you could so coolly resign me."

won't gond me back, Pierce?"

married just to get away from bondage."

Directly's eyes filled with tears.

do or say to convine you of my love"

ing ruined one's life by one mad ret."

God you could not understand such unhap-

wrong as I endured, possible. Don't talk of

evil. I will go to town tomorrow and con-

"Indeed to goodness no! You don't know

the man; he is madiy jealous, and I believe

"Who was your father's lawyer".

"Mr. Silas Self, of Staples Inn."

"Have you ever appealed to him?"

to manage my affairs; but I won't marry

who pecketed his brimstone abroad and .

away. Ldon't want to b a trouble to any-

Forgetful of dinner, Pierce sat down and

one, unless it be Mr. M ddfeton.

drew her towards him, saying:

or and integrity dictate.

to benefit not only myself but you.

of being always together."

circumstances, can be legal."

to take each other."

the sly in Landon?"

"No, you are not; if you loved me as I do

dear, and I will consult my lawyer to-mor-

"It must be if we are both free and agree

"Do, do, Pierce; then no one dare part us,

ing about feeling obliged in such a matter."

and so settle the matter, Sir Stonyheart."

could turn a heart to stone, my name should

I have endured; now you have trouble

enough without feeling pained on my ac-

Byron says a kiss's strength may be reck-

oned by its length, if so, that was a tre-

doll, and Drift sat looking up at his master

"Dear old chap," said Pierce, patting his

"Ob, I do wish you were not going away,

with his faithful brown eyes.

you look sad, what is the matter?"

mendously strong kiss of theirs.

"Well, I wish you would feel obliged, too, )

"If wrong and ruth, sorrow and shame,

be so very much obliged to you!"

romantically hungry."

and her lips quivered.

that, my preclous, it upsets me."

the fun they can out of a good story and if the reading public take advantage of what they will learn therefrom they will ure Wethe

they have found in .

to consent to our union?" profusion at the

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him-I hate him awfully!" Only a partial mention can be made of our stock. To see set her pretty-treth viciously. is to buy. Prices so low as to |\_ be almost given away:

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count. Say you love me, Dorothy." dying love, while their lips lingered over a i

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bring me a set of tea-things, won't you?" "Yes, pet, I will, because you have been ;

at her he said:

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you here, if you do as I wish?"

were The Gover collieries water of great value. You must give him. I know he is a mason there was property besides; and she seemed and better still, a knight templar; he dare

such a chi-d; she had never been allowed to | not disregard my wishes, or wrong you.

age of ther love and faith to bind her to him, you in my charge till I can see him, and tell

"But suppose you should see someone you | gard my wishes. Why, I don't know that could love be ter, my beautiful darting. | we could not make you a ward in Chancery. would you not blame me for rushing you | 'Oh, don't do that! I have heard that

into marriage when all the advantage whatever Chancery gets hold of it never. gives up again. "You don't believe in my love, Pierce, - Mr. Penfold smiled. Indeed I do not think your love, perfect if | "Chancery would be without appreciation I thit could let you go after once having had "Coolly resign you! On Dorothy, how the happiness of holding you in bondage." you mi-judge me! I only try to see what is | Ally came back crying. She had broken best for you. You'are such a caild, a man her dell's leg, and nothing would do but would be a scoundrel to allow his own | that it should be set and properly splinted-

withies to influence your life. Oh, my dear, a match-box and some tape serving for my dear, it is the greatness of my love that | surrical purposes. makes me able to look only to your side of Peace belig restored, Mr. Penfold took a the bargain; you have all to lose, I all to lender leave of both Dorothy and Ally, and

> "God forbid, chi.d! How can you ask | would come to his dear ones. me? Are you sure you do not want to be dimmed eyes, the strange foreboding still weighing down her heart with a giant's

> "Oh, you are cruei, Pierce! What can I Taking little Ally's hand, she went up to "I am cruel to be kind, there darling. I the nursery, and tried to busy herself with True love is unselfish. I know what it is to | some needlework, but the hours drarged wake up, too late, to the knowledge of hav- heavily, and she got nervous and trembled at every sound.

