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A NOBLE WOMAN.

This girl was half reclining in a rustic seat behind the arbor. She was in a half dreamy state. bees buzzed in and out among the flowers near by, but she did not hear them. A mocking bird alight-Tuesdays and Fridays, from 9 a. m. till'4 ed on a bush and poured, forth his loveliest strain, but she did not note the sound. The song of the HENDERSON. Convey- laborer and the lowing of cattle Assurance Co. Deeds, Mortgages, that echoed from the fields did not Los on Mortgage security. Office- she was unconscious of all the shed. beauties of mature, of all the har-

> But she was not unconscious of been gnawing at her heart. her to losb the realization of that. It was ever presnt with her. And why was this ?

The girl's name was Ellice Burke. She had a lover whose name was Charles Vane. They had been engaged for six months. Two weeks before this morning she had come down to this pleasant-place, Heathcote Farm, a guest of her friend Virginia Heathcote, and had found h business entrusted to his care will be | Charles Vane already here. And almost immediately she became pain. Charles Vane, her lover, was hovering about another woman; evidently deeply fascinated by that-

> Her name was Maud Danforth. She was a very beautiful woman. and beyond all doubt, had been a very decided flirt. Ellice had heard of her frequently, and had met her occasionally before she had found her here, like herself, a guest of the Heathcotes.

The last two weeks had been miserable ones to Ellico. She understood fully how matters were, but she had been compelled to hide her pain under a calm and even gay exterior. : What a bitter fact stared her in the face! The man she the most reasonable terms, and satisfac. loved no longer loved her, as it

> Charles Vane had been trying all these days to keep up the semblance of his regard for her, and had asked for no release from his engagement. There were several other guests with the Heathcotes. but none of them knew of the bond between her and Charles. knew, however, of his affair with Maud Danforth, but what else could they call it but a flirtation? Nothing, truly, in view of her reputa-

And the realization of all this was what was present with Ellice as she sat behind the arbor, causing the pain at her heart.

Presently two people came down the garden walk together and entered the arbor; Ellice did not hear ton. Orders left at the FBEE PRESS their steps. But when a man spoke Office, Acton, or at my residence, in she heard that. It was Charles Vane's voice that was sounding in her ears, and he had called the two were conversing about no com-Miss Danforth was only with Vane, she had secured her victim firmly and if it was more than a flirtation on her part, she had achieved a victory, for he was pouring forth pas-

sionate words. "Oh! Mand." he was saying, "I better than my life."

deathly white face of the girl outside, a pang of remorse as keen as | Maud. he now thought his love for Mand Danforth strong must have touched his heart. Ellice Burke was hearing those words, words that aroused her fully from all dreams, vet at the same time took away her powers of volition, that numbed her heart, that bound her in the chains

" Mand, Maud, my darling," Vana continued, "is there any hope for me? Do you love me?" There was a moment's silence. Then the answer came-an answer that showed that Maud Dauforth was not flirting this time, that showed that however much she may have trifled in the past, she was not trifling now. Her voice was full of

triumphant happiness. "Oh, Charley, I do love you." Burke, and all became dark to her. She heard no more, and in unconsciousness she found a temporary relief. She never knew how long lice announced to her hostess that or short the time was in which she she was going away. lay in that condition. When she came to herself and rose, mechanic. Virginia Heathcote cried. At any ally listened for the voices in the rate you will not go till after passed and she heard no sound, she Glen. We are all going." knew that they had left it. Then

her arm again. Oh! the bitter pain at her heart. She knew now that heretofore lione than that, she had to remain. had not quite fled, that she had still that only a temporary fascination Glen was four miles distant, might be drawing him to Maud! They reached their destination. Danforth. But now the whole 'It was a picturesque place. Shaded vines.

with a sigh her head fell back upon

misorable truth that she was noth- and cool. The time speck merrily ing to him was apparent.

