Aunt Diana

The Sunshine of the Family

CHAPTER IX. Miss Carrington received a letter from Allson soon after this, the conclusion of which made her smile; but that was not Alison's fault. Roger had taken possession of the half-finished sheet of note paper and had filled it after his own fashton, adding a lengthy message from Rudel. Alison protested in vain; the letter must

post would be lost. "We have good times now and then, and get up a laugh and astonish ourselves. One thing, I have enjoyed my breakfast for the last three weeks. No more luke warm coffee, poured out with an acidulated smile, we have the real thing in suffer now. There, I think I have inflicted enough on you, so I will subscribe

"Your affectionate and grateful nephew, to Mr. Moore, on the old beach by the

river, a pleased look came over the old man's face. "I like that lad," he said, striking his ivory-headed stick into the ground. "I remember his voice pleased me when he was here some years ago: a good honest wolce it was, Mark my words, Miss Di-

"I think Roger is all the happier for having his sister," returned Miss Carrington, with a sigh.

face toward her quickly, "you are missing the child, and so am I. Sunny is beyond our reach just now; one can not help wishing her back sometimes. For my part, I had no idea how sorely I should miss my little pupil."

"I always knew what her loss would be to me," returned Miss Carrington, with some emotion; "that is the worst of isolating one's affections. I have so few who are absolutely necessary to me; only you and Greville and Allie-three out of this world full of millions; it seems

"The fewer to love-the fewer to leave," replied the old man, somewhat dreamily.

"Do you know," observed Miss Carrington, a little abruptly, "that Greville is very angry with me for sending Allie AWAY ?"

"Oh, he has written to you, has he with a half smile, for he had already re ceived a stormy letter from his grandson on the name subject.

"Yes; he is as indignant as possible about the sacrifice, as he terms it. He calls me shabby for not letting him into the secret; he declares he shall go round by Chesterton on his way home and have it out with Alison; but I have put a stop to that."

"What! you deprived him and Hunny of that poor little pleasure? What hard-hearted woman you are, Miss Diana and yet you were young yourself once." "My dear friend, it would not do at

ill." returned Miss Carrington, in her most resolute tone. "You spot that boy an dreadfully that you give in to all his whime. You want me to keep you all in

"But where would be the harm?" per sisted Mr. Moore, smiling. "Just a call and a chat; why, it would do Bunny

"No. no: it would only unsettle her Graville shall go down to The Holms som day, but not just yet. Aille will get on Setter if we leave her entirely to her saff the first few months. Why, unless things go very wrong, I do not intend to go down myself until next spring. But Gestiffe, oh, no: I told him on no ac

"And you expect him to obey you,

"Oh, yes, he will obey me now. Later sure it would be only cruel kindness for Graville to unsettle her. She frets enough after us. I am sure of that, and seeing only bring us more vividly be-Besides, there are other rea sons; but, my good old friend, you do not often distrust my wisdom."

"Nor do I now," he returned, slowly "I was only putting myself in my boy place, and thinking how he must long for a glimpse of Sunny. Have it your own way. Miss Diana : Graville la almost as much your boy as he is mine, and I know you would not cross him if you could

"No. Indeed," she replied, very gently "I think you, and Greville, too, may trust me." And then the conversation dropped.

CHAPTER X.

"Roger, does it not seem strange that Miss Hardwick never brings her sister

to The Holms? "Well, no. Allie. I am too profound a atademt of human nature to think any thing strange. You women know how to terannise over one another. Revenge is west, even to the feminine mind. Poor Miss Anna is expiating the offense of having excited our commiseration. The fat has gone forth her days at The Holms are numbered.

"I took rather a fancy to the poor litthe thing, and I hoped to have been of me use to her she seems so utterly dewold of friends."

Alleen and Roger were walking down a country road. The evening was sultry, and Roger had invited his sister to accompany him in one of their pleasant trolls. There was a moment's silence after Roger's speech, and then he began again but this time there was a glimmer of mischief in his eyes.

"Affle, what should you say if I should promise to bring you and Miss Anna to gether in less than half an hour?" "I should say you were a magician,"

sturned Allson.