Now Pierce had left Ally in her charge, . Y at were not happy with your wife, she felt unreasonably anxious about the child, and would not allow her out of her

I cannot talk of it to you, darling; thank | piness as I suff red, or concure such a "What do you intend to do with me,

Love you and stand between you and said: "Pardon me, you do not belong to the sult my lawyer. You are under age. I do | house, I believe. Tell me, which of the servants do you come to see?" not know that marriage would be legal un-"I am a relation of Agnes Garth's. I am

der these circumstances. I suppose it would not be possible to persuade your guardian Give me a ki-a, Miss Ally." The child looked closely at the woman for the first time and attered a shrill seream. "It is the dream-woman, Miss Snow. Send he loves me as well as he knows how to love. Besides, there is so much property

The woman, who was young and remarkto be gained; he is ambitious, wants a seat ably handsome, shrank back, her dark eyes In the House of Commons, and hopes to flashing angrily. gain the height of his ambition with my she went to soothe Ally's terror. The child was shaking with fear, and, as if it were contagious, Dorothy trembled too,

and felt afraid of she knew not what. She wished the night had passed, and decided to ke p Ally up till about nine, and then go to bed with her. to adv se marriage with a man so well able ; While she was dressing, she gave the child her beautiful cross to play with to

qu'et her, and old Agnes tapped at the door. "Come in," said Dorothy, pausing, brush in hand, just as she was about to smooth

can be so cruel, torture one in a way that night." "I will bathe her and put her to bed, others could not understand. Oh, I hate "It will be troubling you too much, Miss, Snow. Come, Ally, don't keep Jane wait-

Dorothy's little hands clenched, and she "Wette I declare you are a vixen-the ing." man who marries you will catch a Tartar, Agnes, but Ally is in my charge, and it is , and no mistake," said Pierce, laughingly, my pleasure to attend to her."

"Like a nursemaid," said Agnes a triffe forehead. 'There's the dinner-bell; come my queen, I must confess to being mest

Dorothy's hand shook as he took it in his, "My darling," said Pierer, "don't look so The woman still waited in the hall. "Yes, you have, very. I don't believe you child to-night. The governess, as she styles were in earnest when you asked me. I'll go

"Hush, child! you must not talk like that; !

you know it is not true. I love you to dis- to roost." traction, and as to not wanting to marry ed, and bit her nails victousiy. you, don't I? I know by Jupiter I do. But "But I go away early in the morning, we,

don't tell me I don't love you and long to perform at Gionces: er in two days' time, so marry you. My scruples are those that hon-I shall not be able to see Ally again. It is hard I may not have access to my own "Because a man loves madly, he must not act madly. I must consider your interest, child."

tion to the wind. I wanted you for my wife, her." "Now, I know if I take advantage of your

ed her father. Surely you would not make him suffer were than be has done already? fondness, I may wrong you irrevocably in | He dotes on the child; her loss would drive

"I wish it would. I'd have him writhe in . for: ive me if I say so much more in love." | torments. I hate him?" "You cruel woman, Alison! He is right. you, you would think only of the happiness | to keep the child from you, if he wants to

"I dare not think of that, Dorothy, lest I forget all else. Child, child, you are so "More's the pity. What my sister, poor soul, could see in that man, I can't make chsed if he forgets all else the world con-

"Don't speak against father, aunt, or I Sale prices. shall hate you. He is good to me, whom all

the world reviles; he is proud of his handsome girl, as he calls me. thinking. It is a rough night and bitterly She laid her hot cheek against itis coax- cold; shall I get you something before you,

highy, and, carried away from prudence by venture out." Alison followed Agnes down to a cosy . room, which was called the housekeeper's for those whom God hath joined together,

let no man put asunder.' And, ch, I should ! arrangement of feathers and velvet, and removed her long sealskin mantle. "Fancy such a beautiful girl as you talk-Seen by the bright light, she was a grand . creature, a fine animal, perfectly formed,

but devoid of soul. The clive shin flashed into pomegracate bloom on her cheek; her great black eyes flashed in liquid light; her hair was thick, be Stonyheart. Some day I will tell you all ] shining like black satin, and had beautiful

She smoothed it with a plump white hand, flashing with jewels. A square mirror, in a black carved frame, hung over the mantel-

man who was watching, and said: "Tell your fortune, pretty lady, only cross, the poor gipsy's hand with a bit of silver. That's the style, you see, aunt; I've not forgotten the tricks of the trade!"

"Trust you to forget anything you ought Ally was perched upon her father's knee, not to remember. You are, after all, a true

> should like to know." There now, be quiet, or you'll make me

angry. I can be pretty spiteful when my temper's up. I can tell you."

fast growing a rich man, he knows how to you and Jem on; he must know my mother

"Yes, he knows; but he is a just man, and He knows Jem and I serve him faithfully.

