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window-had been reserved for them.

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all patriotic, is she, Miss Meyers?

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she put her mouth to the transmitter and up with a smile.

called " Hello !" In spite of her recent solemn thoughts,

indeed, in view of them, Miss Mayers could not forbear smiling as she spoke the homely word; with no one present and visible to whom it could be addressed it seemed like romantic happenings during their absence mockery of herself. She had only used the came to her faintly but measurably clear through the 'phone she stood listening as if entranced.

"Some window must be open where the parade is 'passing' she reflected. haps it is at the Haines' and they want send a message to me."

At this moment "Hello!" was called ou at the other end of the line. It was a man's voice, and remembering how she had heard the girls respond, Miss Meyers answered again, " Hello! who are you?"

"Henry Dean. Is that vou, Aunt Jane? Though far from the dear old hearth, ye I'm down at the depot; start for Baltimore in ten minutes, and thought I'd say 'how can see them smile as some pleasant tale to something. Have you any message for Taking forms of demon and gnome,

the Carrolla?" There was a pause, while Miss Meyers ear piece as if it were a rope to keep her from drowning. By a supreme effort of will she had recovered from the shock the mention of that name had given her, and now her brain was reeling with doubt, un-

following up held her fast. Could it be and poke with a walking-stick. herself he was looking for? Baltimore was

"Oh, mother," remonstrated Belle, "you in the South, so who would not open her don't mean to say that you'd be willing to lips and declare that she was here in New miss seeing the procession for fear of having York waiting for him to come to her? Yet your hair blown about a bit! She isn't at what if she should be wrong and the "clue" should turn out to refer to something else a matter of business? At this instant s "Little Miss Meyers" looked up and her peculiar clicking in the instrument warned lips moved, but no words osme. However, her that the wire might be switched off at nobody noticed the dressmaker's unusually

any moment, and her opportunity be lost. pale face and evident agitation, and "Good-" Harry," she called out softly. by, Miss Meyers," the three-called gaily It was the name he had asked her to give five minutes later, as they started off for the him 20 years ago, and it now came from her lips and passed from them into the instrument almost before she realized it was "Good-by," responded Miss Meyers, and

tried to smile as she spoke; but when "Agnes! Is it you? Where are you the door closed, and she was alone, she bent Street and number instantly before the over the machine with a very grave face and a mind that was not so much absorbed

She heard no more, but with a gasp callin her work as in the associations and recoled out the Runkel's address, then hung up lections this solemn holiday never failed to the ear piece and dropped into her chair with a face as white as snow. Yet even Panoramawise there passed before her now the instinct to work was strong within mental vision the old honrestead in the her, and not many minutes had elapsed be-South, the honored father taking up arms fore her feet were again on the treadle, and to defend his all, the saintly mother comthe whifr of the machine once more filled mitting her child to God's keeping, when, home and husband both snatched from her the room. Now, however, its accompany by war's cruel red hands, she sank beneath | ing rhythm in her brain was all in the the blow. Then came the image of the past tense, for," Did he hear me? Will he handsome, happy-hearted Northerner, come? Will he come?" kept up its cease-Henry Dean, who, 20 years ago, had been less throb till it seemed as if the words must visiting at the next plantation, and whom | be stitched to every seam the shirt she was

the fighting on Sumter had called away hemming. But as time went by the little dressmakerfrom the girl he had loved the day after he had spoken, and she, when the spark of re- tried to prepare her heart for disappoint-

bellion had flared up into the fierce blaze of | ment "I may have dreamed it all while listening to the playing 'March through Georgis, so many blocks away,' she said to herself other forces with her lover in the ranksthen she smothered every lingering hope of | "It's 20 years since we parted, and he was a possible union, and set herself the task of | 20 then and I 16. Absence, they say, is the forgetting. But she never could forget and tomb of love, and though of course with soon gave up the endeavor, and as the years | me-" | Here Miss Meyers sprang up with passed by and no word came to tell her he | the second little scream she had given that

had escaped the fate so bravely met by so morning This time, however, it was not the telemany thousands of his countrymen, Agnes loved to think of him in a soldier's grave in | phone, but the front door bell that had

some sunny cemetery, where birds came to startled her. "I,must open it myself-there's nobody sing and mate in the spring-time, and beside else," and she hurried out to the stairs. "I dare say it's only the milliner's boy with o one knew her story; that is, nothing