upon a sofa. It seemed as if de- was hailed with delight, and soon spair was consuming her heart, some eight or ten of them found Would this blow kill her. "Am I dying? Am-I dying?" Among them, it chanced, were

she asked herself. Then a long sob shook her; Charles Vane. then another, and another; then Two boats were found tied reach her senses. At that moment all this agony had caused her to to hold several persons; the other idea of the extent and importance vats. The machinery comprises wholesale houses in Toronto, Mon. ica, both of which are manufactured Blessed tears! they soothed and accomodate two. It was light and

a pain that was gnawing at her When the bell rang for dinner small boat," said Maud Danforth nificant, but considering the size and liquor, and other improvements. Dean taking the western section of For the following details we are A PPLEBE & SIMPSON, heart. Lately the deepest sleep she bathed her face. Looking in to Charles Vane, the three being age of the village, we have reason to The tannery and yard occupy four Ontario. Mr. John Brown is the the glass she saw no especial yet upon the shore. "I can scull believe it will bear favorable com- acres. The yard is almost con- local agent in Manitcha, and Messrs. change in herself. She had suffered, splendidly, and we will get along parison with many much older and stantly filled with bark. The leech- Walter Wilson & Co. supply the cern:

> I suppose I will have to be gay, was her thought. "I'will bear it here for a day or two, and then

And at dinner no one could have guessed how she had been and A day passed. To the sensitive shouts, they flushed away from girl there came no thought of any shore.

but one course she should pursue

She could never, never again think of Charles Vane as her lover. She | behind would release him. But this was what she shrank from. She dreaded to approach im on the subject. She was

bearing it all bravely but that

Circumstances assisted her, howtime, but wide awake to the bitter other boat. knew that the persons were Charles Vane and Maud Danforth. entered the arbor. Charles making common-place remark as they did

Ellice rose to go. She did not wish to hear any of their love making. No. She could not bear that now. Then she heard words that caused her to stay. " Does Ellice know vet?" asked

so. Then there seemed to be

"No," replied Vane : " I dread

Ellice's hands clasped tightly together. So Maud knew all then " Poor Ellice!" Maud continued I pity her. But oh, Charles, I

Ellice knew that there was reat quiver of pain in Maud's voice. She knew that these two were suffering for the wrong that they were doing her. Should she lride her pain and help them? She name of Maud Danforth. These took counsel with her heart and decided that she would. A second mon-place subject. No! and if later she stood in the arbor with

"I know that you love each other," she said quietly, feeling that they would understand her "I have known it for some time. Probably Maud and Vane exit was not so. It was a noble

pected a burst of wrath to full on love you with all my heart, madly, | their heads the next moment. But Ah! if he could have beheld the heart that they had wronged Ellice reached out her hand "I am sure I wish you very much happiness," she said gaily.

Then she turned to Charles Vano Please forget all that has ever been between us, she said gently. "Forgive me Ellice !" he stam "I forgive you freely,"

That was all she said. Sho left the arbor and went up to the house. " I do not think she cares much. Vane said to Maud.

So little did he understand the woman he had once professed to love passionately.

Maud Danforth shook her head. 'She is a woman," she said simply. She masks her pain behind a smile, have been at her heart when she Their bush and sky and flower said these words so lightly. She is faded from the sight of Ellice very noble and generous-more so than I could be under like circumstances. "Heaven bless her !" A day more passed away.

"You'are very sudden, Ellice, arbor. When several moments had excursion down the river to the

> "When is it ?" Ellice asked. " Day after to-morrow." And as Ellice had no reasonable excuse for hastening off Booner

cherished the thought that perhaps | came, and a gay party of young | who have strawberry beds should this time entirely of stone. cherished the thought that perhaps came, and a gay party of young who have strawberry beds should that and other manufacturers. The of leather has been turned out—before described: Mr. Wright Charles Vane might love her best, people left Heathcote Farm. The tramp the snow down over the linings trimmings and sother rest consisting principally of black kidd finds ready and stock at the

away to a portion of the party. At last she was able to rise to At length some one proposed that her feet. She managed to reach they should search along the river her room unobserved by any one. bank for a boat with which to She locked the door and sank down amuse themselves. The proposition

Ellice Burke, Maud Danforth and came a burst of tears, the first that | the shore. One was large enough

themselves at the river shore.