"Nevertheless, the thing shall be done." was his seacular reply, and then he said ickly, "Look at the clouds, Allie: we hall have a thunder storm directly." Alion gave a startled glance at the sky; are was no mistaking the gathering

not on, and this nice clean cambric, and times, but I do not seem to know any we have no umbrella, and there is not a girla.

"All right," was Roger's cheerful re-"things are just as they should her to-night. Walk as fast as you can; in less than sinotes we shall be at the gate of wood. Could snything be more clev-

refuge in the portico.

Before Roger could lift his hand to the knocker, the door was flung open, and Anna stood on the threshold.

road," she exclaimed, eagerly. "I knew you would take refuge here from the rain; there is going to be such a heavy storm, and I was just beginning to feel frightened at the thought of being alone in it, any longer." but I don't mind a bit now."

your sister are out?" asked Roger, as he shook Alison's light mantle, which was already wet.

be a dance afterward, so they will be very | tiful muslin; mine is only cream-colored late. Do you mind my taking you into the morning room? I have some work that I must finish, or Eva will be disappointed, but I can talk to you all the go with Rogers' appendix or else a day's same. Oh, it is so nice to see you again," looking at Alison affectionately.

"Is it not nice to see me, too?" asked Roger, in a comical tone. "I don't think you ought to leave me out in the cold, Miss Anna."

Anna laughed and blushed at this, then she said, very prettily, in her childish way. "Oh, I am glad to see you, too, but I never thought of telling you so. Will you ring. Mr. Roger? and then Morton will bring us some tea. Please take that easy chair by the window, Miss Merle-When Miss Carrington read this letter it is Eva's favorite seat, because there is such a pretty view of the garden."

"No, indeed, I am going to help you," returned Alison, laying her hat aside, and pulling off her long gloves. "Oh, you poor child, what a task !" as she inspected Anna's work. She was trimming an In-

dian muslin gown with coffee-colored lace. "Yes, is it not pretty?" returned Anna, and, our little sunbeam is fulfilling her innocently. "Eva means to wear it at our garden party on Thursday. You and Mr. Roger are both coming, are you not?"

"We are not invited," returned Alison, a little gravely, as she took a thimble shall leave her in your hands now, Allie, show in the future a much greater de-"Oh," he said, turning his sightless from her pocket, and helped herself un. A girl friend of her own age will be far gree of ability to cope with the situa asked to a peedle and thread. "I am going on with that flounce," she continued, quietly, "so you have nothing to do but to talk to me and Roger."

"Oh, how kind you are!" returned Anna, gratefully, "The thunder always makes my head ache a little, and I have been working all the afternoon, and it was so hot; indeed," interrupting herself, "Eva was writing out your notes of invitation to-day. I think she gave them to Mabel. I am sorry." flushing a little as she spoke, "that you should have them so late, but Eva is always so busy."

" "So in some one else always busy," observed Roger, with a pitying glance at the girl's tired face. Both he and Alison thought she looked thinner and paler than when they saw her last; her blue eyes looked large and heavy, and the veins of the forehead were marked too clearly; ber fair hair was strained from her face and coiled somewhat untidy, and her gray linen dress looked tumbled and far from

"I am afraid you will have to house us for a good hour or more," Roger observed. "for the weather means mischief, and in this climate it never rains but it pours, so while Allie does your work you may as well make yourself comfortable. I suppose you will not mind my going into the library for a book, for I am not much of a hand at talk? You may summon me when ten is ready." And Roger marched off, muttering to himself; "Two is company, three is none; she shall not be bothered with making company talk

for me, poor little girl !" "How good he is!" whispered Anna. almost before the door had closed be hind him; "he thinks I want to talk to you alone, and so I do. Oh, how quickly you work! your needle seems to fly. My head was aching so with stooping over the muslin that I could hardly see, but when I told Eva so she said I was always full of fancies, and that I was so dreadfully idle. But I don't think I cent banners. really am idle, do you?"

"No. indeed," returned Alison, with something of Aunt Diana's abruptness; "I am sore you have been working too hard. you look so thin and unsubstantial. Tell me, Anna, why have you never come to see me again, as you promised?"

