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"Indeed, sir," said poor Mrs. Fontaine,

" Kind?" he repeated, brusquely.

"Nothing of the sort. Kind? Ought we

not all to be kind to each other? And

"So," said he, "these are the shirts?"

And with a delicate pencil he drew

bindings, aren't they ?" said he. "That

mark will do no harm. See, it is so small

that no one would notice it but ourselves.

And the major took his brown face and

The shirts came to the Western packing-

"My oid mother used to say," said he

that a well-made shirt was the criterion

of a woman's ability to make a good wife.

girls-all except three, and each one of the

three is marked with a tiny blue cross on

And Major Trixton chuckled as he pack-

He met Miss Bruce on the favorite

promenade au hour or so subsequently

"I hope you were suited with the shirt

"It was beautifully made," he answer-

Involuntarily she blushed and turned

"Can he know," she thought, "that

The velvet-eyed Hedge twins were no

far off; they advanced to meet him, with

cherry cheeks and plumed hats to match

"Oh, Major Trixton," said they, "die

you get the shirts? And did you find ou

that we dipn't make 'em at all? Mamma

would be horrified if she knew that we told

you. But we couldn't get the gussets and

gores right, and we pricked our fingers.

"And so you sent them to Miss Fon-

"How did you know." said lda, with

"But don't tell mainma," added Bertha.

"Oh, I know a good many things," said

Agatha Fontaine was walking absently

saw the major until he paused in front of

"Major Trixton!" she cried. "The

"Can I be of any service. Miss Fon-

"The doctor's bill." she said. coforing.

It is so much more than we expected:

and-and if you would lend us a little,

Major Trixton, I should be so glad to re-

"I will lend you the money, Miss Fon-

"Your housekeeper may find something

"Let me walk along by your side," said

how truly to respect your noble nature. I

am a rough, brusque old fellow, I know,

you would but allow me to hope for your

"But me!" cried she, breathlessly-"I,

"I love you," he said, simply. "I could

do no more than that if you were a crown-

So he married her, and the once poverty

stricken family live in the brown house

opposite the park, where the hot-house

flowers scent the rooms, and birds sing to

amuse the crippled boy, while every lux-

And Miss Erminia Bruce bever knew

that her deceit about the special unit of

the twelve shirts, which had fallen to her

lot, was the straw which turned the cur-

rent of Major Trixton's fancy. He liked

and admired her before; he could never

do so again. And Agatha Fontaine was so

And above all things, a wife's nature

must be true! At least so reasoned our

major, oud he was no mean judge of hu-

The eyes of men cover as much as their

good, and innocent, and true!

man nature.

who am but a poor sewing-girl!"

taine," he said ; " but as for sewing-"

for me to do," said she, wistfully.

very one I wanted to see !

pay it in sewing !"

He turned

ed queen."

taine?

that your secret is quite safe with me."

taine, ch?" lughingly questioned the

and lost our tempers, and-"

wide-open eyes.

worked most diligently upon it."

ed the shirts into the big, wooden box.

the inside of the neck binding."

box in due time. Major Trixton eved

"You are very kind!"

now good-evening !

them critically.

major," she said.

read her very soul.

her face away.

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No. 12, Wyndham St. be wants a box made up to send to the As he spoke he stooped over the bed

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OETRY

write often to the old folks

"Write often to the old folks." Said sister May to me, "You're going off to callege, Will, Mong stranger you will be. I know you'll work as well as play. But whateoc'er you do -Please don't forcet that we at home

Will long to hear from you. "Now, Will, don't think me foolish, But mother is not strong. And she will surely worry If you put of writing long.

I know her eyes would sparkle. And a bloom would tinge her cheek If you could only write her A letter once a week. "Aud father can advise you If anything goes wrong. Write him about your troubles,

For he is wisc and strong. Guard well your habits brother, And when back from school you come You'll find a bearty welcome From the cherished ones at home

"Write often to the old folks. Their bair is growing gray. Not very many years, alas! Have they on cartle to stay. Oh, promise me this favor. And never will you rue The day you wrote the old folks.

Who will long to hear from you." "Dear sister, this I promise." And my tears legan to flow. "I'll write often to the old falks If you think 'twill please them so.

