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background, and the committee who waited upon Farnham to ask him to acupon considerations of the public good.

His sensitive conscience would not per mit him to refuse a duty thus imposed, and so with many inward qualms he assumed a chair in the vile municipal government he had so signally failed to

It, when he saw to what his selection was attributable. He was a figure-head and from the position. As long as they allowed him and the librarian (who was late the library to their liking, he could not inquire into their motives or decline association with them. He was perfectly free to furnish what mental food he chose to two hundred thousand people, and he felt it would be cowardice to surrender that important duty on any pitiful question of patronage or personal susceptibility.

So once more he stifled the impulse to resign his post, and the meeting adjourned without further incident. As he walked home, he was conscious of a Bringing his mind to bear upon it resolved itself into nothing more formidable than the coming interview with And good to return up to 31st inclusive. For the time of Miss Matchin. It would certainly be unpleasant to tell her that her hopes were frustrated, when she had seemed so confident. At this thought he felt the awakening of a sense of protectornothing else, to show that he was not dependent upon those ostrogoths. But what could be done for such a girl, so tastic? Above all, what could be done for her by a young and unmarried man?

> hard for single men to show kindness to single women in any way but one. At his door he found Sam Sleeny with a kit of tools; he had just rung the He turned as Farnham mounted the steps, and said : "I come from Matchin's-something

about the greenhouse." "Yes," answered Farnham. gardener is over yonder at the corner of the lawn. He will tell you what is to

Sam walked away in the direction indicated, and Farnham returned to the Some letters were lying on the table in the library. He had just began

"That young person."

Maud came in flushed with fresh an and rapid walking. Farnham saw that even by the brilliancy of her fine eyes, which seemed to exult in their libera-She began with nervous haste:

took her hand with a kindly earnestness, saying: "I am very glad to see you. "Yes, yes," she continued; "but have

sorry I have not. The board appointed another person.

The tears sprang to her eyes.
"I really expected it. I hoped you I really did all I possibly could," said Farnham. "I never tried so hard for anybody before, but a majority were

She seemed so dejected and hopeless that Farnham, forgetting how hard it was for a young man to assist a young woman, said two or three fatal words. "We must try something else." The pronoun sounded ominous to him

as soon as he had uttered it. acted like magic upon Maud. She lifted a bright glance through her tears, and said, like a happy child to whom a new game has been proposed, "What shall

seemed to feel that a certain relation-a certain responsibility - had been established between them. thought exhilarated Mand; it seemed the beginning of her long-expected retaking a very imprudent step. But they ing at nothing definite; for her own

He grew silent and thoughtful with this reflection, and the conversation she disposed of the difficulty by rising

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Thanks, "she replied. "That will be perfectly lovely."

copious, but her eyes and mouth spoke volumes of joy and gratitude. Her hands beautiful face to him with pleasure flushing from her warm cheeks and lig and eyes, she seemed to exhale some thing of the vigorous life and impulse the spring sunshine. Farnham felt tha he had nothing to do but stoop and kiss the blooming flower-like face, and her exalted condition she would have thought little more of it than a blush rose thinks of the same treatment. he refrained, and said, "Good-mornin,

because she seemed in no mood to say "Good-by, for a day or two," she said, gayly, as she bent her head to pa under the low lintel of the gate. Farnham walked back to the house not at all satisfied with himself. wonder whether I have mended matters? She is certainly too pretty a girl to be running in and out of my front door in sight of all the avenue. Ho much better will it be for her to use the private entrance, and come and go by sort of stealth. But then she does no regard it in that way. She is so ignorant of this wicked world that it seems to her

it, I must find a place for her before she domesticates herself here." The thought of what should be done with her remained persistently with him and kept him irritated by the vision of her provoking and useless beau. "If she were a princess," he though "all the poets would be twanging t lyres about her, all the artists would be dying to paint her, she would have songs preside at church fairs and open t dance at charity balls. If I could start would go on wheels. But to earn her own living-that is a trade of anothe complexion. She has not breeding education enough for a governess; she

a grievous contract on my hands. his window, and, looking out, saw his groom holding a young brown horse t a few moments Farnham was in the saddle and away. For awhile he, left his perplexities behind, in the pleasure of rapid motion and fresh air. But drew rein half an hour afterward at Acland Falls, and the care that had sat on the crupper came to the front again. "As a last resort," he said, "I can persuade her she has a voice, and send her to Italy, and keep her the rest of her life cultivating it in Milan."

All unconscious of the anxiety she was causing, Maud walked home with her

The flowers she held in her hands recalled the faint odors she had inhaled in Farnham's house; they seemed to her a concrete idea of luxury. Her mind the white cravat of Budsey; the glimpse find the and porcelain; the rich softness of the carpets and rugs, the firelight dancing painted walls and ceilings; the wall and yet told her nothing; and more than all this to poor Mand, the perfect

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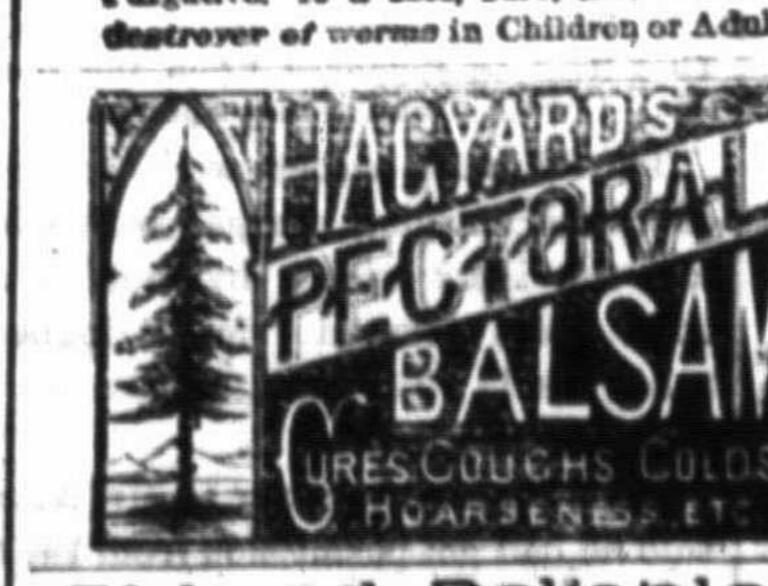
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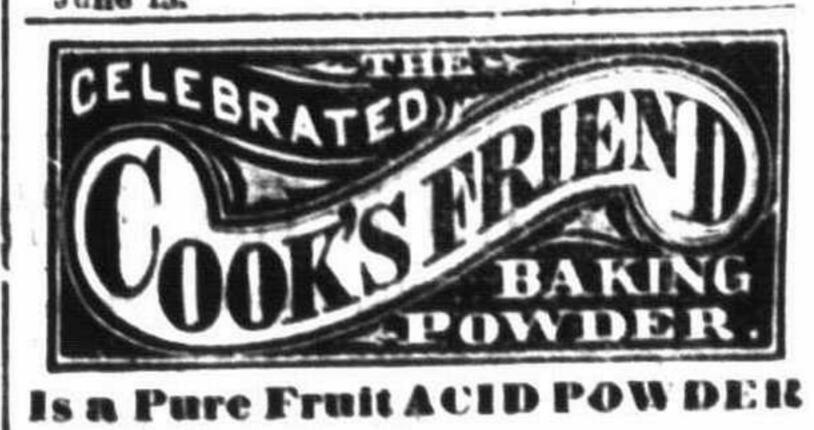
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