"Eva does not want me to come; at least, I think so; she always raises difficulties when I ask to accompany her; and and" ber eyes filling with tears ... 'she was so angry that afternoon when you and Mr. Hoger were so kind to me; she said I was so forward that people could not help noticing me, and that she was sure Mr. Roger thought so."

"Never mind, Anna dear-may I call ron Anna? and please remember I am only a girl myself, and my name is Alison. and not Miss Merle. Never mind, what rout sister says is not true; people often say things when they are put out which they do not really mean. No one could think you forward; I am sure Roger would laugh at such an idea if I were to

"You must not do that," returned Anna. quietly; "he would be so angry with Eva; they are not good friends, you know. Oh, quite a load off my mind. I was afraid you would think me so ungrateful after pressing me so kindly to come; you might have thought I did not care-I cried about it so often."

"You must never do that again," replied Alison, quite pained at this; "if you do not come to The Holms I shall quite ing out jets of light. understand where the fault lies; we will not make things worse by fretting over them. We must try and be patient for a little—things may be better by and by."

The girls continued to chat until the tea came in and it was time to summon Roger. He was not sorry to be called. The library was rather a gloomy apartment this wet evening, as it looked on the the blue sky. darkest part of the shrubbery, the evergreens coming far too close to the windows. But, as no one sat in the room, this was not considered a grievance. He thought the morning room looked snug and cozy when he went back to it. The muslin dress still reposed on the center table, but a smaller one was placed in the bay window, round which the three

young people were gathered. Anna quite forgot her headache and fear of the thunder as she performed her simple duties of hostess. She looked so pleased when Roger told her that he had never tasted better tea, that he laughingly accused her of never having entertained company before. To his surprise she answered him quite seriously, "Oh, What shall we do?" she exclaimed, no; I never had a tea party before. How a disconcerted voice. "I have my new nice it is! Eva has her friends some-

> "Or young men," put in Roger mischievously. He seemed bent on teasing

"Well, there is Cousin Anthony, you know," she replied in her usual naive fashion; "he is a roung man, of course; but I don't think he would like to come from the impending storm. They to my tea parties. Eva always says that he compelled to house us for an hour I am such a child that people don't care to talk to me. I am afraid I am not very

ing, "Please let us | "I am glad of that," returned Roger,

reach Maplewood in time." And Allson I themselves clever. You are quite clever quickened her walk into a run. But the enough for Alison and me, By the bye, heavy drops pelted on her before she took | Miss Anna, how do you get on with your

"Oh, pretty well," she answered, with one of her varying blushes, which made her almost pretty. "I have so little time "I saw you both running down the and you have not given me a lesson for so long, Mr. Roger."

"The rain is over now," observed Alison, in a regretful voice, "and it is growing so dark. Roger, we ought not to stay

"Never mind, I shall see you on Thurs-"Do you mean that Mrs. Hardwick and | day," replied Anna. "I am looking for ward to the day so much. I have a new dress, too," she continued, as Roger left the room to find Alison's mantle; "it is "Yes, they are out dining. There is to not so pretty as Eva's dress-such a beau-

"I am sure you will look very nice, and I shall bring you some flowers," returned Alison, kindly, with a vivid recollection how well Anna had looked with the knot of roses fastened in her gray dress.

Then they joined Roger in the hall. "Well, Allie," he observed, as they walked briskly down the wet road, "have you had a nice time with your new

"Yes, indeed, Roger. I am so thankful for the rain. I am getting quite fond of Anna. There is so much goodness under that shy, childish manner."

"I know you would appreciate her," he returned, heartily. "Poor little girl! One is glad to do anything to help her. There is not much a fellow like me can do, ex cept say a kind word when people anub her, or leave her to sit alone in the corners. That is almost all I have done." "But you teach her Latin, Roger?"

"Nonsense!" was the hasty reply. "A pretty sort of teaching. The poor little thing once confided to me her difficulties. and so whenever an opportunity came I gave her a quarter of an hour's construing. She used to come rather often to The Holms once upon a time. Well, I ling rate and unless the authorities

"I am sure you have been good to her, Roger, or she would not be so grateful to you." But as Roger only said "Nonsense !" rather impatiently, Alison, with ber usual tact, changed the subject.

(To be continued.)

