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A trowd of men in a railway car

fat talking of many a thing;

For a maiden, young and fair,

If you have a sister, sir,

And I, with scornful jeer.

Tis always my plan," said a grey-haired

To do se a good man should :

and pretty and plain, are good;

And I'm bound to say that every day.

and daughters as fair and sweet.

And I say that he who will fling a succr

And sisters as kind and nest ;

Or a doubt at a girl-why then,

For worthy to ait with men."

He's neither worthy of woman's love,

Nancy's Lover.

Mr. Moppet was coming in from the gar-

den path. ' Nancy, with plump white arm

bared to the elbow, was washing the break-

fast dishes in a deep pan of hot soapsuds.

"Yes, father," acquiesced Nancy.

Mr. Moppet frowned.

" Hat. father"-

Askins' hired man, not if I know it."

know what's best for you!"

about that."

niece's party.

leaving Nancy ready to cry.

He paused with this multiplicity of

double negatives. Nancy set her small

white pearl toeth together; her eyes flash-

ed with hazel fire. It was a true case of

"Nancy!" said Mr. Moppet.

"Eir!" responded Nancy.

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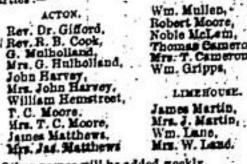
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got to get right home." "Can't I walk with you a piece?" "I'd rather go alone," she persisted. "Nancy-Miss Moppet-I must speak!" blurted out the old bachelor. "I love you

As bloomin' as ever, I see."

"I'm in a horry," said Nancy.

"My name is Miss Moppet, sir !"

"I've got something very particular

"It'll have to keep," said Nancy.

"But Nancy "-

"Here's your eggs," spoke Nancy, curtly

what I had on my mind! And your good, Obristian minded father, he says it would speak a word to you first."

suit him exactly, and "-Nancy wheeled around and faced her Of the price of goods, and the chance of war cager swain. The weather and the tardy Spring. "Is it for me dather you're a courting!" They stopped at a roadside very soon,

With face as fresh as a rose in June, "Why you of course !" And a wealth of bright brown balr. "Then take my answer-no!" Just for a moment all were still, And without waiting for the return o Then a youth said with a jeer. her basket she hurried away, her cheeks "She'd join our set if she had her will, blazing, her breath coming quick and fast. Did you see her glance up here ? " Father'll be awful mad," she thought, I'll fast step forward and speak to ber, And humor her little plau;" "but I'd rather die than marry that man !" And he smiled the weak and silly smile Webster Wixon stood a minute gazing Of a vain and thoughtless man. after her in creetfallen silence; then he Bit still said one, in a corner chair;

inous expression on his lips. Respect the sisters of other men. "The madder she gets the prettier she Though but for the sake of her, How would you if she stood there, looks," thought he. "Well, well, time will show. Brother Moppet says she shall be Should sak-forgetting my own bold star my wife, and that ought to count for con-Did you see her glence up here ?" siderable."

"That's so," said another, angrily : And it might have been my Grace. Moppet drove leisurely to Horn Hill, For she visits right often a family That lives pretty nigh this place. ornamented wood stove, after having suc- stove!" And the man that spoke of my daughter so cessfully interviewed every hardware deal-Couldn't ride in & car with me ; er in town, and set forth to return with it | with a gasp. And so, young sir, you had better go Where fathers are scarcer! See !" in his wagon at dusk.

"It's a warm day for the time o' year," said he, "and it's easier travelling after dark. It sin't a bad day's work, come to Think every woman, both old and young, dollar'n a half to cart the thing home over these bumpy roads, they lowed twenty dollars for it, and I got it for fifteen. Takin " and plenty of men have lives like mine, my time and trouble and wheel wear and horseflesh into consideration, I guess ! And gray-haired mothers, as good and tru won't say nothin' about the odd five dollars. Business is business. It's a proper, pretty pattern too-thistle leaves and scorus. I'd. like one the same fashion in my best room, and"-with a long whistle-" Why so the routh went out with a very red face

shouldn't I have it? There's that secend hand stove Gra'ther Atkins took for a debt from Solon Grubb. It's jest standin' rustin' away in his back wood shed. I'll fetch it home to-morrow and black it up, and let Elder Meschan suppose I got a bargain from some body; and I'll have the nice new stove for myself, and nobody'll be none the wiser, now that Gra'ther Atkins is confined to his bed with creepin' paralysis and Absalom Parker's up in the wood lots, choppin' down trees for winter firewood. It's a good idec. I'm glad I happened to

