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It cannot be quiet-it cannot rest; The tide must ebb, and the tide must fow Whilst the changing seasons come and go. Still from the depths of that hidden store There are treasures tossed up along the shore Tossed by the billows-then seized again-Carried away by the rushing main.

Oh, strangely glerious and beautiful sea! Sounding for ever mysteriously. Why are thy billows still rolling on, With their wild and sad and musical tone? Why is there never repose for thee? Why slumberest thou not, oh mighty sea? Then the ocean's voice I seemed to hear, Mournfully, solemnly-sounding near, Like a wail sent up from the caves below, Fraught with dark memories of human woe, Telling of loved ones buried there, Of the dying shvick and the dying prayer; Telling of hearts still watching in vain Wagen and Carriage Works, For those who shall never come again; Of the willow's groan, the orphan's cry. And the mother's speechless ageny. And dark and stormy its waves must be; It cannot be quiet, it cannot sleep.

> That dark, relentless, and stormy deep. But a day will come, a blessed day, When earthly servew shall pass away, When the hour of anguish shall turn to peace, And even the roar of the waves shall cease. Their out from its deepest and darkest bed Old Ocean shall render up her dead, And, freed from the weight of human wees, Shall quietly sink in her last repose. No sorrow shall over be written then On the depths of the sea or the hearts of n Still clothed in giory and light divine. Then where shall the billows of occan be? GONE! for in heaven shall be "no more sea!" 'Tis a bright and beautiful thing of earth. That cannot share in the soul's "new birth;" "I is a life of murmur and tossing and spray And at resting-time it must pass away.

But, oh! thou giorious and beautiful sea, There is health and joy and blessing in thee: Solomnly, sweetly, I hear thy voice, Durham P. O. Bidding me weep and yet rejoice-Weep for the loved ones buried beneath, Rejoice in Him who has conquered death; Weep for the sorrowing the tempest-tossed R joice in Him who has saved the lost; Weep for the sin, the sorrow, and strife, And rejoice in the hope of eternal life.

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EVE HARWOOD. CHAPTER IV. (Continued.) would have been completely so but for a of engineering.

said in reply to Mrs. Harwood's anxiously entirely at her disposal whenever she expressed willingness to do anything fur- could find time to practice during the hours ther that lay in her power to make them in which he was at business. She wato his liking, "I shall soon make myself painstaking and persevering, and made at home," he added. smilingly, "so I hope such progress that in the course of a few you'll treat me as one of the family, and months she was able to accompany herself to be as an evil genius, and introduce such wood had been taught to regard novel remarks and innocent questions, none ed of in the homely philosophy of its in- | made offer of the unristricted run of his girl's mind the idea that she might

Harwoods, Mr. Stone proved himself "quite prejudice. Some of the best of men and it opened up a wide and interesting field of only to be attained by combining home in the extent to which they drew her away study with office practice, and Mr. Stone from and suggested a distaste for the had been liberally supplied with mand household occupations in which it had pre somely bound copies of the leading text viously been her greatest ple sure to assibooks and authorities. To see her "young "mother," For now a large proportion of gentleman" at study when he spent an her time was spent in novel reading and evening at home in his own room, was in piano-forte playing. In other matters too, Mrs. Harwood's opinion "quite a picture" she began to assume what she conceived to

too loud and large display of jewellery. The new constitution of the Harwood real gentleman had somewhat turned the things drift, and enjoying the flat'e is of Every finger on the right hand and two on | household had undoubtedly latent evil in | head of the inexperienced Eve. So much | the passing moment to subject herself to t e left, were ringed, some of them knuckle it, and presently the evil began to work. was avident, she argued, and it was for self-examination, the fact still remained Lot, Choice and charms attached to it were also too large wood, but that to her unsophisticated im- particular action would be best, whether attachment between Jim Harwood and her as well as too numerous, while his stude agination it would have appeared pre- to give Eve a "talking to," or drop Mr. never been other than that between bro and sleeve-links decid dly erred on the posterous to suppose that a real gentleman Stone a delicate hint of the possible harm ther and sister, she would probably by this ame side. Apart from this profuse dis- like him could have, as she would have ex- his "niceness might unconsciously lead to; time have been unmistakably in love with day of what old Corbett was wont in his pressed it, "any idea" of a girl in Eve's or without speaking too quietly and pas- her "gentleman" admirer. But as matexceedingly dapper and presentable young and high breeding was really induced by sudden, and to her a tragical crisis. gentleman, and the smiling self-assurance, a self-seeking desire to gain the admira-

