

not fattowed op't you have a cup of tea first, miss? | with fear and disgust. You are looking dreadful bad! "No, thank you, Hooper!"

B'ie went quickly up-stairs to her grandmother's room, and having paused for a second at the door, went in softly Mrs. Newburgh sat a writing table covered with letters; papers, account and my glasses! check books-some notes and gold at her Mona sat and watched the haggard, h right hand. She was wrapped in a morn- less face, as her grandmother perused ing-gown of dark-red cashmers, and her lines, gradually growing less drawn, gray bair was neatly arranged under her desponding, while her whole heart sun Ince cap; but Mona was startled by the lower and beat faster. ghantliness of her face, Mrs. Newburgh . Thank God." murmured Mrs. No had borne the wear and tear of time well, burgh at last, heaving a deep sigh as s and having accepted her age without a laid down the letter: "all is not quite lost 's'rnggle for youthful appearance, did not look her seventy-six years. Now she migh have been a hundred. Her cheeks seems: thinner and more sunken; wrinkles has come about her mouth, the muscles o which were relaxed into a downwar ourve; ber face was deadly white; her keen dark eyes were dim and frightened; the hands which hay on the table were yellow and tremulous. Mona's heart thrilled with pity at the sight of such a wreck "Oh. granniel-dear grannie!" was all she could say, coming quickly to her, and gathering up the cold, withcred hands into ber own, as she kirsed her cheek.

The old lady clasped her almost convul-"I thought you would never come," she whispered brokenly. "Do you know that everything is gone-everything? We can notative here. This is the last money can soll my own"-and she freed one hand to clutch t'e gold and notes. "I don't stem able to understand the figures or Thing! You will not leave me, Mona! Hooper is so cross that"-gathering force bra supreme effort, and speaking with something of her natural decision-"l Flould in any case dismiss her; for me is over. I am too old to struggle any long er. I have fought a brave fight, but Fate is against me. Monn, my child, can you for rive me for losing the little fortune intended for you! Somebody told me enght to draw out of that company-I foryou! Can you forgive me?". O

interest was so l.i;h-and I have beggared Joseelyn. I feel it is awkward and diffi- can I do to earn money!"

Newburgh, laying her hand tender the young head pressed against her. b lieve you love me a little." "I do love you, deart. I will do whatever we shall not want expensive dresses and-

"You little know!-you little know! murmured Mrs. Newburgh, "Thank God, and there was no time for you to make a good alliance. No time-no time!" "But, grannie, dear, you do not know

what prince in disguise I may captivate, said Mona, rising and drawing a chair beside her. "Penniless girls marry often." She would have said anything to cheer

well set. Men may not want money with their brides, but they are almost always Lupe anywhere. None-none! Everything fules from me; yet I am not im scile. "No, not dearest granniel This confusion is only from physical weakness ... not try yourself any more. I will write to Mr. Oakley-to your solicitor-to come here to-morrow; he will put things in derhand tell me what we ought to do. Let night I will tell you all about Lady Mary and my visit, then I will sit by you till you are asleep. Hooper shall put the chairbed beside yours. I shall sleep here to-

Newburgh, gladly resigning herself to her granddaughter's guldance. "I do not want much; but for you-sh, Mona! hard! You must pay Hooper and send her away, and Wehner too; we want no men-

ket were unfolded to her wondering gaze; drowsy—the best thing for her is a good ope, I, who have been so much trouble? tors. Lady Mary wants her—both of you and she learned that besides the consider. sleep; do not leave her; she must be and yet, the idea of marrying this man is -to come down to the Chase." able sum absolutely paid on the purchase watched. I will look in this evening about of shares, there was a terrible liability in garen the shape of "calls" to the full value of subject to the demands of depositors, and the best restorative for her only friend, that she could not call a farthing her own. be the best restorative for her only friend, that she could not call a farthing her own. bought by her, Mr. Oakley advised Mrs. who had saved and worked to amaze the Newburgh remaining in it till obliged to means of independent existence for her. turn out, as she was rent free. He was who had loved her after her own hard im most useful in paying and dismissing the tenacious fashion. She recalled, with a servants. The German major-domo, who swelling heart, her grandmother's watch he had been for many years with Mrs. New ful economy, her self-denial in all things his mistress left-without wages; it was, than any niggardliness toward her grandhe said, a bad season to find another on-child was for her inture good. How wise