He drew retu opposite the Atking house. All was dark and quiet there save the one red light that burned in old Mr. Atkins'

Mr. Mornet was a hard featured elderly man, with whitish-blue eyes, a straggly bedroom. At that identical moment, had he but fringd of white beard beneath his square chin, and a bald cranium. Nancy was known it, Absalom Parker-the old man't fresh polored and bright eyed, with silk ten- general factotum-was hanging over the drils of auburn hair drooping over her garden gate of his own place, talking to freekled forehead and a certain dimple per- pretty Nancy among the purple dahlias and petually playing at the hide and seek on her | quilled asters. And it was no easy task for a man o left check. The two completely realized Shakespeare's ideal of 'Crabbed Age and John Mopiet's physical strength skillfully

to life the old stove out of its place in the 'I'm a goin' to town,' said Mr. Moppet. outer shed into his wagon. "You won't need to boil no pot victuals for "Git up. Prince!" he muttered to his dinner. Waste makes want. A cop of yes- horse, shaking the reins, and away they terday's pork and greens-that'll be all you'll | went. Elder Meachan was not quite satisfied with the bargdin. The church brethren

too, would have preferred a new store, con She was thinking of something else all sidering the money they had spent; but "And talkin' bout eggs, added Mr. Mop- Brother Moppet was a man in authority pet, "you may take four dozen up to Peach | and they were compelled to acquiesce Nancy was delighted with the new ac geisition for the best room.

"Oh, isn't it pretty !" said she. Nancy colored scarlet under the auburn "Yes," nodded Mr. Moppet, rubbing hi hands, "it'll sort o' dress up the room for "Can't I send 'em up by little Bill Beck-

"My wedding?" "Jest so. I've arranged matters with ster Wixon, with his red nose and his com-Webster Wixon, and"-Nancy burst into tears, and ran out of

" Namey," said he, "don't be a fool. I Mr. Moppet glared balefully at her. can see through ye like ye was a pane o' "She shall marry him!" muttered h glass. Webster Wixon is a well to do man, "or she shall be no darter o' mine! I won't with money out at interest, and you'd be set at defiance by-. Why hellon,

oughter be tickled to death that he's took a salom Parker, what brings you here ?" "Mr. Atkins is took wass this afternoon said Absalom, standing at the doorway, Not another word," grumbled Mr. Moplike a rustic Appolo. "Wants to see ye-

pet. "I know jest exactly what's comin'. It's that foolish nonsense about Absalom It was a Saturday afternoon. As Mr. Parker, that I hoped you'd got over long Moppet drove by the church door he saw ago. Absalom hain't no property, and ain't the load of wood being delivered for the like to have none, and no daughter o' mine first fire of the season. ain't goin' to marry your Grandfather "Jest in time!" said be to himself

There's a frosty feel in the air." Grandfather Atkins lay among his pil lows, like a wrighted old ghost. "John," said he, "all I've got in the world is yours, but I think I'd ought to tell

you where I've hid it, sense the bank rob-"Take them eggs straight up to Peach bery gave such a scare." farm, reiterated Mr. Moppet, shaking his "Certainly, certainly!" said his son-in forefinger at Nancy, "an' don't arguly the p'int po further. I'm your father, and I law, with eager eyes, like those of a bird of "I've hid it away "-

"Hat you're going right past the Wixon's John Moppet placed ears close to th "No, I sin't either. I'm goin' to Horn "Six five-hundred-dollar bills "-Hill foad. I've been app'inted by the sup-" Yes, yes-go on !" ply committee to buy an air tight wood "Folded up in an old number of the Horn stove for the church," he added with some Hill Gazette"complacency: "The old one's rusted clear "An old number of the Horn Hill Gazett out, so there's danger o' fire every time it's

