talking of this experiment, Mr. Hammer called attention to the experiments of Prof. Curie and others recently in Paris, in which guinea pigs, mice and rabbita were paralyzed and later killed by placing radium near the spinal column. "It is perfectly reasonable to suppose," said Mr. Hammer, "that people's brains might be paralyzed by putting

powerful radium near their heads, say on a pillow at night, or near the spinsi

MDDEN PICTURE PUZZLE.



Find the boy who is coming for water.

memoration of the death of Abraham

Lincoln. Representative Livernash of

California introduced a joint resolu-

tion "defining the intention of the

United States concerning the Isthmus

of Panama." It disclaims on the part

of the United States any intention to

impair Colombian sovereignty or to

support the Republic of Panama

against Colombia, or to interfere in the

relations between Colombia and Pan-

The Senate was in session only fif-

teen minutes. The business trans-

acted was purely of a routine char-

acter. It has been considered prob-

able that a resolution for the adjourn-

ment of the extra session of Congress

would be brought in, but none was of-

fered, and a session was provided for

Saturday with the hope that an ad-

journment agreement may be reached

by that time, Senator Mitchell intro-

duced a bill providing that every car-

rier in the rural free delivery mail

service, in addition to his salary fixed

by law, shall receive \$250 a year for

subsistence. At 12:15 o'clock the Sen-

Saturday, Dec. 5.

adopted a motion to adjourn until

11:30 Monday. This will afford an op-

portunity to pass a concurrent reso-

lution for the sine die adjournment

in case an agreement of that kind is

made between the two bouses. The

resolution introduced by Mr. Morgan

providing for an investigation of the

charge that the transcontinental rail-

roads have been interfering unduly in

the isthmian canal question was

called up and referred to the commit-

tee on contingent expenses of the sen-

ate. The senate adjourned at 12:10

When the house convened the speak

er announced the house committees,

Mr. Williams, the minority leader,

asked unanimous consent that an hour

be given to a general discussion, thir-

ty minutes to each side. Mr. Rus-

sell (Dem., Texas) was recognized,

Replying to Mr. Hepburn and quoting

statistics, be charged that the wealth

of the country in consequence of the

policy of the dominant party had been

concentrated in the hands of a few

people. Mr. Dearmond (Dem., Mo.)

said that on each of the sixteen most

important committees the Republi-

cans have efeven members and the

Democrats six. This, he said, was un-

just and unfair and an outrage to a

amending the rules to add an addi-

large committees. Mr. Martin (Rep.

When the senate met to-day it

ate adjourned.

ama. House adjourned at 12:05.

Outline the Proceedings of in Both Branches of Congress.

NEW BILLS ARE GIVEN IN BRIEF

Condensed Report of the Work Performed by Senators and Representatives, Together With Summary of the Main Points in Speeches.

Monday, Dec. 7. The Senate closed the extraordinary

session at noon and immediately entered on the duties of the regular seasion. The unusual features were the close of the called session by anpouncement from the chair and the offering of two prayers in the Sepate within a half-hour of each other. The business transacted consisted of the reading of the President's message and the beginning of the discussion of the Cuban reciprocity bill. Mr. Cullom, who has charge of the Cuban bill, made a speech, advocating its passage in the interest of American trade. The reading of the President's message was concluded at 3:26 p. m. The Senate took up the resolution calling on the Postmaster General to send to the Senate committee on postoffice and post roads the papers bearing on the recent investigation into irregularities | p. m. in the Postoffice Department. It was laid over. The Panama Canal treaty was sent to the Senate, but as there was no executive session after its receipt, it was not referred to the committee on foreign relations.

The House convened in regular session and listened to the reading of the President's annual message. A con siderable amount of routine matters necessary to facilitate the work of committees was transacted. Representative Prince of Illinois introduced a bill providing that \$100,000,000 of the public moneys now deposited with national bank depositories shall be invested by the Secretary of the Treasury at the rate of \$5,000,000 a month minority. He introduced a resolution in state, county and municipal bonds which pay interest at not less than tional Democratic member to all the per cent. Representative Dwight of New York introduced a bill establishing a postal currency providing for S. D.) reviewed the operation of the various Democratic and Republican notes in the denomination of 5, 10, 25 tariffs and said if the Democrats ever and 50 cents, to be issued by the Postwished again to assume the reins of master General and kept on sale by government some other issue would all postmasters. Representative W. A. have to be advanced. Mr. Olmstead Smith of Michigan introduced a bill making McKinley's birthday, Jan. 29. (Rep., Pa.) said that Mr. Clark al ready had predicted a Democratic a national holiday, to be known as 'McKinley day." Representative Dalpresident and house in 1904, and added that if this should prove true it zell introduced a bill to incorporate would drive a hundred million dollars the Lake Erie and Ohio River Ship Canal Company. Letter carriers will. into hiding within thirty days. Mr. Williams (Dem., Miss) challenged a during their first year of service, receive \$600, during the second \$300 and statement by Mr. Olmstead that wages during the third and subsequent years. were never higher than now. Mr. \$1,000, provided a bill which Represen-Hepburn (Rep., lowa) replied to Mr. Russell (Texas), and Mr. Payne retative William Alden Smith of Michiferred to the criticisms of the commitgan introduced becomes law. The tee assignments made by Mr. Dear-House adjourned at 3:30 out of respect to the memory of Henry Burk. mond. He reviewed the record to Pa.), a member who died Saturday. show that the speaker had not departed from precedents. Representa-

EXTRAORDINARY SESSION.

Friday, Dec. 4.