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"I should like to see her; could you stay gether, and try and try to keep it alight.

out for the present I am to tired to dis-down-stairs."

of the parish, suggesting that she might of the hard-working teacher. read or softly talked her grandmother to subjects, being natives of the Emerald

sleep, when all was still and dark, she lele but she deemed it wise to pose as a when Mr. Waring would declare himself, of Louis the Fourteenth. r whether he ever would, she gave no The small fireless dining room looked so her-feeling quite sure that her grand-

"I cannot read this letter to you, gr nicacould you read it yourself! Mr. Waring; do you remember him?"

"Yes, I do! Give it to me. Where are



t." she continued: "I suppose you know the contents; read it, I say," repeated Mrs. Newburgh, impatiently.

should be proud to be of the smallest ser- marry some nice rich man." am ready to meet your wishes in all ways. marr

burgh, with a little gasp, looking with p

honest gentleman. Let me have the commonths. This has been an expensive year, fort of knowing that you have escaped the of it." "Mrs. Vincent's party," said Mona, usually spoke. blushing. "There was a crowd of very "Well!" he exclaimed, taking Mona's polite gentlemen there," she added, eva- hand in one of his, and patting it with the ter man than I deserve: but I do not care sively

"I leave it to yourself. I am such a failure. I date not urge my advice on any one.

the efforts to recover her. The faithful Welner went swiftly for the doctor, who ing rounds and came at once.

what to do," faltered Mona.

he said, a bad season to find another onchild was for her inture good. How wise
wish to marry me."

"Small blame to him!" ejaculated Mms.
useful to the ladies, even while looking of their lives. If she had shown loo strong Debrisay. "And are you quite sure he is
out for a situation, and so he proved hima tendency to marry her granddaughter she

"I will see; I will look into my accounts for a little with Mrs. Newburgh while I go and burn up your own heart in vain! Take this bouest soul, and make him happy. "Yes'm. I think Mr. Wehner is just and you'll be happy yourself. What's his her .. Having given a few directions, Monaran "Hem! I never heard it before and hear, a lot of gossip. Is he a new man!

burgh's and offered her a cottage which tress, and Mona had been immensely at suppose you never go out? No? I thought used to be occupied by one of the curates tracted by the kindness and good-humor not. Now my pupils have not come to town yet, so while I have time I'll, come remove some of her furniture there before When Mona left, Mme. Debriany, moved over and stay with Mrs. Newburgh, so that the final crash came, and adding much to London, and with Mrs. Newburgh's you may take a little walk; nothing like counsel. The other was in a big, help contrived to make a good connection fresh air for keeping the nerves in tune." "Thank you very much-and now I am She had almost forgotten him in the pain- practicing for an expensive master, and "Well, God bless you! Mind you writemembrance of Lisle's advice voted friend. Both Mmc. Debrisay and to marry Mr. Waring. There's my adnever left her. Every night when she had her late husband the captain, were British dress. Ain't my new cards pretty?" lived over again the flery ordeal of that foreigner, with a view to obtaining a bet- Sleep partially restored Mrs. Newburgh;

the train, and looked, ter position in her profession; and posses- but next morning her granddaughter obshuldering, at the dreary, lonely fulure, ing dramatic instincts, she played her part served that she was restless and watchful through which she must do battle alone, artistically, speaking English with a for -especially of herself. The doctor for To whom could she turn, on whom could eign accent, and even brokenly at times, a bade her leaving her bed, as the weather she lean, when the man who seemed to proceeding she justified by asserting that was extremely cold, and a chill might be ang on her words-whose eyes spoke the the late Debrisay and herself were really fatal. warmest devotion, shrunk from her at the French, being descended from the Hugue- When Mrs. Newburgh's tollet de lit was first mutterings of the storm? But as to nots, who had fird from the persecutions made, and her pillows properly arranged, Mona took her work and sat down beside