-I understand! repeated Moppet. used, and the brethren have subscribed "In the old stove out in the shed! gasp-(wenty dollars for a new one-leastways, a ed the old man. "I knowed nobody second hand one, if it's jest as good and a wouldn't be likely to look there! It's yours, triffecheaper. I'm to use my own judgment John Moppet-every cent of it. And mind And he went to the barn to 'harness up,' you, don't spend it on no extavagance!" So speaking, the old miser closed his eyes and went where there is neither money nor "But," she said to herself, as she flung

counting of money. the dish water out at the backdoor, "I John Moppet uttered an exceedingly wouldn't marry Webster Wixon if there bitter cry as he remembered the lighted wasn't any other man in the world. And match he had put to the crumpled old if I can't have Absalom, I'll live and die an papers in the stove, to make sure of a old maid. Oh, dear! oh, dear! why need draught, when it was put up in the north there be so much trouble in the world?" west corner of the church—the roar of the And more than one diamond bright tear blaze through the lengths of Russian iron drop fell among the eggs that she packed into the flat splint basket for Mrs. Wixon's | pipe. In his excellent management he had contrived to overreach himself.

He went home and sat all the evening Webster Wixon, a fat, middle-aged bachsort of stupor, with head in his hands. lor was out helping to gather the October Nancy, busied about her horsehold tasks apples on the north side of the house when watched him with hazel eyes of surprise. Vancy came up. He made baste to wel-"I didn't know he thought so much of Gran ther Atkins," pondered she. "Good mornin', Miss Nancy," said he.

"Six time five is thirty-six times five thirty," mused Mr. Moppet, rocking to and fro, "Six five-hundred-dollar bills! Three "Set down a spell, won't ye?" simpered -thousand-dollars-and all gone up chimbly in one breath o' wind, and me as done it! I shall go crazy. I shall lose my mind. Three-thou-sand-dollars! It's a judgment on me. I've been a miserable sinner, and cheated the church tampered belonging to some one else. With the en with my own conscience. Six times five is ergy leading the way, casse lifts from the say to you, Nancy," niged the middle-aged thirty! ,Six five-hundred dollar bille! Ob,

Lord, there din't no colomistin met, mis'. able sinner I've been i' As the old kitchen clock struck 9, salom Parker come in, bringing with guit of frem, frosty wind; oc 001

better'n all the world! I want to make " "Evenin' squire," said he. "I'm sort you Mrs. Webster Wixon! There, that's o' looking up the watchers. S'pose you'd like to be one of 'em? But I'd like to

" If it's about Nancy, it ain't no asc." said Mr. Moppet rousing himself to the affairs of the world with some petulance. "It ain't about Nancy," Absalom answered, with a smile. "It's about Mr. Atkine' money."

Mr. Moppet gave a start. "Oh, you needn't jump so," reassured

Absalom. "It's all safe." He took a flat parcel out of his pocket "Coupt 'em said he. Six, ain't there?" Mr. Moppet started at Absalom Parker as Aladdin might have started at the Genii. "How-where !"-he muttered. Absalom gave a low churkle.

went back to apple harvesting with an om-"Hush?" said be. "Don't speak loud seen the old man hide 'em there, like human magpic as he was. I knowed it wasn't safe, so I quietly took 'em out, arter be'd had that last stroke, and locked 'em in his black trunk up garret. And you may thank me they wasn't all burned in drove an excellent bargain for a highly the first fire you lighted in that identical

"You know about that stove?" said he,

"It wasn't likely no such conjuring could go on about Mr. Atkin's place, and me not know it," said Parker, dryly. "The stove wasn't of no great consequence, the point. I beat Brother Piper down | though, except for old iron. I guess the pretty well on the price, and it's worth a church folds'll get sick of it before a great bosiness ?" was the next question.

Mr. Moppet drew a long breath. "When they do," said he, "I'll make 'em a present of a bran new one. " And Absalom "-

"Yes. Mr. Moppet?" "You won't say nothin' to nobody !" "No," said Absalom, 'I sin't one of the talkin' sort." " And Absalom "

"Yes, Mr Moppet." 'Since you and Nancy really are attach ed to each other "-"We're just that, Mr. Moppet." "I don't see no objection to you're getting

married this fall," said Mr. Moppet, with an

effort. You may tell Nancy that she has my consent !" Nancy cried a shower of happy tears when Absalom told her the good news. But he never imparted to her the story of the stove. As he himself had remarked he was not one of the talkin' sort.'-Sat

A PLEASING CAME.