"Ellice and I will go into the

this girl. She cherished nothing growth of Acton has not been of taxes on the property average about land Bros. & Co., of Toronto, the "Of course I shall have to wear but gratitude and friendship toward the mushroom variety, but it has \$250 a year. mask," she murmured to herself. her, and wanted a chance to express progressed steadily and quietly . We learn with regret that Messes A sad smile touched her line something of her feelings. Of course Vane consented to the

> A place was given Charles in the large boat, aml with merry

"You must be careful," he said.

For some time they kept together. Then Maud and Ellice drifted

A silence fell between them.

Maud glanced at Ellice with wist-" Ellice," she commenced. But that sentence was never

completed for. "Halloo! came sounding merri ever. She was sitting behind the ly across the water. "Hurry, time, and property became very and other light stock, requiring but and also to give elasticity to the arbor again, not dreaming this Mand!" cried some one from the valuable. But after a few years of comparatively a very small quantity leather. After being sufficiently

of some persons coming down the her handkerchief. Her signal was path to the arbor. Very soon she returned with shouts and laughter. years ago, when the people agitated of 60 or 70 tanners and curriers, what kinds and sizes of the goods They she could never tell, she lost her the township, and its incorporation easily be adapted for the purpose. balance and fell over the side of the as a distinct municipality. More Our village would thus reap a much the skins in square sections, and or four days, being handled night and beat. She had only time to scream and better buildings have been greater benefit from the establish- in this shape they are again worked morning. They are then carried up to a and then there was a rush of water erected the past four years than ment than it does now. We unabout her ears. Ellice Burke rush- during any previous period in derstand that the proprietors are ed towards her and managed to its history, and the volume of open to negotiations with parties seize her as she rose to the surface. general business has been vastly desirous of buying or leasing the cut by shears and are amongst the and packed in barrels, so that they will

But, alas! the weight of the two increased. The financial position premises for the purpose named. upon the side of the shell was too of the municipality is equalled by and Ellice was atruggling in the municipal debt, and has a considerwater too. She kept her presence able sum to its credit. It is now of mind and managed to grasp the in a fair way for making rapid

"Maud, Maud," she cried, "seize the boat and you are safe!" And with her assistance, Maud. half drowned as she was succeeded n getting a hold beside her.

But a fearful fact became apparent. The overturned shell would not sustain the weight of both of them. It was slowly, slowly sink-

'Oh Heaven!" gasped Maud, must we die ?"

Ellice Burke glanced over the water. The other boat was coming

He loves you, and for his sake you and he was succeeded by Edward Dr. McGarvin in 1873, when the shall live." Then, before Maud understood her intention, she released her hold of the boat. Mand had one glance at her face before she disappeared. Then, with a great light shining out of her eyes, the noble woman went

Maud Danforth was saved. She became the wife of Charles Vane. And very often the face of Ellice Burke, as it looked on that never- fully for about four years, part of the expiration of one year, it being to-be-forgotten day, comes before her vision, and she realizes fully what a generous heart was broken for her, what a noble existence was have life and love!

down to her death.

After much practice several Chicago girls have got so that they can chew a toothpick "just like a man." Thus the cause moves on.

which the words "dove," "love," prominently. Dean Stanley sent as his New

Year's advice to a Bible class at Aberdeen these words of counsel "Beware of party spirit," and

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Manufacturing and Commercial Interests, etc.