And I write a wee-Lly letter. In my snug and dicerful room. And eister May informs me "Mother's checks are in full bloom."

OUR STORY.

THE MAJOR'S CHOICE.

across the nurk.

blinds; winter snows had piled their white | never employ you again." drifts against the thresheld.

couldn't show a clean title.

culminating point. certain. That he was forty years old, if request for work. not older, appeared an incontrovertible

tour hours in the possession of the new "Yes," the major had averred, seriously. | ly." said Agatha, meekly. when facetiously challenged on the subject by Mr. Miles Rideau, one of his most in- exultantly.

wife, not a bandle of giggle, and frizzes | prices !" and Paris millinery."

ladies," said Mr. Rideau, cheerfully, "and then you can pick and choose for your-

Major Trixton was silent. "A regular old bachelor," said Rideau to himself. "He'll never marry. He wants perfection, and there's no girl living that can come up to his standard."

much interested in the bluff, brown, elderly major. Miss Serena Silver, whose grandfather had been a commodore, and whose genealogical tree had more branches than from her tresses and plumed herself for

"He'll want a lady of undisputable birth and position," she thought. Alice Wood, the pretty dressmaker's as-

sistant, pinned an extra blush rose in the front of her bonnet as she tripped to and fro to her work past the windows of the "The old story of King Cophetna and | Major Trixton was sitting by Hal Fon-

the beggar maid is often repeating itself." | taine's sick-bed. she thought. " And I'm not quite a begened up their armor and prepared to enter ; up till midnight every night to finish

Major Trixton went into society, and society was puzzled to know what to make "Twelve shirts!" said Gertrade May,

holding up her hands in dismay. "Twelve shirts!" echoes Mrs. Lacy, who was a pretty widow on promotion. "But, my dears," said Mrs. Hedge, the mother of two limpled, velvet eved bruinettes, " you must be mistaken !" " We're not, mamma," said Bertha."

"You see, Mrs. Hedge," explained Er. Trixton, dryly. "Only she treats you or poorhouse or something out West, and prestures."

" He really did say so, mumsey," declar-

poor people there. And he has asked the lifted the pillows so as to after the invalid's young ladies hereabouts to contribute position. twelve shirts-one each, don't you see? And they must be made by their own said he. "And now the doctor is here I hands." will leave you for awhile."

Control of the Contro

"So ridiculous!" said Mrs. Hedge. "But old bachelors always do have their quips and cranks," said Mrs. Lacy, complacently, as she remembered a garment of the late lamented Lacy's wardrobe which she promised herself to "do up" and pass on to the Western paupers as a piece of genuine domestic manufacture.

"Well, girls, you'll have to get your workboxes, said Mrs. Hedge. "If it was worsted work, now," said

tiny cross in blue lead upon each one. "Or Kensington stitch," sighed Bertha. "But shirts! Who ever heard of shirts?" said Gertrude. "However, we must all I only want to identify these articles if I try. A rich old bachelor is worth a few should ever see them again. Good-evening, pinched fingers-eh, girls ?"

Miss Agatha! Mind you don't sit too clos But Erminia Bruce, who had no liking at your needle !" for plain needlework, looked with disgust at the Wamsutta muslin, the card of butsturdy, tall figure out of the twilight tons, and the compact paper patterns on the table.

"I haven't time for it." said she to herself, "if I practice that sonata for the Thursday evening's musical. I'll put it out, and the major will never know that I didn't make it myself. A shirt, indeed Why, he'll be expecting us to scrub floors and make soft soap next. The brown These shirts are disgraces to the Portville house is very nice, but I mean to be lady of it without any of this odious drudgery.'

