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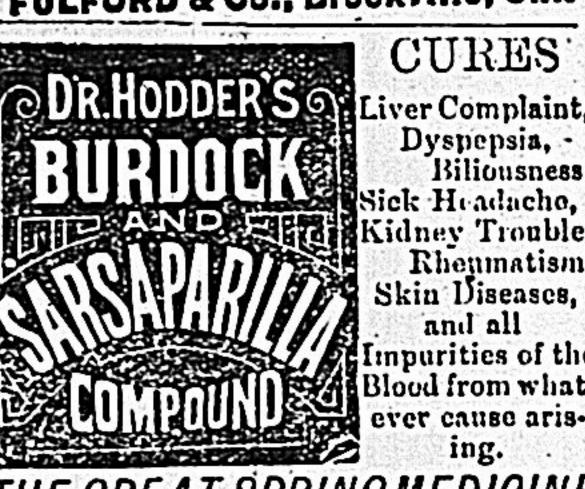
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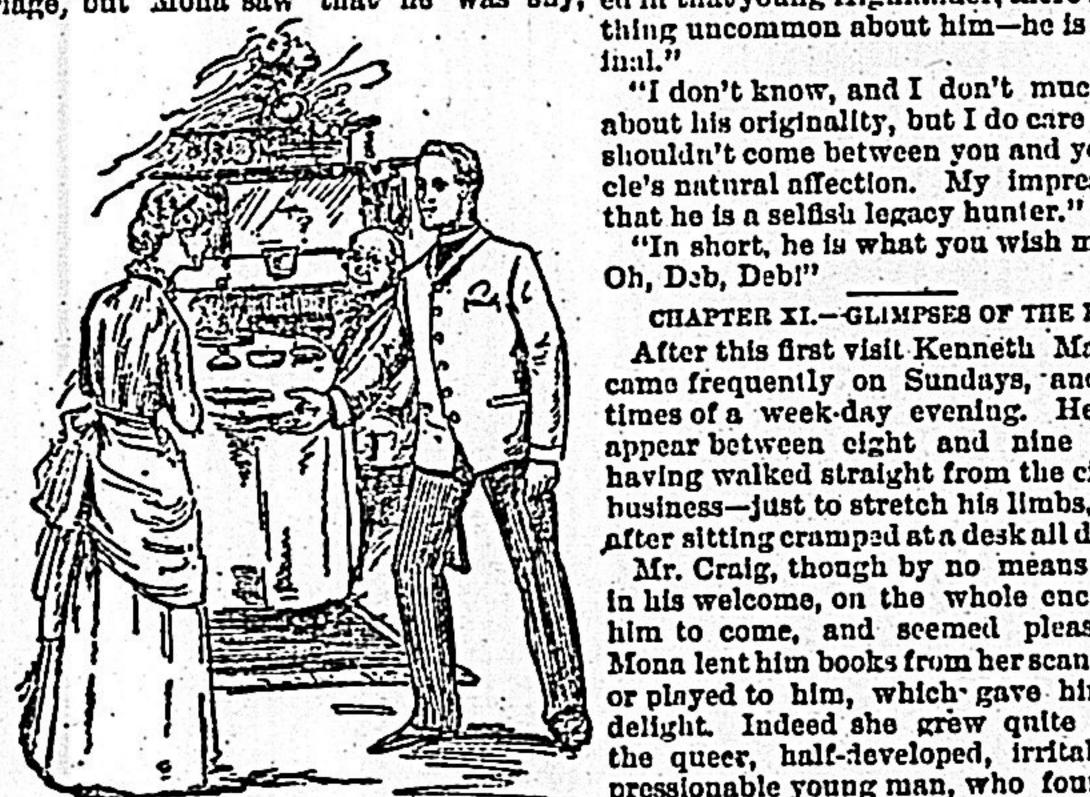
He is in an office in the city—a big place— his re-appearing. doin' well, I believe." · "A nephew of yours?" Black-the lad I shared the lodging with- stock." put up wi' it. And Kenneth-he had a me seem different. I am not grand." Hielandman's temper—he got offended. -not varra weel informed; but everyone hasn't had opportunities, nor have they -n'y you are taller and statelier." striven to edicate themselves as I have, though my disadvantages have been great Noo, my hand is varra shaky the night so you write for me. my dearle. Tell hin

bath, and come back with me to a bit din-A very few lines sufficed; a few directions as to trains were added, and the note plac.!" The following Sanday was dull and gray. Dinner was being placed on the table when Mona, who had been to church, enared. Uncle Sandy had already taken his place, and Mme. Debrisay was in the act of gracefully indicating his seat to a

to come early to kirk here bye, neext Saw

ance startled Mona. "Hearing Uncle Sandy always speak his "nay few" as a "laddie," she unconsciously formed a picture of an undersized shy lad, slight and insignificant, with the tuche, and a deep red-brown complexion. "Tuis is Kenneth Macalister-your cons-

a napkin under his chin. took a large stride forward, holding out a place there." big, bony, brown hand, and reddening . "I am very"-he said "ferry"-glad to on that honored relative.