# A GOOD STORY A Winter Night. Continued from the third page. a man of fair fortune, and good birth and a man of fair fortune, and good birth and a man of fair fortune, and good birth and a man of fair fortune, and good birth and a suppose Horace Medd eton discovers my

# one on an anguer to an objections she laid, her pretty face against his arm, and looking up the beautiful eyes she said. There is something beyond idle form, you will find, dearest, in freemasonry, if the power is tested. I do not fear that it will fall; unless he would have his evil deeds blazoned to the world, he dare not disre-

GRAND

COMMENCING

## As she went along the passage, a woman in a dark closk sto d back to let her pass. The light was dim, yet D rothy knew the woman was a stranger, so she paused and said: Saturday, Dec. 20, follows

waiting for her now. How is the little lady? and continuing until New Year's Eve, during which time we

## Startling and Wonder Bargains

wants to bathe her early, as she and a friend in every department and especialmakes my very heart quake; and then he are going to Cardiff to see the circus to ly in the following lines:

Evening Silks, Black Ottoman was here this morning. Well, I suppose I shall was here this morning. Well, I suppose I shall wiping her bleared eyes went up to sit by sleen."

MERRY CHRISTMAS Silk, Colored Satins, Silk Plushes "I don't suppose you will, it is not ten side to side with flushed cheeks and dim at 50c., worth \$1.00, Silk Ties and "Yes, please, I wish you would. I feel Presently she heard her master's footinsolently.

"My dignity cannot suffer in your master's service. I have decided. You need not service. wait."
Agnes went away, silent but wrathful. Feathers, Fancy Ornaments, Feabe woman still waited in the ball.

The woman still waited in the ball.

Reachers, Fancy Ornaments, Feathers, Fancy Ornaments, Feathers, Fancy Ornaments, Feathers, Feathers, Fancy Ornaments, Feathers, Feathers, Fancy Ornaments, Feathers, F The woman still waited in the nail.

"It is no use, my dear, you can't see the life to-night. The governoss as she styles ther Trimming at 7c., Maribou After seeing in the governoss as she styles. herself, won't allow the child to leave her a Trimming at 25c., "Curse him?"
"Hush, my girl! someone will hear you. Cashmere Hose, Silk Hose, Kid and went down to wait up for the maids. I hate you! I would rather die than marry Remember curses, like chekens, come home to roost."

Dorothy went to sleep after laying awake such a brute. Go away, or I shall kill you! I will raise the house; I will appeal to the The woman looked dreadfully disappoint at 25c., worth 50c.

\$200 worth of Children's dear; mine are centred in you. white you were in my sight a poor wanderer—a penniless girl, dependent upon your own exertions for your daily bread, I threw discre-You forfeited that right when you wrong. at 50c. on the dollar.

> \$300.00 worth of Ladies' Evenmake a good woman of her."
>
> "He'll never do that, she has got too much ling Wool Shawls, Knitted Vests, Who are you' What are you doing with of the wild gipsy blood in her veins. She Skirts, Jackets and Jerseys, all at bed, and pulling at the bell-rope—it only is the very spit of father." per cent. less than whole- bung by a thread and gave way at her

Piano Covers for Holiday Pre-"No: I want nothing but a sight of my sents will be sold at wholesale from grasped her throat. She tore frantically at the the hearts of the hearts of the hearts of the heart of th

> The largest display of Dolls in the city and will sold at ridiculously Low Prices.

· Cards will be sold cheap to clear ing everywhere else when asked about it. them out before Christmas.

\$500 worth of Ladies' Underat her he said:
"Dora darling, you must keep to the nurse will I am away. Admit no one, and of you, by sending you clear of the clothing will be sold at 50c. on Why should not a gipsy be a lady. I the dollar.

> We hope our numerous friends will avail themselves of this opportunity to procure Holiday Goods at about half the regular value.

> > The Opponent of High Prices. shocked voice, and picking up the fame-

demued here. Meanwhile Ally and Invidity had eaten am Sourv this peer cirl has suffered so. 1

"tin on." | art in his speed, and dring is dangermed! Wonderland," and sang bright's.