So Miss Bruce, who was tall, with superb complexion, flashing black eves and a figure like Dianna's own, rolled up the obnoxious materials and carried them to a little house around the corner, where She smiled sweetly into his face. a pale, dove-eyed young woman, no longer

in her first youth, saf at her sewing. "Agatha," said Miss Bruce, curtly, " want a shirt made. Very nicely now. And you must make it cheap; do you

Agatha Fontania looked up, wistfully, "But, Erminia," said she, "I am yery much harried just now. If you could wait a meck-"

"Very well." said Miss Bruce, with The fair feminine society of Portville | toss of her imperial head, "then I'll take sent it to Miss Fontaine to be made?" was much exercised in mind when Major my materials elsewhere! It's always the Trixton bought the great brown house | way with you suffering poor! If one takes you work you won't do it, and then you Year in and year out that house had come and tell us all sorts of stories about stood vacant. Summer suns had woven I your privations. But, mark my words, their threads of light through the closed Agatha, if you refuse to oblige me now, I'll

Miss Fontaine sighed softly. Five year Some said the house was damp, others | ago she and Erminia Bruce had shared the that it was haunted, yet others shrewdly same room in Madame de Froulignac's surmised that it was in litigation, and fashionable boarding school and were inseparable friends. But poor Harmon Fon-But nobody knew anything for certain, tains had failed in business, and recklessly and when Major Trixton bought it, and an | drawn a razor across his throat, and here army of decorators, masous, painters and | was Agatha toiling for her daily bread, no upholsterers took possession of it, the in- less than to support a delicate mother and terest and curiosity of Portville was at the a little brother who was ading with spinal complaint. And Erminia had listened That the major was a bachelor was very | with a patronizing air to Agatha's humble

"I will see what I can do for you," she along, with her face bent downward and fact. That he was immensely rich, rather | had said, slipping the rich rings carelessly eccentric, and decidedly in want of a wife, | un and down her fingers. "But amateur everybody in town knew before the title | needlework is never quite up to the mark. deeds of the big house had been twenty- However, if you will consider that in your

"I will endeavor to work well and cheap-And after she was gone Erminia laughed

timate friends, "I do want a wife. You | "It's a rigular stroke of good luck for may chaff about it as much as you please, ! us, mamma," said she. "Broken-down but it don't alter the fact. But I want a gentry always work well, and at quarter And so when she turned coldly away

"I'll introduce you to our first young upon this occasion Agatha made haste to "Leave the work, Erminia," said she.

"It is true that I am very much hurried just at present, but you have been very kind to me, and I would not wittingly dishe. "Let me tell you, Miss Fontaine, oblige you." how closely I have studied your character "It must be hand-made." said Miss since first Rideau took me to your sick Bruce, unrolling her parcel, "and very brother's bedside. Let me confess to you

The ladies, as a matter of course, were | neatly, mind, and I will pay you fifty how dearly I have learned to love you-"Fifty cents!" echoed poor Agatha. Our usual charge is-" but I believe I could make you happy if "I don't care anything about your usual

a star-fish, picked out the last gray hair | charge!" said Erminia, impatiently. "If you can't do it for fifty cents you needn't do it at all." And she rustled out of the room, leaving a strong odor of "Bouquet de Caroline"

> behind her. "lsn't it strange?" said Agatha to herself in a sort of sotto voce. "Isn't what strange?" said a pleasant voice from the adjoining room, where

"This is the third shirt I have had | mry smooths his early-saddened path. brought me to-day to make," said Agatha. -While all the beauties in Portville bright- "and all in a hurry. I shall have to sit

"Indeed!" said Major Trixton. "One is from Miss Ida Hedge, and one from her sister Bertha," said Agatha : " and now Miss Bruce-" "Miss Bruce, eli?" said the major. "Can't she make her own shirts without

" I don't know," said Agaths. "She is the haughty young woman, I suppose, who was domineering over you just now ?" "Yes," asknowledged Agatha.

bringing them here?"

dialect needs no dictionary, but is underthat she means to be unkind but stood all the world over. "No, no of course not," said Major minia Bruce, "he has founded a hospital if you belonged to an inferior race of anything like good grace in this world is the photographer's, and even then

With many a shout and sally: At station, siding, crossing, switch On mountain, grade or valley, heave, I push, I sling, I toss, With vigorous endeavor-And men may smile and men grow cross But I sling my trunk forever Ever! ever! I bust the trunk forever.

With many a curve the trunk I pitch

THE BAGGAGEMAN

grumble over travelling bags. And monstrous sample cases, But I can smash the makers' brage Like plaster Paris vases. They holler, holler as I go. But they can't stop me, never For they will learn just what I know-A trunk won't last forever ! Ever! ever!