SNOW BANNERS.

'altfornia," describes an unusual phepomenon which is possible only under secultar conditions. If there is a bave declared a oparantine against strong north wind in the Sierras, and in abundance of light, dry snow on the mountain peaks, then long banners of snow will be formed, which whir straight south, like immense flags streaming from a staff. Mr. Muir describes this magnificent sight as fol-

You notice a strange, garish glitter in the air. The gate drives wildly overhead with a flerce, tempestuous roar. but its violence is not felt, for you are looking through a sheltered opening in the woods as through a window.

There, in the immediate foreground of your picture, rises a majestic forest of silver fir blooming in eternal freshness, the foliage yellow green, and the snow beneath the trees strewn with their beautiful plumes, plucked by the wind. Beyond, and extending over all the middle ground, are somber swaths of pine, interrupted by huge swelling ridges and domes; and just beyond the dark forest you see the monarchs of the high Sierra waving their magnifi-

They are twenty miles away, but you would not wish them pearer, for every feature is distinct, and the whole glorious show is seen in its right proportions. Mark how sharply the dark, snowless ribs and buttresses and summits of the peaks are defined, excepting the portions velled by the banners, let over 1,300 yards with faral results. and how delicately their sides are streaked with snow, where it has come to rest in narrow flutings and gorges Mark, too, how grandly the banners wave as the wind is deflected against their sides, and how trimly each is attached to the very summit of its peak. like a streamer at a masthead; how smooth and sliky they are in texture, and how finely their fading fringes are penetled on the azure sky.

See how dense and opaque they are at the point of attachment, and how filmy and translucent toward the end. so that the peaks back of them are seen dimly, as though you were looking through a ground glass.

Yet again observe how some of the how glad I am to tell you this; it takes longest, belonging to the loftlest sum mits, stream perfectly free all the way across the intervening notches and passes from peak to peak, while others overlap and partly hide each other. And consider how keenly every particle of this wondrous cloth of snow is flash-

> These are the main features of the beautiful and terrible picture as seen from the forest window; and it would fore ground and middle ground obliterated altogether, leaving only the black peaks, the white banners and

> > Horse with a Speaking Tabe.

Perhaps the only horse in the world provided with a "speaking" tube direct from its stall to its owner's living apartments is Birthday, a hunter, owned by Mrs. Walter Wadham-Petre. of London. Hearing it neigh at night, she concluded to have an arrangement constructed so that she could speak to cording to a writer in a London paper, father and children speedily followed. no sooner had Mrs. Wadham-Petre spoken than the horse set up a series

of whinnies. Lack of Co-operation. "I wish," said the revivalist, "Brother Grimshaw wasn't quite so strong on doctrinal points. As fast as I bring people into the church he tries to put them out of it for heresy."-Chicago

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try in the world-146,000,000 out of 646,000,000 bushels. Annually produces more outs than any other country in the world-754-

000,000 out of 3,582,000,000 bushels. Is the taird largest producer of barley in the world. 153,000,000 bushelsonly 7,000,000 bushels less than Germany, with Russia leading.

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717,000,000 out of 864,000,000 pounds. Annually exports more spirits of turpentine than all the other countries of the world-16,000,000 out of 24,000,000 gallons.

CHOLERA GRIPS ST. PETERSBURG

Great Alarm in Russian Capital Over Spread of the Disease.

St. Petersborg is in the grasp of the Asiatic cholera, which already has exreeded in severity and the numbers of victim the visitation of 1893. The disease is increasing daily at an alarm tion than they have in the past there is every reason to fear that it will get

serious since the first case was reported, has assumed a graver aspect from the appearance of a virulent type of the disease, in two cases of which death followed within tifteen minutes

of the first symptoms Germany has become alarmed over the spread of the disease, and the Ger man authorities have taken precau-John Muir, in "The Mountains of tion to prevent its crossing the frontier. Austria has done the same thing: Sweden and other near-by countries Russia and France is ready to meet any exigencies that may arise.