Someone outside the room joined in the When the Children answer she grew terris KINGSTON, ONT.

chorus, and Drift roused up and statked to bly excited, and er ed out that Mr. Perfold Dorothy got up and opened the door; she forg ve her could hear the swish of silken garments. The doctor gave her a composing draught None of the malds were sik. Who could'll bade old Agnes watch her, and then que-If it were one of the maids dressed up Old Agnes eried bitterly when she saw

to minice me," thought poor perpiexed Dor- once recognised as belonging to Alisan. Dr. Steel was a man of quick common Sie felt decidedly uncomfortable, and sense and prompt action, so he drove took Ally up in her arms, and sat down in straight into Carl ff put the police on the her old seat by the fire, thinking to herself: track of the Los and wired to Mr. Penfold, · Our would think the house was haunted who came by express in an agony of

Teel so frightened. I am getting quite a | O'd Agrees had a stormy scene with him, But had she known by how evil a spirit othy, and saw her death-like face, he turned Tak the house was haunted, she would have faint with horior. found her fears exeu-able. "Will papa be home by the Twelfth Night, and returned to find her on what might

Miss Snow; if he is not, shall we eat this prove her death-bed. Twelfth Cake? It is so pretty; Agnes frost- He got together all the evidence he could, ed it over with sugar till it looked like a and rode off to see Dr. Steel. snow-ball; it has holly and a fairy doll on They were closeled together a long time. the top. Jane dre-sed the doll so pretty." and when Mr Penfold came out his face ;

"You I do indeed, darling, dear, r than started by the midnight mail to London. You are sleepy. Shall I take you to bed, and let you go to sleep in ma arms."

athy had not properly secured it. She noticed, her nerves were at such cruel |

tension, every noise, however slight. "Gentle Jesus, meek and mild, look upon a little child," said Ally in her soft lispling baby language, and Dorothy saw the soul, and will help you all I can." baby lips kissed into silence, and Ally lay | What would you do about Dorothy."

short to mount the stairs. "Why shou'd they? The keys in this to Scotland Yard; such an uncommon w

After seeing Dorothy drink her wine in safe from you in my own bedroom? Ob. worth 50c., bed, and turning the gas down to a faint that my mother could rise from her grave to repreach you for your broken faith, your

The dream was horribly realistic, and she

she had torn away just in time to see little. He shall answer for his cyll deed-Ally lifted from her side by a dull dark shape with a plume of feathers on its head like a hearse.

kili, you! I only take my own. Keep off. or I shall do you deadly harm." made love to the mother, and when he could not win her he turned his attention to

when she performed in London? He knows

With a horrid thud she was thrown

her as if she were my daughter. The wife. went silently away like a night shadow that shall come and stay till she is better. She many may dread but few grasp. is a kindhearted, clever little soul, and CHAPTER VII.

I'll just run in and give a few directions." Jane said she would put it in the bedroom-door as she passed, and supposed Miss friends drove to the station.

When Jane reached the door she found it wide-open, and the moonlit window faced her. Seeing no light in the room she said "Miss Ally will kick up a hullabaloo if she wakes up in the dark. I'll light the gas

again without waking them." that something was amiss. Directly the light flamed up she screamed

The bell-pull hung useless, the bed disordered and empty. Where was the child?

They lifted her and laid her on the bed,

115 Brock St.,

thanking all his

-FOR THEIR-

## Wash little Ally knelt down to say her prayers, the door opened quietly as if Dors kithanping and the assault on Miss Snow." Liberal Patronage

"I know that, doctor. I rely on your | For the time he has been in business and wishes them

-A VERY-

With Merry Joy. Full re-

## PURCHASE.

I'll take up too much time Three weeks passed, and Dorothy, white

Respectfully,

P. OHLKE.

He had left her bright, blooming, harpy,

the top. Jane dressed the doll so pretty.

"Prettily, you should say, dear. Yes, I hope papa will be I one soon; the house is lonely without him, is it not?"

Was white and his eyes haggard, for he had heard that the circus people had left Cardiff heard that the circus people had left Cardiff heard that the middle of the night, and that Alison in the middle of the night, and that Alison "Yes; I love papa. Do you love nim, Miss; and the child were not with them.

> "Yes I know all that. But look at the distrace and exposure. Oh, doctor, I have a had to pay dearly for a boy ish indiscretion I'. "Indication, have, I puty you from my

Dorothy looked on the floor, all over the Cob, I am sure of that! It souly the room, in the consider, and still it was not to | money I object to. I hate to be called a fortune-hunter. Besides, when the poor girl , Then she rang the bell sharply. Old Ag- | hears of my story, she may be afraid to nes came to answer it a little sulkily; all | marry me after such a scene with that territhe maids were out, and it made her breath | ble woman."