Macalister tools a large stride forward though probably his pride was strong ald him in concealing it. She put her hand into his, saying pleasantly-"It seems wonderful to me to dine seemed denucled of near relatives. teen on my mother's. I have more than . "Have you been long in London?" asked

nounce that I will continue the "Going on three years; before that I was "And you like London better than Glas-

all work and no play makes Jack a ver "I am no so sure o' that; I worked hard enough and I never was dull." "And pray, Mr. Macalister, how is trade at present?" asked Mme. Debrisay, com-The six weeks of vacation passed swiftly prehensively, with a view to changing the

The autumn was exceptionally fine after This produced a lengthy and rambling a wet summer, and pupils prolonged their reply, after which Uncle Sandy avowed absence from town. October was half his intention of closing his eyes for a quarover, and Mme. Debrisay was again in ter of an hour. He therefore re-ascended, harness. Mona, too, had resumed work, with his "nayfew's" help, to his room. nd on the first evening of her return, she Mme. Debrisay excused herself, because his back toward Mona as she came up found her uncle sitting over the fire, his s'ie had promised to visit some professional. The gentleman with whom he was in deep feet on a hassock placed inside the fender. friends, so Mona was left alone with her of you is good for sair een nowadays! When he returned, after conveying Mr.

to write to a laddie I have neglected in a Mona, who was reading a French book way-my sister's son, Kenneth Macalister, travels, which she laid down politely on Macalister's arm, drawing near to him "When my uncle wrote to me that he upon her with a smile. Waring, who was had found his brother's daughter, I did talking eagerly, angrily glanced toward "Ay, a nephew" (he pronounced it "nay- not think I should find you such a grand them at that moment. Their glances met, few"). "He used to come and see me there young lady. You don't seem to belong to Mona blushed vividly. Waring grew in Camden Town. But he and Jamie us, though the Macalisters are an old white, hesitated, raised his hand to his

used to make a noise, and argue, and go "You see I was always brought up in lift it. on wi' fules' talk, till I said I would not London and on the Continent; that makes Noo, he has come back from his holiday, tively, "more than that. Yet you are like and speak to me." right mind. So he writes for leave to come this autumn when I was back in Glen- would not let anyone trouble you." and see me. He is a gu le laddie, in a way houlaghan; and she is like you-ferry like "Your locks are more golden than re-

to the mountains and locks of your native soon passed from young Macalister's mind.

"Were you ever in the Highlands?"

young man-a young man whose appear-To be sure I haven't seen much else, but dragged down. What a horror the man "This is a delightful discovery. Finisthere can be nothing finer. Whether it's was to whom he had been speaking! Poor toun will be quite pleased; and then we the gray dawn flushing redder and redder Waring! She would have liked to have shall see you in the autumn. We always over the mountain tops, or the soft evening remonstrated with and saved him; but go, or will go, to Strathairlie." fading from crimson and purple, gold and even had she the chance of doing so, she "But perhaps my uncle will not return lilac, to the pale blue mist and silvery would have put herself in a false position there," monlight; and the air so fresh and free; by showing the kindly interest she felt. the springy heather, that makes your step light; the grand exulting sense of climbing. A few days after this little adventure, wealthy heiress yet! Craigdarroch is quite higher. I wish I could take you right and much about the time Mrs. Newburgh a lovely place. And there is a farm-a goo l away and show you all over the big mount- had died the previous year. Uncle Sandy large farm, and fishing rights attached to ains, and glens, and the straths; and row was seized by a very sharp attack of bron- it, etc., etc."

in Kenneth," quoth Mr. Craig, as he tucked a ramble immensely." "Weel," in a lowered and mysterious and had had large experience. tone, "my uncle may be will ask you to Both were unceasing in their care; but me in a cab. I will take one myself, for I Monn bowed and smiled, but Macalister stay at Craigdarroch. He has a lovely Mme. Debrisay was obliged to absent her- do not wish to spoil my best gown." summoned them both to their attendance sufferer.

"D.) you know, Deb, I am quite interest- by Mmc. Debrisay's; and the sort of mist Mona saw that he was shy, ed in that young Highlander; there is some- trust with which he regarded her melted thing uncommon about him-he is an orig- away. about his originality, but I do care that he the partners; and though Uncle Sandy but at times communicative fits would seize shouldn't come between you and your un- was as fractions an invalid well could him, of which, when they were past, he

> "In short, he is what you wish me to be. iness. Oh, Dab, Debi" CHAPTER XI.-GLIMPSES OF THE PAST After this first visit Kenneth Macalister came frequently on Sundays, and a times of a week-day evening. He would ppear between eight and nine o'clock, having walked straight from the city after ifter sitting cramped at a desk all day long. in his welcome, on the whole encoura him to come, and scemed pleased be queer, half-developed, irritable, im evident pleasure in her society.