The civil commission, summored in special session by Governor General Smith in the Philippines to deal with the epidemic of cholera, decided to order 200 members of the constabulary into Manila to assist the health inspectors in their campaign against the

Notseless Maxim Gun Tested. That the device for rendering the discharge of firearms practically silent, the invention of which by Hiram Percy Maxim was recently announced, will do what he claimed for it was demonstrated before a committee of United States army officers at Springfield, Mass., recently Both in the armory and in the open field the tests were satisfactory. First, one of the soldiers fired a regular army rifle and the report was heard above the dis of the machinery in the factory. Then Maxim adjusted the device to that same gun and the firing was not audible 130 feet away, and was only like the snapping of the fingers from points nearer the position of the shooter. What the officers heard at 1.6) feet was not the explosion, but the striking of the hammer Neither smoke nor fire was visible at the muzzle of the gun as shot after shot was fired straight at a target. From calculations, it was estimated that the gun is 74 per cent noiseless. Forty grains of amokeless powder were used in the cartridges, a charge capable of burling a bul-

Social Reconstruction. In the leading article for the current the abandonment of the laissez-faire policy in America in recent years and the new feeling of public responsibility. The lier's, refers to the prevailing popular no is apparent. Various associations like the open, obvious and known to all men." He executive interference in industrial wars just as any member of the cabinet may are mentoned to show the trend. While At the same time he holds that, as the not accepting any particular brand of socialism, Mr. Martin thinks that the agitation of these social questions is healthy. It means that order and peace must take ple, and not the master of Congress, conthe place of the fierce commercial warfare.

Parman's Views of Acroplanes. Henrix Farman, the French aviator, who has just arrived at New York with his prize-winning flying machine for the purpose of giving an exhibition flight, it a published interview says that it will take another decade to perfect the flying machine for practical and safe use. Half the solution of the problem rested on the perfection of a motor which would give greater power without increasing the still be surpassingly glorious were the weight. The other half lies in developing a machine with an automatic balancing device. In his opinion a machine of the monoplane type will be the successful flyer of the future. He does not believe that any flying machine will ever rival the railroads for commercial work. Mrs. Farman, who is with him, expects to be passenger in one of his flights.

Living for years within a distance of less than 100 miles from each other. father and two daughters have just been reunited. The daughters supposed the father dead and the father knew nothing regarding his children's whereabouts. The children are Mrs. Charles Kunow and it from her rooms. "Now," said she to Miss Ruby Petersen of Marietta, Minn. a visitor recently, lifting up a trapdoor The father is Charles Petersen of Essix inches square, which was hidden be therville, lowa. The latter sent his phoneath a Turkish rug, "when I say, tograph to his father. The grandfather 'Hello, boy!' you will hear Birthday re- at once notified his grandchildren of their spond with a cheerful whinney." Ac- father's whereabouts, and the reunion of of the labor plank in the Denver plat-

J. Young, Charles Kemp and Henry C Shuette are dead as a result of the carelessness of Mary Arthur, a 19-year-old nurse at the county hospital in San Diego, Cal. A. Paisler is not expected to live, and Captain A. Paulsen, B. Tisler, George King and Mr. Peny are seri ously ill. All were taken sick one after noon and evidence of poison was so great that an investigation was started, ending finally in a confession by Miss Arthur A good game cock has no white in that she had neglected to throw out some its plumage, and hence the synonym for water in which there was a quantity of cowardice to show the white seath stropine, and that her patients had gotten hold of it for their medicine.

& CURRENT&

Forest fires are not periodic visitations. as it has been argued by many sensible persons this year who have brought out statistical almanaes to prove their contention. Forest fires are dependent upon other is the white man's carelessness.

When the Indians rouned about at will they always saw that every spark was The situation, which always has been out before they moved their camps. They guarded the woods against the chance blaze as a city man now gnards his investments. But the white man, whether in his own timber, or that of the government, gives little thought to the dangers of fire. He does not compel railroads to take steps to prevent sparks from locomotives falling in dry grass. He lets the logs of his camp smoulder away though knowing that a breeze might scatter the embers. He strikes matches and throws the lighted ends away without a glance as to where they drop. When a long dry spell has taken the moisture from leaves and bark, when the grass is shrivoled to whisps of tinder, then the white man's carelessness becomes a threat to property and life. It is a menace to every noble tree which has taken a century of two in growing, to the farmer whose fields border the forests, to the towns built in the woods and dependent upon them for their living.