AND OTHER MATTERS

ness may appear somewhat insig- centrifugal pump for pumping east of Toronto, and Mr. Charles interesting to many of our readers. but her countenance did not show first rate."

it particularly. She was glad of Maud felt that she should like more pretentious places. The nace with fuel. The municipal Maritime Provinces, and Suther-

amongst the most substantial of their entire operations to Brace our incorporated villages in On- bridge, and that the concern here "Oh, there is no danger," cried tario. The place was first settled will be closed in about a year from

known as Adamsville.

strides in growth and commercial The following sketch of the lead ing manufacturing and mercantile

found interesting :

swiftly toward them, but could occupied by one of the largest the Dominion, and in some lines never reach them in time. In an establishments for manufacturing rank fully equal to the best importinstant her resolution was formed. | leather in Ontario. The business | ed article. In the year 1872 Mr. "Maud," she said, "cling fast to was carried on by Mr. Nelles; in a Storey entered into partnership the boat and you shall be saved. small way, for a number of years, with Mr. James Moore, and with and Henry Smith, who increased operations and facilities for manuthe capacity of the tannery and car- facturing were largely increased. ried on a successful and profitable [-With ample capital, additional mabusiness. The concern was pur- chinery and implements were introchased about 25 years ago by Cole. | duced and a number of skilled workman & McIntyre, of Dundas, who men employed. About the same built a large stone addition to the time a tannery was built for the

hides. They carried it on success- interest in the business ceased at the time under the management of since then continued under the care Mr. J. B. Burns. During their ful management and practical superownership the building was burned vision of Mr. Storey and Mr. Moore. down, and re-built. It afterwards In 1875 they built an entirely new & Atcheson, who continued the only one other establishment of the business several years, then sold kind in Canada that approaches

time, the entire property was pur gloves extends from Halifax in the chased by Mr. C. L. Beardmore, east to Winnipeg in the west, while During last year the quantity of the present owner, in June, 1865, the trade is only limited by nationcheese shipped over the Grand and placed in a thorough state of al boundary lines and prohibitory I know not how much agony may Trunk from Belleville was 70,885 repair, and fully equipped with the tariffs. The lady who faucies she of Mr. Atcheson; and since then doubt be surprised to learn that the Sentimental youths are now in Mr. Z. A. Hall, the present effi- article was made entirely in the anticipation of St. Valentine's Day, cient and courtsous manager has village of Acton from one of our here. The proprietors, Messis, large number of the dressed skins "heart," "part," etc., appear Beardmore & Son, reside in Toron- used here for the finest class of to, where they conduct an extensive goods are really imported from wholesale leather warehouse. On France, but the great bulk of them the 14th December, 1872, the entire are dressed in their own establish. destroying nearly everything except another paragraph elsewhere.] It is \$2,500. About the time the build-stock for Storey's glove works. It such stock as happened to be in great fallacy to presume that what

plants at this season. This will the number of sides tanned annu- linings, trimmings, and other raw on prevent the mice from eating the ally is from 18,000 to 20,000 -all materials are mainly imported from for time gloves and russets for har- various glove fectories in Canada. South American stock, imported Great Britain and the United vest and threshing mitts; with a

consume nearly 2,000 cords of hem- is where the present tariff operates and sheep pelts; the pelts being lock bark each year, for which they to the great disadvantage of our dressed with the wool on (about pay out about \$10,000. The manu- | manufactures ; the rates are high | inch long) used for making heavy