The winter wore on. It was severe; but Mona going constantly out kept free from cold. Kenneth had been gradually adopted by her, and was her companion on many ners and even modes of thought-learned. impressionable nature. He admired and looked up to his cousin with profound conviction. His society amused Mona, and helped to make her feel younger and more cutting remarks and utter want of tact would raise his nephew's wrath, and he would pour out his wounded feelings with much volubility to his cousin, who generally reasoned with, and calmed him. "He thinks because he has a lot of money. and I have a right to expect he will

member his sister's son, that he can trample me under his feet; but I will have hin to know that the Macalisters were gentlemen when the Craigs were lowland peas-"Come, Kenneth, don't insult the Craigs, "You are quite different; you are a queen

-so you seem to me. but you don't insult a fellow! I'll pot come near Uncle Sandy "Till next Sunday!" interrupted Mona. wWhat should I do without my walk?

eyes had been attracted by a well-known say?" This conversation had taken place the cousins were walking. They had come through Kensington Gardens, past the Albert Memorial, and, reaching the road Gardens. Just in the narrowest part

the High Street, at the opposite side, two men stood talking-one short, stout, bowedlegged, and bull-necked, with amazingly tight trousers, a gaudy neck-tie, and a most horsey and repellant aspect. He had conversation, and who faced her, was clothes carelessly put on, and an indescrib

pearance. Mona was so startled that she and he, somewhat surprised, bent his eyes hat; but Mona had passed before he could

"What was the matter?" asked Kenneth. When Mona spoke of her uncle, she said— "I thought I saw a gentleman I used to "It is more than that," he said, refice- know, and 1-I was afraid he might come "You should not be afraid of anyone when I was a wee lad. I saw her again when I am with you, Cousin Mona! I

'And has she a 'bonnie reed held,' as my matter. No, Kenneth-do not look back.' They talked in a friendly fashion till formed them that Mr. Craig had been asking smile; "but Mary's are browner, and ing for them, and the rest of the Sabbath was devoted to him. Mona's sudden start and slight confusion But the encounter with Waring dwelt

"Eh! it's another life. I had not been long in Mona's. She was greatly affected back for two years, and I had no mother by seeing him look so changed for the to welcome me this time."

Worse. Ought she to bear the blame of the worse. Ought she to bear the blame of the propose that that a rich jute manuacturer bought it.

Yes, I know all about it now, dearest Mona; it must be the same Mr. Craig—a dreadful worse. Ought she to bear the blame of rich, radical old miser! You don't min!

That made a sad difference," said Mona, this in any way? No! However grieved my saying so, do you?" she might be, she could not suppose that ·He did not speak immediately, and when the loss of herself had wrought such mis-e did, it was to ask in an altered tone— chief. It was only his natural downward should be about him. there was so much of good in his nature, uninly not a miser." "There is nothing like them anywhere! it was an infinite pity that le was thus

\* \* \* \* \* \* dictory. My dear love, you will be a

guished herself. She was a capital nurse, you home in a cab!" self nearly all day, whereas Mona gave up "What a rebellious subject you are! Mr. Craig seemed deeply touched by the toils. Keep fast hold of him." thoughtful care of his nurses—especially

The short Christmas holidays, therefore, soul. "I don't know, and I don't much care, were anything but a cheerful period to He was generally a taciturn individual; cle's natural affection. My impression is be, his occasional bursts of grateful recog- seemed half ashamed. nition obliterated the irritation of his test-

To Mona, the knowledge that he was going to make Kenneth his heir brought a offense. certain liberty of action, which set her free from any fear of being indirectly hampered not addressing anyone in particular. "She and to starve, and she must run back to eat of When Mr. Craig was able to get into his sit. her bread. That's not the right spirit.' ting room, he was less disposed than usual

'I'd have been a deld mon, if ye hadn't that ye might give your time to me, and known what to do." are a' right in the treatment of the sick. did so much for me before. Now I don't I'd have been a deid mon, if ye hadn't want you to suffer loss through ma. known what to do while they were seeking. There, take the gowd; ye're welcome. B.-"I am very glad to be of any use to you; pupils."