and everything that could be desired, he that she was to regard the instrument as

trenchant way to style hardware-a point position in life. Almost any other woman sively, keep the pair as much as ters stood she was further from being in that might have been pregnant with mean- would, with her opportunities for obser- possible, leaving Eve to infer the reason love with him than she was aware of. Till mg to a student of character, but upon vation, have seen that much of the liber- for her conduct-while she was still in her he had come, the vanity in her nature had Mr. Harwood was not qualified to judge ality of tone and niceness of manners simple way weighing the respective merits | been dormant, and her imagination but critically apart from this Mr Stone was an which she set down to sheer good-nature of these plans, matters were brought to a little exercised. These he had excited into that to others might have seemed to savour | tion of Eve, and confirm in her mind the might have been, Eve herself had never sion, not upon her heart. In her heart very strongly of impudence, struck Mr. impression that he was quite the gentle- been in doubt as to the meaning of Mr. Jim still reigned supreme, but a cloud had Harwood as an open and taking manner. man;" and would have been absent had Stone's attentions to herself in particular, arisen between them that so blinded them il at she been better versed in the ways of there been no pretty girl in the way. As or true explanation of much of that "nice- that for the time being they could not read the world, or of a more suspicious nature, a matter of fact the great part of the gen- news to the other members of the family their own true feelings. she might, even at a first interview, have erosity and niceness displayed was bestow- about which "mother" was won't to talk. Jim, too, had rightly interpreted tientertained a doubt as to Mr. Stone's fit- ed up in Eve. She was a member of her Before he had spoken a word in the way of meaning of Mr. Stone's attentions to Eve. ness for bee ming an immate of her house- chapel choir, had a fairly good voice, a direct love making, or that, if challenged, and had by his manner shown that he rehold. But it had been her happy lot to see natural love for music, and an aptitude for could not have been fairly put down to his sented hem. A hearty and mutual detes- rival of the Rev. James Dancan, of the but little of the evil side of hom an nature, acquiring musical knowledge. Mr. Stone supposed characteristic of niceness, she tation sprang up between the two young Presbyterian Church, at Prince Albert, to and by inculcation as well as by disposition was not long in descovering this, and tak- knew instinctively, but none the less fellows; and as each spoke disparagingly the pastoral charge of which place he has she was imbibed with the charity that ing the discovery as his key-note be dis- certainly, that he was in love with her. of the other to Eve, she was often placed been appointed. Mr. Duncan received his thinketh no evil. To her, Mr. Stone only coursed with a neat touch of sentimentality | How she was affected by the knowledge, in a difficult position. Mr. Stone nick. | theological training at Manitoba College, seemed "so nice," and "such a gentleman;" upon community of taste, winding up by what, if analyzed, her inner feelings would named Jim, " Bruin," and spoke of him Winnipeg, and is the first graduate of that she congratulated Lerseli upon the prospect | a prettily expressed hope that Eve would have amounted to she would have a coarse, common, ungentle- institution admitted to the work of the of obtaining such a lodger; and if in this allow him to give her a lesson or two on found it difficult to say, had anybody put manly fellow, in whom it was gross pre- ministry. Just before leaving Winnipeg first interview he assumed an easy air the piane, as he was sure she would soon to her the question. But no one had supertion to raise his eyes to any lady-like he was presented by his fellow students towards her and Eve-who was assisting learn to play. Without pausing to consult questioned her, and she had avoided sub- girl. Jim returned the complement by with two handsome books as a token of her in doing the honours-it is but right to any one, Eve, blushing with pleasure, ac- jecting herself to self-examination. She dubbing the other Mr. Gadly, and speak. their kindly feeling towards him. Mr. add that he soon put them at their ease cepted the offer. She also freely enough, and ing of him as a mere tail r's dum ny, an Duncan made the trip from Winnipeg to