I joined in a game the other evening with a joily party of young people that seems to me a capital amusement for everybody,

from grandfather down. It is called "Observation." One of the ladies came into the room with a good-sized tray, which she placed in the middle of a large round table. On the tray was a collection of objects hidden by a napkin. We and depressed into little valleys.

We all set around, each one armed with a pencil and a sheet of paper. At a given signal the lady removed the napkin and exposed the contents of the tray to view while she counted ten. Then she hid the tray again with the napkin.

While she was counting ten we were all struggling to get into our minds what was on the tray, and when the napkin was rehad observed. These fifteen objects were | cross it 'sold."" on the tray :- A toy fan, a cracker, a ball of floes, a pair of scissors, a button book, a Japanese lamp mat, a marshmallow, a nail brush, a glass vinaigrette, with tealeaves in it, a Japanese box, a pen-wiper

a ball of brown worsted, a thimble, a match Some of us only caught two or three of the objects, and the winner managed to observeonly the first seven. "Observation" is not only amusing, but it is good training for the eye. Robert Houdin, the famous magician, trained his son in some such way as this, so that he could pass rapidly through a room and afterwards accurately describe the furniture, pictures, and bric-a-

brac which it contained. SPELL IT RIGHT.

We all spell Behring's Sea wrongly,

seems. The name of the Danish navigator after whom the sea in question is called was Vitus Bering. "We do not, indeed says a learned writer in the 'Nege Zuricher Zaitung, "possess an account of his voyages published by himself, but the historian Gerhard Frederick Muller, who when i the service of the Czar, accompanied an expidition to Eastern Siberia, and had free access to all official documents, used Be ring's written memoranda in his 'History of Stheris,' a work consisting of five vol umes, and faithfully rendered the name of Commodore Bering. This same spelling was followed throughout by the reviser of Muller's 'History,' J. E. Fischer, who was also a member of the expedition just mentioned, and went to Siberia in 1740, when the Commodore was still living; by the German, G. W. Steller, who had accompanied the discover as naturalist; by J. G. Gmelin, St' Kraschenninikow and several other authors describing Siberian travels of the eighteeuth centuary. The correct spelling is farther found in our best hand-books and maps, such as Cannabisch, Daniel Stieler, etc." Let us hope that all this will be accepted as conclusive. It would be dreadful judeed, to have another open question in connection with this much

> NOT REST, BUT CHANGE OF OCCUPATION.

rest, it is often a fallacious one. It is action that makes muscie. The spirit of life enters into us when we take a vital part in today. Often wosuffer from rest. A change of occupation is what we most need, as a rule, and the relief hours of an active person turn out to be very intelligent. must rest, but we need not lose our electricate ity which the will, the thought, can command at all times, and which ought to be on guard, like an orderly, to summon us when we should become alert. Headaches evaporate if we must exert ourselves for those we love, or we almost forgot the pain, which is almost the same thing; and ill temper cannot flourish unless we have idleness in which to reflect upon the motes again. There are women who labor day | do, if they do not benefit or cure you. by day in hunger and despair. It seems as if others might labor in comfort and him a health, instead of sitting down to lassitude

TAUGHT A LESSON.

A man with large business interests and a handsome income married a lady who, accustomed all her previous life to the luxuries of wealth, had never formed any clear conception of the worth and purchasing power of money. For some months the indulgent husband gratified his wife's every

One day the lady, to carry out some cap-

rice, asked for a cheque for so large a sum that the gentlemen was disturbed. He saw that such prodigality if persuated in, meant rain ; but not wishing to grieve his wife by a downright refusal, he determined to give ber a lesson of finance. He therefore smilingly remarked that he could not give her a cheque as usual, but would send up the

money from his store. About noon the promised money came, not in crisp bills as was expected, but in silver dollars, the total sum filing several

specie bags. The wife was first vexed, then amused, and finally, as the afternoon wore away became very thoughtful. When her husband came home to supper, she took him gently by the arm, and leading him into the room where the ponderous bags of specie were

still standing said :

"My dear, is this the money I asked you for this morning ?" "It is my love," was the reply. "And did you have to take this money all in, dollar by dollar, in the course of your

"Yes," he answered, gently : "it represents the results of many weeks of hard "Well then," she said, with tearful eyes send a man to take it back to the bank in

stand about it before.