Miss Helen's bonnet." beyond these bare facts in that sadly famil-But was it for the sake of the milliner's iar tale of the impoverishment and scatterboy that Miss Meyers paused to give Her ing of families following in the footsteps of hair a smoothing before the mitror in the the war. Everybody was kind to the quiet, hall? And surely no milliner's boy was demure little dressmaker, and although ever so received on his business rounds as light-hearted girls like Belle and Helen this one, when the door opened and closed Runkel sometimes rallied her for refusing -nobody remembered how or by whomthe offers they were sure her fair face and on a tableau that would have delighted the amiable disposition must have brought her, soul of gossipy Miss Rickett over the way Agnes knew there was no malice in the words, only thoughtlessness, and soon forgot could she but have seen it.

Yes, it was "Harry," 20 years older, be sure, but handsomer, if possible, then On this 30th of May, then, the past 20 back were being revived in her memory with ever, with not a gray hair in his head nor more than usual distinctness. Outside the a wrinkle on his face, and with such passion of love in his deep blue eyes that unseasonable wind moaned drearily around the corner, now and then banging a shutter, little Miss Meyers was fain to hide her own and always whirling ahead of it little clouds from the dazzle of it and nestle close in of dust. But the sun shone brightly, and those strong, protecting arms. the sidewalks were filled with holiday

"And have you really been looking me ever since?" asks Agnes presently. "Yes, ever since I came back from Eu-

The servants had all been given leave of absence, so that Miss Meyers was alone at rope 10 years ago," is the reply. "I was the house. But, timid though she was by sent there by the doctors to recover from nature, she was now rather inclined to take the effects of a wound, and I wrote you though, it was only because you never re-

gave a little scream as she sprang up from the chair. She had quite forgotten the "The gale?" repeats Agnes, question- never do for a minister." And what for present, and thought for an instant that ingly, and then he goes on to explain how no?" said she. "Because, Janet, you come she actually heard the firing of the guns the wind had entangled the telephone over soon to the application"

that had separated her from her love. But | wires, and that it was by the merest chance it was only the ringing of the telephone call | they had been enabled to speak to one

"And I have interrupted your trip, cided then, and taking down the ear piece says Agnes, a few moments later, looking

"Not for long," responds he; adding, "and when it is resumed it must be

Of course there was great excitement when the family returned and heard of the Mrs. Runkle was most hearty in her new invention once or twice before, and congratulations, and Belle immediately when presently the sound of martial music | christened that May windstorm "the lover's

The Cold Chill up the Back.

am not at all sure that we are any hapder when we have quite got rid of that cold chill up the back which seems to accompany a dread of something white in the cornerwhen a ghost could not frighten us, because we would be sure it was an optical illusion

r somebody in a sheet. Those queer little tremors that make one desire to cover the head with a counterpane. or the pillow, for fear of seeing what you know must be only a white skirt hanging on a nail; that sudden haste in one's foot-'do you do ' and " good-by.' Have found an- steps along dark halls; that expectation of other clue. Pray heaven that it may lead a null at your back hair-all these are so much a part of youth and the time of chocolate caramels, story books, and a lack of responsibility as to where dinner is to come stood there at the instrument, clutching the from, that it is really a loss from one's

repertoire of feelings when we cannot be scared by a good ghost story. Believing-just enough to be ashamed -in lots of foolish things keeps the heart young; and it is part of the learning of certainty and longing. What ought she to | youth to want very much to have one's do? Should she reply and tell who she future told-just for fun. When that is really was or not? It was evident that over, so is love, and so are lovers. Then there was something wrong with the wires, the expected young prince has become an and that Mr. Dean imagined himself to be old and despised king, whom one, would talking to his aunt: What claim had the not wish to see hobbling along to do his "little Miss Meyers" on him now after all | courting. The sailor, ever youthful, bethese years? Very likely he was happily lieves in mermaids and sea serpents. Genmarried and-therefore was it not Miss tle hearted women, who are only old girls, Meyers' plain and simple duty to say that | have faith in omens and turning of tea cups, she was not "Aunt Jane," and thengo back and the oldest people on earth are those stolid folk who refuse to believe in the ex-But one sentence respecting a clue he was | istence of anything which cannot be seen