"Lost! Did you say lost?" "That was varra kind-varra. I'll not He seemed lost in reflection, while Mme. of kin. Here, pit it in yer pocket." Debrisay murmured to herself-

but I think, as far as constant attention . "But, Uncle Sandy, I would rather not! went, Mona was the best of all! She left Indeed, I would rather not! I am sure nearly all her lessons, to stay with you. shall soon fin i other pupils, and-and However, I am glad to say she has only have a little money of my own-more than lost two or three." "Yes, my dear sir. You see, Tuesdays be with you. You were not fit to be lest and Fridays are always very busy, and she alone. I will not take the money." gave up three pupils for those days, not to "Nor will I take it back." forego her attendance on you."

I wish he would remember it soon, or cried, gayly. "I do not want the mone his memory won't keep it. I was just thinking that Mona has been like a dang!iter to me," resumed Mr. Craix.

"You would feel very desolate without her, now you have been accustomed to her. and so might anyone. My cousin Mona is an uncommon clever, bright young leddy." "Eh! ye think so, do you! Aweel; awee! I'd like to have a talk with ye the next two matters I should wish you to consider.' "My dear sir, if you wish to speak to Mr. Macalister, I will leave you together?" "Not the day, not the day," said Uncle

On her return from giving lessons the same afternoon on which Mme. D.brisay had informed Uncle Sandy of the fact that Mona had given up three pupils, she su' denly met Evelyn, who had come up to town for a few days. She insisted that Mona must take luncheon with her, and have a long talk. The next afternoon Mona set out to keep her appointment with Lady Finistoun; and was received with open arms.

"So glad to see you, dear! Finistoun is ont, and we shall have such a nice long Evelyn made Monn feel quite at home, and insisted on a full history of all that had happened since she had last seen her. "Do tell me what the uncle is like." Mona gave the history of their first meet-

trove.' Where does he come from?" "Somewhere near Glasgow. My father's people were-I scarcely know what-very "And where does he live when he is at

"I am not very sure. He has a cottage in the Western Highlands called Craige

tendencies that were swaying him. And cannot believe in his wealth; and he is cer-

down-curved corners, unmasked by mus- you out on the quiet loch in the hush of chitis. For a few days he was even in Talk flowed freely, till Mona, observing "I wish you could! I should enjoy such On this occasion Mme. Debrisay distin- "It is pouring with rain. Do let me send "No, dear Evelyn. You shall not send Here a violent peal of Mr. Craig's bell her pupils that she might watch over the protest I feel a load taken off my mind when I think you have a rich uncle in tho

> CHAPTER XII.—A DILEMMA. Mme. Debrisay's words respecting Monn's sacrifices for her uncle had sunk into his

Mona's absence on the Sunday afternoon. when she had lunched with Lady Finistoun, was a stumbling-block and rock of "Leddy Finistoun, indeed," he muttered and her people would have left the girlle

"But, uncle," said Mons, who was looking for the city article in the Times, "Evelyn was always fond of me. She is not responsible for what her people did." "Eh! They are all birds of the sam feather. I'd have nowt to do wi' them." "Lady Finistoun sought me, uncle. It would have been ungracious to reject her "Oh! gang yer ain gate. The young al-

Mona did not reply, and there was a pause. She found the article she had been looking for, and had just begun to read when Uncle Sandy stopped her, exclaim-"Bide a bit. I want to speak to you." She laid down the newspaper, a little alarmed at the ominous beginning. "Tell me truth," he resumed. "How are

ways know better than the old and exper-

you paid for your singing lessons?" "Oh, mine are merely preparatory lessons, so I do not get much." "Ay, but how much?" "Three shillings a lesson, or thirty for "Hum! ha! well!"—pulling out his pursa -"there are three sovereigns for you Madame told me you put off some pupil:

fore that is gone, ye'll may be find other

a hundred and twenty pounds. I was quite ready to give up the lessons that I might "You must, indeed," she persisted. Hoot, toot! A young creature like you

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age bestowed upon the late firm of accent, which must be imagined.

go to the theatre!" a row on the river." citement, in these latter days."

London; there is much to be done and "Scarce ever. I am tired after the day's The young are aye carried awa wi' an inordinate love of amusement, an-an' ex-"Man cannot live by bread alone," said

Macalister, gravely. "Man wants food for imagination and wonder, and and self-

"It ill becomes the son of a God-fearin' And, Kenneth, I always want you to come minister to be quoting Scripture for his ain with me." Well, Uncle Sandy," cried Mona, com- mean."

In returning thanks for the patron. He spoke with the soft, slow Highland ingly variable. Sometimes Uncle Sandy's work; and in summer I would rather take they are my people, and you must not be

All kinds of JOB WORK promptly attended to. Weak purposes," observed Uncle Sandy, "Oh, I'll come, cousin Monal No fear; reprovingly. "I will na hear it, and it you sha'n't want your walk for me; but makes me in dread for your immortal soul- Sandy Craig is no gentleman, though he No Factory Work. All material made up on the When I do." Wm. McKENZIN. ing to the rescue, "you must admit that | Kenneth continued to speak, but his