the morning. I can't use so much money

for so trival a purpose. I didn't under-

WORTH IT. Some picture-dealers, as well as certain art critics, bave a scent for merit which may be compared to a dog's "nose" in | "Get up!" "Get off of that!" "Let hanting .- T. Sidney Cooper, the English that alone!" "O, will you hold your artist gives such an instance of a dealer | tougue !" "Go away !" "No, I don's who could trust his own intuition without | know!" "Jomp off that directly!" All

seeing the picture. On the varushing de I was busy in been going on like that. I must see what touching up one of my perares, when Tur- it is all about, or die of curiosity. per passed me, palette in hand. He stopimmediately said :

"Don't touch it again. He has done in one mement all that is wanted." wrapper, with her hair in crimpe. She sits So I left it, and when Turner passed again I went up to him and thanked him, on the back porch of her house, and all whereupon he nodded, and gave a sort of these howls and remonstrances are address-

grunt, but vouchsafed never a word. other dealers, who at once began asking me | garden. about my pictures. I told him that they knew that something was under the napkin | were well hang, and then mentioned the because it was pushed up into little billocks | fact that Turner had put a touch on my attered over the fiercest quadruped in a Welsh scene.

ture ?" neked Mr. Gillott. I told bim.

upon it, as you say ?" "Yes, he did." "Then the picture is mine." "But you have not seen it !" I remarked.

LADY WATCH-MAKERS. The position of women in the business world is becoming daily more important and more assured. The adoption of an unusual occupation by a woman is no longer greeted with impertinent talk about "woman's sphere," since it is now widely

> community, and for those who may be dependent on her. The latest novelty in woman's work is perhaps the watch-making firm recently established to this city by two young ladies. The initials and surname upon their sigu do not betray their sex, and many persons entering the store with watches to be set in order, are surprised to have them taken in hand and knowingly examined by a lady. Their business already prospers, and they have successfully repaired several intricate Swiss watches, which it was supposed would have to be sent back to Switzerland. An electric clock, of their own manufacture, adorns the front window of their shop, and

they assert proudly, but modestly, that there is no better time-keeper in the coun-These skillful and enterprising ladies learned the trade from their father, who is

still in business in another part of the city. -N. Y. Ledger. THE CARE OF THE BROOMS. The rapidity with which brooms ordinarily wear out is surprising. This is partly due to leaving the broom standing on its brush end when not in use, but more to carelessuess in bandling. A piece of strong cioth, or, better yet, of old woren underflannel or stockinet, should be drawn on over the handle and down below the place where the broom splints are stitched. A few stitches which strong cotton yarn should fasten this cover both at its lower edge and gather and fasten it around the handle through and through. This cover holds the broom splints together, and prevents their breaking out and the tearing off of the banding of a broom which repeated striking against doors and mop boards and reaching under heaving pieces of furniture

Patent medicines differ-One has reas-As for the feeling that we need rest, rest, pableness, another has not. One has confidence, born of success-another has

Don't take it for granted that all patent medicines are slike. They are not. Let The years of uninterrupted success and the tens of thousands of cured and happy men and woman, place Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Disovery and Dr. Pierce's Favorite Presciption on the side of the comparison to which they belong. And there isn't a state or a territory, no-nor hardly sleep. Just for want of love, she is bothera country in the world whether its people | ing him out his health and temper, and realize it or not, but have men and women | giving him less kindness than she would in them that're happy because of their give a poodle; and the best proof I have discovery and their effects. Think of this | that there are no ghosts is, that that stepin health. Think of it in sickness. And mother in the pink-striped wrapper, with then think whether you can afford to make her eternal scalloping: work, has not yet the trial if the makers can afford to take been haunted by an angry mother-spirit horizon, and we see color and distance therisk to give your money back, as they

> Sappy-" Very few people get what they deserve in this world." Miss Castique-" Aren't you glad ?"

A LOVER'S DILEMMA.

the's so demurely molest. So diffideut and shi.

file droops Ler eyes and blushes If I am going by The window where she's sitting : flut when I bow and smile. She answers it, thus proving

She was koking all the while. B'ac seems to like me utar ber. Yet. If I take her hand. blie strinks away baif startled : I cannot understand

Way, when she treats me kindly.