thought. Now the momentons question dismal and dark that chill November af mother was making up her mind to speak. on which she would be called to decide ternoon, that Mona called Wehner to light This change in the somewhat abrupt domstared her in the face, and filled her soul the gas, that she might see her friend's face. Incering old woman touched her-it was "Oh! me dearchild" (sounded like cholld) such a confession of utter defeat. -her native accent came out when she "You will be glad to see Sir Robert, Millinery, was much moved, "I have only just come grannie," she began. "He will give us back from the sea-side, and heard some some good advice.' bad news, so I ran round to get at the truth "Not half so good as Mr. Oakley can," "You cannot have heard anything worse mere country gentleman, and nothing can

than the truth, Dib," returned Mona, save me from total ruin. What troubles "Poor grannie has lost everything. I me is that letter of Mr. Waring's. Itought scarcely know what is to become of us." to be answered. I think I could manage "Dieu des Dieux! you don't say so, to write, if you bring me the large blot-Don't tell me you have to face the black ting-book." is no misfortune like it, and I know. Ob, returned Mona, very gravely. "But how?" asked Mrs. Newburgh. my dear-my jewel, can you see no way you refuse to see him, all is over. If you

consent, it implies acceptance." "No; no way I should care to try." "Ha! there is a blink of hope somewhere "Not quite, grann'e. I have been thinkthen? How is your dear good grandmoth- ing all night long what I ought to doer? How will she ever bear 'going down?" what I can do. It seems impossible to de-"She is very unwell and weak; I am quite, cide. I believe I could make up my mind better if I had some conversation with Mr. frightened about her."

Waring, I am so indifferent, that I do not think his presence would even confuse down with a despondent air. She was a me." olump woman, under middle height, with "Let him plead his own cause," said dark eyes, fron-gray hair, a decidedly Mrs. Newburgh, stretching out her hand turned-up nose, a wide, smiling mouth, for pen and paper. "lie will induce you which was rarely quite closed over her to take a different view, I am sure." With difficulty she truced a few lines, excusing beautifully white teeth. their brevity on the score of illness, and "Tell me all about everything."

asking him to call on the following day, when Miss Joscelyn would receive him. perfect knowledge permitted. "You must address it, dear. He does not "Those promoters and scamps who get know your hand." up these companies I ron a i world ought to be hang! I know moving the writing materials; and taking way they work. Y upay a fe out an envelope, she sat down to direct it each share, and all goes swim door or and indifferent. Yet I have not detected

"It is of no consequence," said Mona, re-

"It is not natural, Mona, to be so cold

any liking on your part for any otherman,

"No, no!" interrupted Mona, quickly.

"Then, Mona, you will love young War-

"I have no preference for anyone, rest as-

"Oh! yes, I dare say I shall. Now, gra

laie, I am going to read you the paper, try

and listen-it may rest your brain a little."

sured, dear grannie."

ing when he is your husband?"

over the good income they brok me neve and by; then comes the cr. s.c. and you the all you possess clawed up by those vilia -and I'm afraid they will make a cle; sweep of poor dear Mrs. No burgh's money, that she was so fond oi. Not but ) ed Mme. Debrisay, Eastily correcting her-'I am afraid they will! I try hard .