A trunk won't last forever

I tug. I jerk, I pant, I sweat, I toss the light valises. And what's too big to throw, you bet I'll fire around in pipoes. They murmur, murmur, everywhere But I will beed them never! Though women ween and strong me . swear-

I'll slipg their trunks forever ! Ever! ever! [7] bust their trunks forever!

A Small Locomotive An ingenious mechanic of Jamestown, Chantangua County, has completed a per-He paused a minute, however, by Agatha's | fect locomotive, said to be the smallest in the world, being only eight and one-half inches long. The pump throws a drop of water per stroke. The engine weighs one and a half pounds, and the tender two "These are what you call the neckpounds and one-half ounce; 385 screws

intervals for eight years.

were required to put the parts together,

and the mechanic was at work on it at

For Getting and Forgiving. "Beg pardon," said A, "but could you pay that £5 you borrowed of me last month ?" " What !" exclaimed B., "havn't I paid that yet? Dear, dear! I'm always forgetting such things." "Yes," replied A., "you are always for getting, but seldom, if ever, for paying. I may have been for giving heretofore, but I can't forgive a man more than sixteen times for the same

A One Sided View.

A Scotch farmer was greatly exercised regarding the safety of his hay crop. The weather, though often threatening, favored his efforts till he succeeded in getting it safely gathered in, he being in this respect more fortunate than several of his neighbors. After seeing the last wisp of straw tied round his stacks, he exclaimed with a self-satisfied air. "Noo, sin' I ha'e gotten my hay a' safely in, I think-the world would be greatly the better o' a guid "I can assure you," she simpered, "that | shower."

His dark eyes seemed for a minute to They'd Fix Him. It was a young tailor who said, referring to a rival for the affections of a young lady, that he thought that he knew enough to be able to cut him out.-Somerville Journal. And the photographer said he knew enough to sit him out .- Baltimore Every Saturday. And the dentist thought he could draw him out .- Baton. And the undertaker was certain he could lay him out .- Baltimore Every Saturday. And the editor knows of several that could bore him out .- Grit. And the baker was certain he could roll him out .- Clearfield Citizen .- And we've no doubt the shoemaker could boot him

The origin, of the terms "sixpenny," tenpenny," 'etc., as applied to nails, though not commonly known, is involved in no mystery whatever. Nails have been the major, smiling. "And I assure you made a certain number of pounds to the thousand for many years; and are still reckoned in that way in England, a tenpenny being 1,000 to ten pounds, a twentyher eyes fixed on the ground. She scarcely. penny weighing twenty pounds to the 1,000. and having just half the number of nails her; then her cheek kindled into sudden to the ten pounds of the tenpenny; and, in ordering, the buyer calls for the three pound, six pound, or ten-pound variety, etc., until, by the Englishman's abbreviation of "pun" for "pound," the abbreviation has been made to stand for penny instead of pound as originally intended.

Putting the cup to the Neighbor's

Where is/all the religion-teachings of the Bible-the Christianity that allows professing Christians to see drunkenuess going on unmolested by law? Where are the millions of Christian

voters-who annually vote for congressmen

and legislators—that cast never a vote to prohibit the curse of drunkness?" If all the Christians and sober men who annually rote for political principles would also vote for temperance and against liquor traffic, we should see drunkenness as rare as arson and stealing; we should soon see intemperance as much an outcast by public opinion, as gambling and robbery now are; soon the sale of liquor would be as effectually prohibited as are lottery tickets. What say you Christian voters? -Anvil.

The Care of a Watch.

Few persons who wear a watch know how to take care of it. It is a most delicate. piece of machinery, and yet more is expected of it, without care and attention, than of a steam engine or ony other piece of machinery. We oil the engine or sewing machine, or whatever it may be keep it free and clean from dirt and exposure, but our watches are frequently let run as long as they will keep ticking, and then when they suddenly cease to best we wonder why they have stopped. Could an engine or sewing machine be run five, six or even eight years without oil, or cleaning, or attention? Certainly not. A watch should be cleaned and oiled not less frequently than once in two years, once a year is not too often. If this is done it will last a life time, and, if a good article, may be handed down to several generations. Neglected, it will wear out and become worthless in tongues, with the sdvantage that the ocular | few years.

The women who do fancy work don't The only negative that we accept with fancy work.

little gambling going on at present you