dattered by them. They had the effect level ping whatever of vauity had been latent in her character. To be "lady-like" was now the chief though unexpressed object of her thoughts, and her idea of be ng lady-like reall : meant to be affacte ! dopt a mineing tone and gait, value finery that sort of thing you know," and as he correctly, and to play ordinary pieces after and flippery in dress, and feel ashamed of spoke, he regarded Eve with a look that two or three times trying over. She had what she ought to have felt proud; of he was at least as bold as respectful. As to wisdom enough not to boast of this ac- ing "caught" in her coarse working a 10 terms, he said in the same light tone, that complishment in quarters where such a or helping "mother" with the household would be all right, he would leave that beast, coming from one in her position, washing or the like. This general feeling to Mrs. Harwood, only asking her not to do | would be likely to provoke hatred, malice, | was specially strengthened in Eve by an any injustice to herself in the matter. In and all uncharitableness, but in her heart adroit stroke of Mr. Stone's. As nearly this pleasant fashion the business pre- of hearts she was very proud of it, not every one about the works knew as much liminaries were settled, and Mr. Stone only for the genuine pleasure which it of Eve's story as she did herself, Mr. Stone took up his abode in the innocent, happy afforded her, but also as being a distinc- was not long in becoming acquainted with little household to which he was destined tively ludy-like acquirement. Mrs. Har- it, and by a series of apparently chance stormy passion and bitter misery, as - reading as wicked, and at first forbade Eve which amounted to a positive or pointed bookshelves. The "young gentleman," bably be-that she probably was-a "lady For a time all went pleasantly. In the however, respectfully submitted to her that bern." The notion was of a nature that estimation alike of himself and of the her views on this point were founded no could only cause her vexation of spirit, but