think what will become of us-of what I "I will, Mona, I will, because you have t got who -I forget all the names; but I trouble you with a letter, because I have ought to do," returned Mona, with a deep given me a little hope." thought I might wait a little longer—the twice tried in vain to see you or Miss sigh. "I fear a nery useless. What | The rest of the dull, drear November day Mona moved slowly perhaps, but firmly, cult to approach the subject on which I am "You carn money! Why, it is hard as if keenly alive to the work she had to "Forgive you!" crie'l Mona, sinking on about to address you, when I have had so enough for those who have been trained do. Late in the afternoon a card was few opportunities of making myself known, for work to find the means of existence; brought her. "Captain St. John Lisle,

me from the charge of presumption, and and you-" here she found her handker- -th Hussars." She thought an instant, I to firgive? Ruther let me pray your for- that Miss Joscelyn will not refuse to let chief necessary. "That I should live to penciled a line on it, "So serry! I can not Affences for my want of obedience and me explain myself to her personally. If I hear you speak of such a thing! Not that leave Mrs. Newburgh," and send it back submissiveness! Where should I be but dare to be somewhat premature, it is be- the work itself is hard—an idle life is the to him. worst of alli-it's the looking for it, and Captain Lisle was not the only visitor to away Hooper-I will be your mail, your be accepted by the lady to whose hand I the failures, and the waiting. No, my Green street that day. Late in the after-purse, your servant-anything that can aspire. Indeed, under any circumstances, dear, you must make up your mind and noon, Sir Robert Everard was announced. vice to you, and beg to assure you that I Mona laughed, but her laugh was not Newburgh. "You must go, Mona-ex-

Dear Debt you are as imaginative as . Sir Robert was a thorough country gen they ready to marry penniless girls." phere of the woods and fields with him in "Yes, Englishmen are. And you must to the chill, dull dining-room, which ha not be too hard to please. I remember that a deserted air. A middle-aged, middle night I went to Mrs. Vincent's soirce mus- sized man, plump and rosy, with pepperfcale, to play the accompaniments, there and-sait covered mutton-chop whisken was a fine, elegant, distingue mun talking looking always as if he had came fresh you, and watching you. I asked you from a bath. His shirt front was the about him after, but you would only laugh. snowiest, his clothes the glossiest. You told me his name, but I cannot think voice had a mellow ring in it, which atoned for the loud, authoritative key in which he

other, "how is the poor grannie? I.pro-How well she remembered that blissful test I never was more cut up than when evening-what a thrill of pain the mention found how desperate she had been swin dled! She would stick to the ship, in spit of it sent through her heart? "Ay! but this one was more than polite. of all that Oakley or I could say. The few He was a captain-Captain Lisle, that's it. solvent shareholders backed out son Now, why wouldn't you take him?" time ago, and the rest are mostly men "Because he never asked me for one straw, so they'll not leave Mrs. Newburg thing," said Mona, nerving herself to speak a rap." lightly and smile carclessly. "I suspect he "Poor dear grannie is very, very miserais a man who wants a great deal for money ble, Sir Robert. It is curious that so clev-

er a woman should have believed in what "Oh! he isn't badly off! I know they many of her friends and advisers doubted." were talking of him, and of a rich widow "She was always obstinate, my dent who wanted to marry him, and Mrs. Vin- devilish obstinate! However, I have a bi cent said he was too independent to be a of good news. A friend of mine wants to fortune-hunter-that he had six or seven buy the house. He will give a decent sum hundred a year, to say nothing of his pay." too; and I want your grandmother to con-"That is not being rich," returned Mona, vey the money to me for you, or some legal happened to have returned from his morn- trying to evaile the subject, but making a jugglery of that kind. Go, ask her if she mental note of the fact that Lisle was not will be able to see me and Oakley to-mor-It's a bad business, these repeated at poor; then a sudden impulse prompted her row, that we may settle about it. It will tacks," he said to Mona, after he had seen to confide her difficulties to her shrewd, be a something between you and want." his patient. "Her nerves are all wrong, sympathizing friend. "But I am in a pain- "I will go and tell her," said Mona, hastfully undecided state of mind about a ening away. "Will it be enough to-save really rich man who has written to my me from the necessity of marrying anydresses tome,' as old-fushioned people say." In a moment she returned and said-"Thank God!" exclaimed Mine. Debrisay, "My grandmother will be glad to see