"Yes, of course, but I am accustomed to | taking a Continental tour. Another report | lock my door, and I can't sleep unless it is." I is that they go straight to America. "I'm very sorry, but it is no fault of mine. Try to hope for the best; things must Put a chair against the door; no one will in- | come right in time. Good-bye, old man. See terfere with you-why should they? I never that they keep our patient quiet." locked my bedroom door in my life. What | Mr. Penfold shut himself up in his study

dragging the child away from her to de- coward, e ward."

She made a desperate effort to break this much she must have suffered—poor inno-

strange woman's arms. She might as well have tried to move a Lord knows what besides. He is liberal marble column. "Silence, you fool, or by the Heaven, I'll

against the bed-post and rolled over, heaviform with her foot as if she had been a wrapped the still sleeping child in it, and

when she is sensible it will comfort the girlpier about her while I am away. "Shall I drive you to the station?"

Ally had taken it to play with.

Rushing off to call the others, Jane flew rather than ran to the housekeeper's-room crowding into Dorothy's room. All was as Jane had described, and poor Dorothy, face downward, lay like one dead.

another, Miss Snow."

A handkercatef that had covered her face for the world. I would rather see her dead.

her promise to protect the child was vivid

hold of Ally to wrench her out of the

X. COUSINEAU.

Had left ber in byt charge, and would never I tioned the maid as to the sail night's work. for an evening out, it was very rude of her the shreds, of ace and sik, which she at

and when he looked in for a second at Bor-

Someone answering to her description had a "Try to console yourself with the thought that the child will be kindly treated, Mr. A ly nodded drowsily, and Dorothy car- P nfo d. You are sure to recover her in a time. Hire gond detectives, and advertise, As she went she had a sensation of being off 1 ng a heavy reward. My opinion is the lady will soon tire of her charge. You can )

When the prayers were ended, and the friendship to keep alilhave to d you secret. snug and warm in the pretty white bed, | Marry her directly she is well enough to Dorothy went to the door to lock it, and lo! | travel, and chance the consequences. I hope | I your second venture will be a happy one.

"If she loves you, she will only think o. "I can't find the key of my door, has any your happiness. Perfect love casteth out fear.' I shall see you again. Wire at once house are rarely touched; we can trust one | man as Alison Le must soon be traced. It is reported that the circus folks talked of ,

> alone. He neither ate nor drank. Old Agnes could hear him pacing the room

The last word rose to a shrick just as Dr. Steel entered. He beckoned Mr. Penfold | Before going elsewhere to fancied someone was lifting Ally above her away. Poor fellow! he was terribly upset while she sank lower, overpowered by a by the scene; he knew Dorothy was constekening odor that seemed to sufficate founding him with her cruel guardian, and

I see him overthrown. My opinion is, he

"Do you know he ran after Alison Lee .

"Curse him! The score increases. I'll be

"I'll back you up, old man. We ought to

"So should I, doctor. You will come often

"My dear boy. I'll take as much care of

"At one. I dare not lose a moment."

CHAPTER VIII.

for there was still no trace of the child.

and wan, was well enough to sit up in bed

She fretted a good deal about little Ally, )

A long loving letter from Mr. Penfold

came to say he might be expected home at

"Do you think I can get up, Mrs. Steel?

should like to be able to see Mr. Penfold

see why you should not. We must ask the

doctor's leave first. Hark, I hear his fout-

the door to admit her husband, who took

her rosy fac: between his hands and kissed

it affectionately. Then, with a nod and a

smile, he went to warm his hands before the

blazing fire before shaking hands with his

Rubbing his hands together, he sat down

"Well, you are looking quite bonnie, how

"Very much better, doctor. I want you to

Mrs. Steel, who was a comely little wo-

when I am away, won't you, and if there

be equal to such a small rogue-we two.

should enjoy punishing him."

"When do you go."

and speak to people.

step on the stairs."

peside the bed, saying:

should be a change, wire at ones.

the daughter.

even with him yet."

"He must be a very bad man. If he finds ) out that his ward is here, refer him to me; as her medical attendant I forbid her to be "I should like to horsewhip him - a

never have imagined him such a cur. He is highly esteemed for his charity. He must be a vile hypocrite." and see "Of course he is. I know that. I hate. your sleek, urbane man. When I heard him address the working-men at the last election, I hated his unctious, self-righteous manner. He is a rabid agitator, and the

"Well, it might save time if you would. Mr. Penfold did as he said, and the two

Goods are cheaper than in

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