The forest fires cease when rains come But behind them they have left monuments to the criminal carelessness of men who cannot be taught anything, who will not try to learn. The Indians had much the advantage of them in intelligence. Toledo Blade,

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In the August number of the Federaionist President Gompers publishes at ditorial entitled "The Essence of Labor" Contention on Injunctions," which was approved by the executive council of the federation. He insists that the writ of injunction was injended to be exercised for "the protection of property rights only:" that it must never be used to enry tail personal rights; that there must be no other adequate remedy in law; that it most not be used to punish crime nor to set aside trial by jury. He argues against the injunction in labor disputes as being not based upon law, but as being a species of "judicial legislation and judicial usur pation in the interests of the moster pow-Atlantic Monthly, John Martin reviews or against workmen innocent of any unlawful or criminal act."

Candidate Kern, in an article for Colidea which prevailed not long ago was tion that the office of Vice President has that everything American was about per- ceased to be one of influence or high bonfeet. Now every one is finding some fault, or, and says that the occupant of that or and the necessity for social reconstruction of any public office should be "direct. Civic Federation, associations for health, believes that the Vice President should against child labor, immigration, etc., and speak frankly upon pending legislation Vice President should be at all times the servant of the Senate, so the President should be merely the servant of the ueo fining his work to the execution of the laws, not to the coercing of Congress or

the criticism of the courts. While resting at Hot Springs, Va., and working on his letter of acceptance, Candidate Taft was quoted on the trust plank of the Democratic platform, which provides that any corporation doing 25 per cent of the business in any one commodity must be licensed by the federal government, but that the license shall not release the corporation from obedience to the laws of the States in which it does business. Taft pointed out the advantages of the method proposed by the last Congress, inviting corporations to apply for federal license in return for publicity and promising immunity from prosecution if found not to be in restraint of trade. The Democratic plan he described as mandatory.

The phonograph as a medium for the spreading of the gospel of probibition has been adopted by the managers of the prohibition party presidential campaign. New York Prohibitionists have nominated a full State ticket headed by the Rev. Dr. George E. Stockwell of Fort Plain, for Governor. Resolutions endorsing the party's platform were adopted. President Van Cleave of the National Manufacturers' Association, in American Industries, holdly declares war upon the

Upon his return from Europe, Nathan Straus, the wealthy New York merchant and pure milk philanthropist, announced that he would work for the election of the Democratic ticket.

William Randolph Hearst has given out the contents of a letter he addressed to the Iroquois club, of San Francisco, a democratic organization, replying to the request of the club that he tender his resignation as member. Mr. Hearst says in his letter that he is both pleased and surprised to receive the letter from the club -pleased that he has been asked to resign, and surprised to learn that the club is still in existence.

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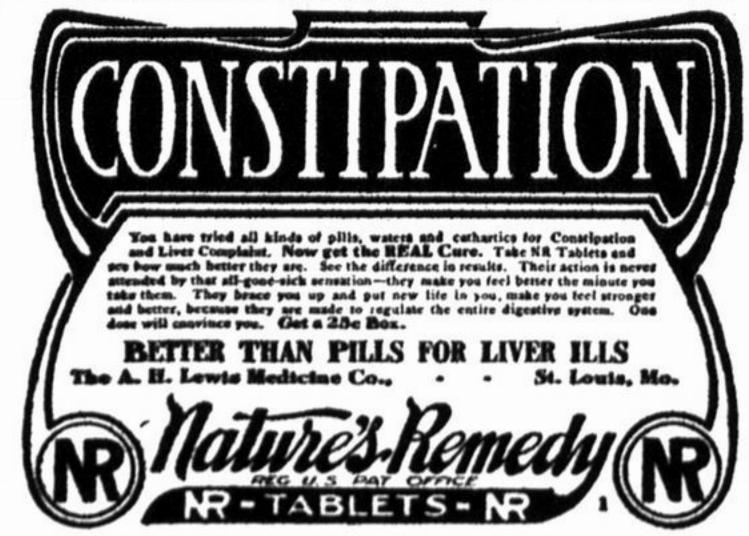


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