She should repulse me so: Yet, when I try to go away, -She will not let me go. I caunot comprehend her: If I sen sick or sad. She's like a gleam of sunshine And makes me well and glad;

But if I try to thank ber. And tell ber she is dear. She'll turn and go away from me As if she ought to fear ... My love is so devoted :

She's such a tender thing. And like a bird is ever Just ready to take wing And fly away if startled - -What shall I ever do. To prove my heart is giving her A worship strong and true ?

I dare not go, as one would thin In such a case might we. And take her in my arms and say. How dear she is to me. I'm sure that I should frighten ber, She's so demure and aby ;

And yet there seems no other way-I think I'll go and try. I'll take her unawages, and then She cannot fly away: I'll hold her hands and tell my love And see what she will say. And if she doesn't say a word. I'll know she'll be my wife. For silence always gives consent,

And I'll love her all my life.

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ASTEP-MOTHER. "Don't! don't! don't!" "Stop that!" "Come away !" " Oh, hueh !" " Sit dowh !" this morning, that woman over there has

The poll parrot on the shutter of that sed to look at the canvad, and then saying, house over the way that alternates, " Polly 'Put it out ! It destroys the breadth !" he | wants a cracker," with "Clara-Clara," is laid a dab of color over the part on which | more bearable. The dog, togging at his I had been working, and walked away cord and yelping in the garden of that again. Another artist saw him do it, and | blessed single lady who keeps five capitoe pets, is quite as endurable. "Don't !! There she is again, and now see her-a portly woman id a striped

ed to a little five year old boy, who is trying That afternoon I met Gillott, among to play or enjoy himself in the strip of city It is on him that she is expending more cries of warning and horror than were ever Spanish ball fight. He is active and fult "What is the size and price of the pic- of, life; he wants to do things, and see

things, and ask questions and get answers. "And did the great Turner really touch | She expects him to be as passive as a dead 'I should imagine that the mother of a bright little soul like that would have pleas. are in seeing him anfold his budding "No matter. Turner would never have intelligence. She only wants him to keep touched it if it had not been worth it. The still. That scallop on the bit of white musplaced we wrote down on the paper what we | picture is mine at three hundred pounds, so | lin into which she is throwing all her soul (such as it is) is of more value to her than

her pretty "man child." "Mamma, is this a little tree coming up! Will it have apples?" "Oh, do stop bothering." "Mamma, give me a piece of thread t

fly a kite !"

basket full of boy.

"Go away." The child goes away and begins jumping from one step to another. acknowledged that her sphere is wherever "Step that," she cries. she can do the best for herself, for the He stops and seeing an empty bushel basket in a corner, gets into it and stoops

down delighted with the idea of being a

"Come, get out of that, you dirty child," The little one leaves the basket, lies down on the grass, and looks at the sky upside "Get right up !" shrieks the lady. Small Hopes gets up, and in a few minutes is trying to climb the clothes line post. "Get down ! cries mamma; and so it goes on. He finds a book and is bidden to

carry it right io. He gets a little cart and

fills it with grass, and wishes to wheel it

about. "Stop making that thuss !" screams She offers him no employment, no amusement in the place of what she forbids him, and when at last, worried into a temper-and who can wonder-he refuses to obey the command to put down the umbrella which he has brought out to "ride horse" on, his punishment comes-the old-fashioned one, in which a slipper is found useful. The neighborhood resounds with yells; beads pop out of the windows, and lady and child vanish by the basement door, and are seen no more.

"Why," I say to myself, "doesn't the

woman give that child something to play

with, or something to do? Talk to it, tell it a story, amose it in some way? It is a little crreature that would well repay the effort." And, Nors, the "upstairs girl," with a pitiful look on her round face, replies to my soliloguy: "Sure, ma'sm, the father was a widdy man, and had the two of them : su' she married him a couple of years back. The wan of the childer is dead; this is the wan left." Well, he is a stardy little fellow enough; perhaps he will live through it; but if in the future he speaks harshly of stepmothers, who can blame him? I suppose that woman feeds and dresses him decently perhaps she makes him say his pravers. is no mother love in her heart-as there

jucloding her in them; and her whacks were not cruel ones; but, evidently, there. often is in the heart of a noble woman who is a step-mother-none of that feeling that ! prompts a woman to take a child on her knee and cuddle him, and tell him stories; to sing to him in the twilight; to walk with him, and sit by his side as he goes to

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