devoutly. "And will he do, dear?" you to-morrow at twelve." "A week ago I should have said certain- "All right; just sit down and write a line ly not! Now," her voice broke, "when I to Oakley, asking him to meet me here. think of poor grannie's wistful eyes when We will have a consultation, then we'll hesitated, I feel I ought not to refuse! see what is best to be done; we must secure 'hen she fainted away, as if she could bear whatever money Mrs. Newburgh gets for o more. How can I rob her of her last the house from the claws of the liquida-Her lips trembled, the long pent-up de will be some time before grandmother can

mair and anguish of her heart would be be moved," returned Mona, who shrunkno longer controlled. Covering her face, from the idea of visiting the Chase again. side. She knew that her marriage with she burst into tears, struggling hard to "You would be all the better for being "No-o," said Mona, when she could ar such trouble. Why, you are not as old as ticulate. "He is a good-natured, well- Evelyn." meaning young man, rather tiresome and Sir Robert Everard talked on in heavy. I used to dance with him last sea- kindly, easy way while Mona wrote t son, and he called here a few times. Then note to Oakley. he was staying at the Chase (oh! it was seem to notice me much. Then this morning came a letter from him expressing

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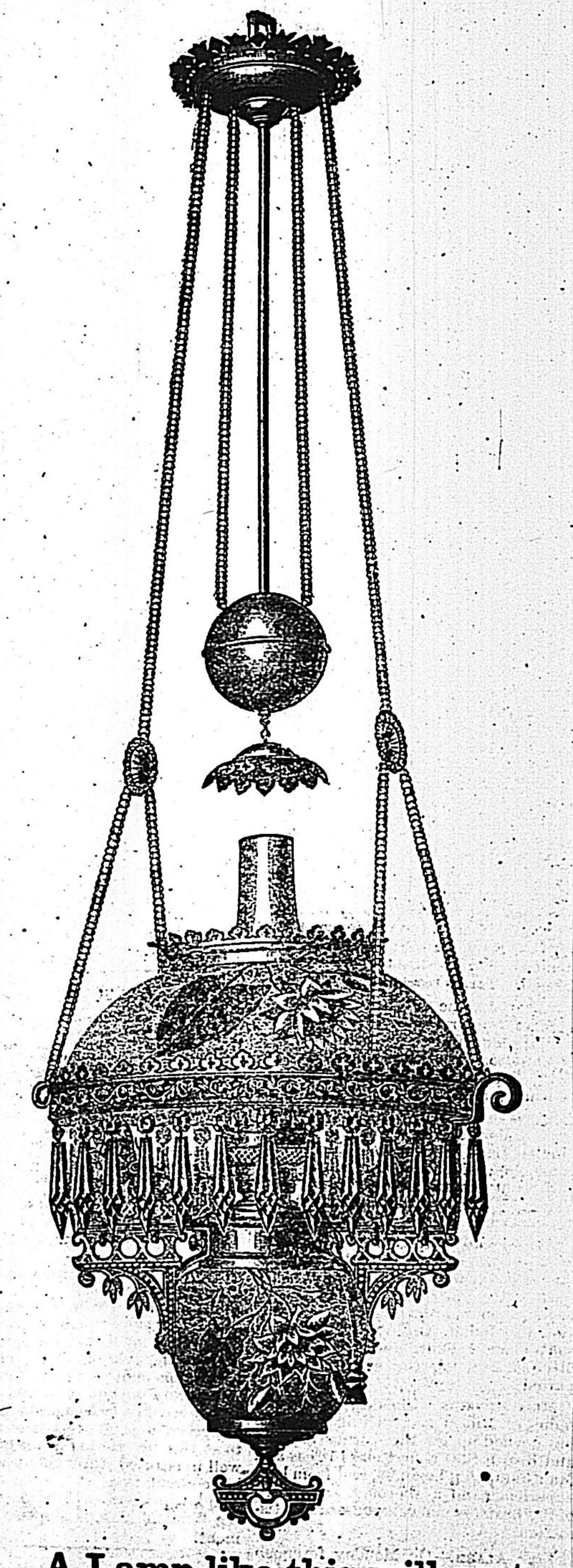
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