the gentleman." He was, on all occasions | women, he pointed out had employed the speculation to her, and once impanted 'the pink of politeness," and particularly novel as a form of teaching, had in that in her mind it grew with what it fed upon sice-spoken, while in all that partained to shape given their wisest thoughts to the until she was so full of it, that she could not domestic arrangements he acted in a re- world, and appealed most successfully to refrain from speaking of it, even to Mr. gardless-of-cost style that gave Mrs. Har- the noblest feelings of the human heart. Stone who was not slow to avail him eli wood a great sense of his wealth and By such reasoning he soon succeded in of the opportunities for flattery which it liberality, Though he had pronounced overcoming her objection to novel reading afforded. He had a natural gift for flattery h an artments "all that could be desired," in the abstract, and then, immediately and his cleverly insinuated complement. he soon added materially to their equip- taking an unfair advantage of his victory, of course went to support the "born lady ment, especially in the way of establish- proceeded to lend Eve novel after novel. of view, being to the general effect that there ment. Mentioning in an off-hand way widely different type from those of which was something, a lady-like-ness about her that he was fond of music and played a he had spoken when overcoming the which unmistakably market her out from little, he hired a piano, and with various scruples of Mrs. Harwood-flashy, flesh "the common hord,"and stamped her as one good-humoured remarks, he gradually dis- sensational novels, written upon the plan fitted to adorn any position. Eve brooded carded the pictures with which Mrs. Har- of neroising sin through three or four hun- on the subject by day, and dreamt of it by wood had sought to adorn the walls, and dred pages, and condemning it as a mortal night, and for the first time in her life felt replaced them by a larger collection of a "tag" on the last page; full of sound and interable. She was dissatisfied and dismuch more expensive and ambitions fury, glare and glitter, false life, false content d, and had a sense, which her natucharacter. He loaded the mantlepiece character, false sentiment. They were ral go ness of heart made very distressing with knickknackery, and "set up" various certainly not such works as any true friend to her, of being ungrateful towards those elegant bachelor appliances. His mother of Eve's would have placed in her hands who have been to her as parents; to the frequently sent him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good her so well and the property in the property in the property innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the very innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the property innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the property innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the property innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the property innocence and ignorance the him hampers of good but the property innocence and the property innocen things, and when these arrived he would might at a first glarce have appeared t and to the memory of the dead father who prepare a feast to which Mrs. Har- place her in the greatest danger proved her in I e had dealt by her with such lovingwood. Eve, and young Jim were bidden in safe-guard. The moral ty (r want o k ndness, and had blessed her with his dy the most "ffable manner "invite himself" morality) of the books was for the most as ing breath. With respect to young Jim to spend an evening with them in their meaningless to her as the high soundin Harwood she had the feeling in a much iving room, joining in their simple talk phraseology in which it was frequent'y stronger degree. As children, they had and plain supper, and in a general way conched. This reading was a new for no been as brother and sister, but as they making good his promise to regard himself excitement to her, and shesimply galloped verged towards man and wemanhood, and as "one of the fam ly." Proficiency in the through the books for the plot's sake. The fully realized that there was no tie between profession to which he was articled was worst practical harm they did her consisted them save that of affection, the affection und upon Jim's side at any rate gradually this slag-yarn there are three numbers, or hanged from a brother-like to a lover-like naracter. Parly from feeling assure i in the matter, and partly from a creditable while a cubic foot of the parent slag weight hffider ce about making a formal proposal unt'l he should be out of apprenticeship, and approved himself a man, he had nev r in so many words asked her to be his -and his preparations on these occasions by "lady-like" airs, and Mrs. Harwood, sweetheart. But that he regarded her in were certainly of a rather picturesque though she had failed to see the inevitable that light, the knew as well as he did, and character. He arrayed himself in all the tendency of the causes that had produced in her heart of hearts she knew, too, that glory, an especially gorgeous dressing-gown the result, now saw with sorrow that Eve he had had emple justification for taking with smoking cap and slippers to match, was an altered girl; was more vain and he position for granted. She had been The plan thus suggested was promptly and set out his table with a bronze reading frivolous and worldly, and less contented proud and happy to be regarded, and carried out, and in due time the new lodger lamp of classic design and a full display of and manageable than she had ever been thought that "there was no one like him." arrived in the person of Mr. Frederick an expensive set of drawing instruments. prior to the advent of the "gentleman lod- The attentions and flatteries of the "gentleman lod-DIRECTORS: His Honor D. A. Macdonald, Lieut. Stone, a dicidely genteel-looking young Thus attired and equipped, and with a ger," or than at that time it had seemed man ledger," however, as we have seen. man of one-and-twenty years of age. He cigar in his mouth, and a glass of wine at p ssible to her foster mother she coult wrought a change in her feelings, and was quite the young man of the day; his elbow as "aids to reflection," he would ever become. By keeping his ears open filled her mind with day dreams of a very habitually spoke of himself as "a fellow;" knit his brows, and assume an "awfully" Mr. Stone could often make himself ac different character from those of which Jim was abundantly self-posssessed and self- grave and abstracted air which greatly im- quainted with Eve's movements out of Harwood had been the hero. The latter satisfied, larded Lis conversation with pressed Mrs. Harwood with a sense of the doors, and after a time he began to avail dreams had never gone beyond the idea of "awfully," "jolly," and other popular difficulties of engineering and the deter- himself of such information for the pur a neat little home such as a sober artizan slang-isms; smoked, "took his glass," mination of her "young gentleman" to pose of gaining opportunities of, as he put blessed with a thrifty and industrious help-Charges Low. adapted a langour and cynicism of manner, overcome them or perish in the attempt. it, "Icing escort duty," and as might have mate might hope to have, with the posand professed the philosophy of the mod- She even ventured to throw out a mother- been expected in such a town as Knights sibility in the future of Jim, who liked hi ern gilded youth-"there is nothing new, ly hint upon the dangers of injury to health ford this gave rise to gossip-gossip which trade and was not without ambition, vising the privilege of repaying principal in such same and nothing true; and it don't matter." from over application. But she need not reached both the ears of Mrs. Harwood to be a foreman. Those in which she now He was of medium height, had a good have been alarmed, for though he kept and her son. Even at this point Mrs. indulged ran upon the material delights figure, and was fairly well-looking, though the apparatus of study on show throughout Harwood could not see for herself the met- being a real lady; of ha ing a fine house there was an expression about the counte- the evening, he really made very little use ive that underlay all Mr. Stone's "nice fine clothes, fine jewellry; ser auts t ance which, to one skilled in reading such of them, usually abandoning them in fav. ness." She would still have thought i wait upon you, and perhaps even your own signs, would have indicated that under the our of some sensation nevels, a branch of preposterous to suppose that a real gentle carriage to ride in. These dreams, to d surface polish there was an active selfish- reading that was infinitely more to his min "had any idea" of a girl like Eve, but her justice, were more purely castles in the ness and latent vindictiveness of character. liking than the perusal of scientific works, at the same time-so she now reasoned air to her than the others had been. She His "get up," as he would have called it, and in which he was much better "up" with herself - it was evident that this had a dim consciousness of their being i was upon the whole tolerably neat, and than he was ever likely to be in the theories "niceness" which she took it was an us- her ca e somewhat of the nature of a fool ual and natural part of the character of a predise. Though she preferred letting

deep; watch-guard was of unnecessary That Mr. Stone was "taken" with Eve her to take some action in the matter; but that she was uncertain as to the nature of fitable staple of modern manufacturing cable-like proportions, and the lockets and would have been patent even to Mrs. Har- while she was mentally debating what her feeling towards Mr. Stone. Had the skill .- Cassell's Magazine. activity, and it was upon her vanity and However short-sighted Mrs. Harwood imagination that he had made an impres-

During with him. The spartments were "jolly," Lerielf of a suggestion of him to the effect was understood sort of creeture. Prince Albert in cloven days and a half.