The House was in session only five minutes. Mr. Hunter (Ky.) and Mr. Nevin (Ohio) were sworn in as mem-Representative Wachter of Maryland introduced a bill making Badge of Ohio introduced a bill re-April 14 of each year a legal holiday, | pealing the duty on hides. At 1:40 to be known as "Martyrs' day," in com- p. m. the house adjourned.

Bryan's Drughter le Hurt.

H. Leavitt and his wife, who is Wiff

iam J. Bryan's daughter, were thrown

from a trap in a runaway bere Mr

Leavitt suffered a fractured arm and

Mrs. Leavitt was only slightly bruised

Douglas, Ariz., dispatch: Twelve

Mexican rurales surrounded three bor-

der bendits who were encamped south of here on the international line and shot them down without quester.

Humansville, Mo., special: William

Red Hat for Ireland.

tive Overstreet introduced a resolu-

tion giving the committee on postof-

fices and post roads authority to re-

quest the postmaster general to send

to that committee all papers connect-

ed with the recent investigation of

Representative

that department.

Rome cablegram: Bellamy Storer, American ambassador at Vienna, has so strongly recommended Archbishop Ireland to the Pope for promotion to the red hat that His Holiness has been induced to promise to consider Ireland.

Faits for \$100,000.

Boston special: The firm of Irvins G. Downing & Co., importers of goat skins and morocco, has made an assignment. The liabfities, K hought will not exceed \$100.00

Bowere of Olintments for Cater that Countains Morcury, agreey will agreey desired the same of a special desired the same of a special desired that who is a second when the same of t Caterrin Cure be sure you get the gentine. takes internally and made in Tolodo, Ohio, by I Choney & Co. Testimonials from Sold by Druggiets. Price 75c per bettle Hall's Family Pills are the best.

Buying Christmas Gifts. Country Life in America in its Christmas Annual, has gone to the trouble to make a list of Christmas presents one may give; from those costing nothing to obtain or to make, suitable articles are listed separately costing from five, ten, fifteen and twenty-five cents up to five dollars and more, and it is intended to be an aid to those who have not made up their minds what gifts to select.

Semi-Monthly Excursion Via Big Four and Chesapeake and Ohio Rys. to most all points in Virginia, North and South Carolina and Florida, on first and third Tuesdays of each month. Rate, one fare plus \$2.00 round trip. Inquire of Big Four Ticket Office or I. P. Spining, N. W. P. A., 238 So. Clark, Chicago.

"What To Eat," contains not only recipes, suggestions for dainty palatable preparation of foods, but reliable health articles, table stories, jests, poems, clever toasts and many original ideas for entertaining.

The Best Results in Starching can be obtained only by using Defiance Starch, besides getting 4 oz. more for same money-no cooking required.

A new typewriting machine returns the carriage automatically when the end of a line is reached, so that the operator is not compelled to pause.

All Up to Date Housekeepers use Defiance Cold Water Starch, because ft in better, and 4 os. more of it for same

that the other fellow's way is his when he can't have his own. If you want creamery prices do as

A diplomat is a man who pretends

the creameries do, use JUNE TINT BUTTER COLOR.

More than one-third of the inmates of the Elmira (N. Y.) state's prison are well educated. Mrs. Austin's Quick raising buckwheat

makes tender, crispy, brown cakes. Your grocer can tell you all about it.

Pessimists thrive on disappointments.

Eleventh Hour Repentance. It was in a Massachusetts town, relates Senator Depew. Mr. Blank's mother-in-law had just died, and the funeral was to be the following day. Late in the afternoon one of the friends, taking a last look at the deceased, was surprised to see a \$10 bill inside the casket. Shortly afterward Mr. Blank was interviewed and, when asked if he could account for the presence of the money in the casket, he

"She frequently accused me of being stingy and mean, and that I never gave her anything, so for once, I want to have it said that she has money to burn."-Philadelphia Ledger.

Truly Unfortunate.

A very charming foreign actress, who has not been fortunate in her marriage, was at Washington not long ago, and meeting an old friend, made sundry inquiries concerning the welfare of their common acquaintances. "How ees A?" asked the actress.

"A? Oh, he died about a year

"And how ees B?" "B? Why, didn't you know? He has been dead these three years." "Has he, eendeed! And sat good C.,

how ees he?" "Poor C! He died last month."

"Ah!" said the lady sadly, "eferybody dies-eferybody dies-except" (with deeper melancholy)—"mine hus-

ABOUT FEAR

Often Comes From Lack of Food.

Napoleon said that the best fed soldiers were his best soldiers, for fear and nervousness come quickly when the stomach is not nourished. Nervous fear is a sure sign that the body is not supplied with the right

A Connecticut lady says: "For miny years I had been a sufferer from i digestion and heart trouble and in almost constant fear of sudden death. the most acute suffering possible Dieting brought on weakness, emaciation and nervous exhaustion and was a complete wreck physically and almost a wreck mentally.

"I tried many foods, but could me avoid the terrible nausea followed by vomiting that came after eating until I tried Grape-Nuts. This food agree with my palate and stomach from the start. This was about a year Steadily and surely a change fi sickness to health came until no have no symptoms of dyspensia can walk 10 miles a day without be greatly fatigued. I have not taken drop of medicine since I began use of Grape-Nuts and people say look many years younger

"My poor old sick body has he made over and I feel as though in head had been too. Life is worth a ing now and I expect to enjoy it if many years to come if I can kee away from bad foods and have Grap Nuts." Name given by Postum Battle Creek, Mich.

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