How They Write. Maggie Mitchell's writing looks like that we see in letters of the last century, and is

very easily read. Henry Irving's autograph is as ungainly | they are to operate. It is simply the bearas he is himself, and so cramped and crook- er of blessings, not their originator. Of all ed as to be almost illegible. Mrs. Tom Thumb writes a neat old-

on the down stroke of her d's and t's. din, old-fashioned style, something like a wings.". hoolmaster of half a century ago. Joseph Jefferson's signature looks as if it had been put on with a railroad spike.

is there to stay, however, and he who runs Moody and Sankey write much alike, in, large letters, well proportioned, and with no attempt at ornamentation or use-

less flourishes. Christine Nilsson places her sign manual on the unspotted page in an angular, mas culine style, hesitating and irregular, but acrid particles subjected to their chemical

firm and uniform; with the initial J at least

name, written only three years ago. About the Honeymoon.

ppiest, though it ought always to be very ppy. Living together happily is an art high the most affectionate couple cannot rdinarily learn in a year. Each has to make some unpleasant discoveries and to vercome some fixed inclinations. True happiness begins when these discoveries have been made, and each is thoroughly esolved to make the other as happy as ossible for all time. Marriage is somemes said to be the door that leads deludd mortals back to earth; but this need ot, and ought not, to be the case. Cerainly love may end with the honeymoon people marry to gratify "gunpowder assion," or for the sake of mere outward eauty, which is like a glass soon broke. of course the enthusiastic, tempestuous ove of courting days will not, as a rule, survive marriage. A married couple soon get to feel towards each other very much as two chums at college, or two partners a business who are at the same time old and well-tried friends. Young married people often think that those have been in he holy state of matrimony twenty or thirty years longer than themselves are very prosy, unromantic and by no means perfect examples of what married people night to be .- The Quiver.

Why She Wouldn't do for a Min

A carping old woman once said to her parson : "Dear me, ministers mak' muckle comfort in the feeling that there was no body nearly a dozen letters then. I know, adoo about their hard work; but what's and to its support. twa bit o' sermons in the week to mak' up: Up and down, up and down, went her ceived them that they were not answered. I could do it mysel'." "Weel, Janet, feet on the treadle, and the work glided But when I came back and found all traces said the minister, good-humoredly, "let's steadily out from under the needle, and all of you lost, I sometimes thought you had hear you try." "Come awa wi' a text, the while the worker was silently recalling hidden yourself purposely because because then," quoth she. He repeated with emthat walk home from the neighbor's, that I had done my duty to my country. Yet phasis: "It is better to dwell in the corpromise to see him again on the morrow- I never abandoned the resolve to find you | ner of the housetop than with a brawling promise never kept, for Sumter came and have the truth from your own lips, woman and in a wide house." Janet firedand now, thanks to the gale, I have done up instantly. "What's that ye say, sir? "Ah-h! What was that?" Miss Meyers | so, and learned how blessedly I was mis- Do ye intend onything personal?" "Stop, stop!" broke in the pastor: "You will

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Of fountains far away. Nothing is lost ; the tiniest seed By wild birds borne or breezes blown Finds something suited to its need, Wherein 'tis sown and grown. The language of some household song. The perfume of some cherished flower. Though gone from outward sense, belong

To memory's after-hour. So with our words, or harsh or kind Uttered, they are not all forgot; They have their influence on the mind, Pass on, but perish not; so with our deeds, for good or ill, They have their power, scarce understood:

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or the handle of faith. We judge ourselves by what we feel capable of doing, while others judge us by what

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