gard with anglit save contempt. With Eve he was bitterly wroth,

"And to be wroth with one we love. Doth work like madness in the brain." He was not content with being cool with her. He spenly treated her with an angry contempt, and at times, when they were alone together, sneeringly accused her of being mean and sordist. This line of condust upon his part only played into the bands of his rival, for his heat of manner and plainess of language on these occasions seemed to Eve in her present state of mind to justify the charge of his being coarse and common. But though he thus damaged his own case, he still came out so well in the comparison that it was inevitable, under the circumstances, she should occasionally make between the two, that there can be no doubt had he taken the I me of simply being more assiltaous in his own ove-making, he would have been able to have nipped Mr. Stone's pretensions in the bud. She felt that Jim, with all his faults, as she had been brought to think them, was the larger-minded and warmer-hearted of the two; and that under all Mr. Stone's polish and "niceness" there was a pettiness and vindictiveness of spirit that was calculated to considerably lower his average f merit. She could see, too, that beneath his anger Jim was sore at heart; and there were times when her own heart went fondly out towards him; and when a few loving words from him would have made ill well again between them. But the green eyed monster had possession of him, and the loving word in season was not applied to themselves-had been undream- to avail herself of Mr. Stone's gallantly suggestion, he contrived to start in the spoken. His bearing towards her raised a spirit of prideful opposition in Eve, while, as we have said, Mr. Stone's attentions

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

ance to be prospering.

Iron Fleece.

played upon her vanity and imagination,

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er affection seemed to outward appear-

Iron-masters are beginning to discern merits, hitherto unsuspected, in the slag or refuse of their blast furnaces. Till yesterlay the heaps of rough cindery material which encumbered the ground overshadowed by tall brick chimners, flame-topped were regarded as rubbish of the worst sort, But now, as mineral wool in America, as dag wool in Yorks'rire, and as cotton silisate in Germany, this humbler Cinderella secong products finds itself prized at last Silica, or flint, as the manufacturer knows too well, is sure to be present in iron ore, and has to be got rid of, and for this reason he flings into the roaring furnace those cart-loads of broken limestone, the lime of which unites with the silica, and runs off, t lava stream, leaving behind it the salealle "pigs" of molten iron. Quite recent'y t was discovered that this lava-stream, till now sheer lumber, could be manipulated into a fibrous substance, light, pliant, and bearing a remarkable similarity to wool, and perhaps still more so to the fine strong hair of the Himalayan shawl-goat. The hot slag,by ingenious contrivances, is made while yet in a fluid state to develop, as it trickles forth, into vitroous threads. Of qualities. Let us take the finest, No. 3, a cubic foot of which is but 8 lbs. in weight, no less than 192 lbs. It is difficult, when surveying the huge bundle of woolly fibres, first to believe in the mineral origin of what looks so very like the carded flooce of sheep. and then to realise that the countless threads were drawn from a compact little lab of slag of equal weight from the imposing fibrous heap. Sometimes the wool s white, often grey, occasionally pink or red, and now and then green, or greenish-And now for its uses. In America it is chiefly valued because it is a non-conductor of heat, and in this capacity it far surpasses asbestos, felt, and every other subtince employed in the arts. It enwraps boilers, it packs steam cylinders, and torms fir proof jacket for hot-water piping ? while, in virtue of the same quality, it is waluable as a lining to the walls of an cohouse. It does duty also as a filter, and an readily be worked up into matting more durable than even the cocoa-palm ields. Cleuly, however, higher destinies than these await this child of the blast urnses. Wool that is cheaply produced n as y quantity, wool that delies moth and mildew, that is fireproof and almost indestructible, and which can keep in heat and keep out cold must be available for arpets, tents, sails, packing-cloths, and even overclothing. Improvements in what s after all an infant industry, will probably suggest other uses for this mineral textile fabric, and if less romantic than the Golden Fleece of Jason, the Iron Fleece may one day become a standard and pro-

At Calatagirone, Sicily, there was a violent shock of earthquke on Sanday. Dec. 5, during service in the church. There was a rush to the door, and two women were trampled to death, while about twenty

persons were seriously injured. A German collector of statistics estimates the population of the earth at 1,340,145,000 souls, of whom about 413,000,000 are Christians, and 900,000,000 non-Christians. Roman Catholies number 210,000,000, and Protestants 115,000,000. Of the Greek Church there are 80,000,000, and of the other Christians, 8,000,000. Jews are reckoned at 7,000,000, Mahametans at 120, 000,000, and "the Heathen" of all kinds at

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