workmen, still the wages paid at from the States. GLIMPSES OF EARLY HISTORY | this establishment amounts to about | The wholesale value of the gloves of wool to the woolen factories. \$400 a month. The capital invest- made here during the past year is They have put through during the ed is about \$60,000. The main about \$35,000. From 35 to 50 year 14,000 sheepskins, and paid So little has Acton's manufactur- building is of stone, two stories, hands are employed, men and wo- out \$15,000 for skins, tannin and ing business been paraded before leech house 70x30 feet, engine a month, paid avery Saturday even been used. For tanning, they use the world, that few people have any room, etc. There are about 100 ing. Most of the goods are sold to extract of hemlock bark and japonwas a mere shell that could only of the operations. Compared with the most modern improvements, treal, and other cities. The firm in the States. They employ eight some of the large manufacturing | nearly \$1000 having been expend- has two travellers constantly on the skilled workmen. A brief descripmonies or pleasant sounds, of all calmed hor. They quieted to an dry, however, Nearly all clambered towns, the sum total of the busileeches, coolers, new bark mill, a the retail trade; Mr. J. K. Fuller, facturing kid and russets may be

> until it has attained a position cluded arrangements to remove something more than forty-five this time. This step has been qualities being generally reserved They are then carried up stairs to the small hamler was for a long time bark at a reasonable cost. For third selection for the cheapest several years that the supply has grade of goods, some of which are a vat of cold water till night, when About the year 1845, a post been brought long distances, even known as seconds and sold accord- they are taken out and put into other office was established and the place in some cases as much as 20 miles ingly. was being built that the village be. this firm from our village will not then placed in season until they are tanners) for the purpose of taking of gan to assume any commercial have the effect of leaving a vaccuum sufficiently damp to work properly, all the rough flesh and wool left by the that the building will be used for in every direction in order that when they are taken out and again prosperity it again settled down of bark but a much larger number worked they are measured, and last time. During this process of some persons coming down the her handkerchief. Her signal was quietly and continued so until four base coming down the her handkerchief. Her signal was Then some way or other, how, for and secured its separation from and with very small expense could the skin will cut to best advantage.

This establishment was commenced in Actor by Mr. W. H. Storey, in the year 1868. At that time 120 pieces in one dozen pairs of of getting rid of all substances which the operations were not very extengloves, without the lining, the would be detrimental in coloring; they
sive, being principally confined to facility afforded by using dies will dry; then worked through a mixture establishments of our village will be the manufacture of harvest gloves. and the coarser grades of men's the work room and passed to the distributed through them. When in Beardmore's Sole Leather wear. But now all classes of goods Silker whose business it is to dec- cr," and after being colored are again are made here, comprising over 60 orate them; which she does with a hung into the kiln to day. When sity. A little more than forty years different lines, and embracing the ago, when this entire section of finest quality of lady's French kids, completed, the gloves are passed to stake and their the "moon knives," country was an almost unbroken while the goods have the well-earn- the makers who again select them, (which are used for shaving the skins to forest, a small tannery was built by ed reputation of being much supe the pairs which will histch the an equal thickness) and lastly the Abraham Nelles on the site now rior to any other manufactured in best being kept together; having old building, and confined their special purpose of tanning and being returned, the goods are handoperations exclusively to the manu- dressing the skins used in the manu- ed to the person whose duty it is to facture of sole leather from Spanish facture of gloves. Dr. M. Garvin's hinish them and this part of the wood constitutes facture of sole leather from Spanish facture of gloves. Dr. M. Garvin's hinish them and this part of the capital, as a large quantity sacrificed for her that she might became the property of McGlashen tannery on a large scale. There is attended to here, all the nice labor sum it can be dried in 6 or 8 hours it to Sessions, Toby & Co. After this, in the extent and quality of lying idle a considerable length of its manufactures. The sale of Action packages, weighing 4,782,518 most modern machinery. For two is wearing a genuine French kid properly; marks the size thereon, Burry. It is assorted by the men pounds; of butter, 72,230 pounds. years it was under the management glove direct from Paris, would no and puts them in Boxes holding when they take it off the skins. number of the glove thereto. stringing together languages in had full charge of the operations Canadian lamb skins. Of course a Storey, Moore & Co.'s Kid This establishment was built in building was again burned down, ment. [The process is described in for their glove works. It cost Smith for the purpose of supplying

much. In a moment it overturned, few, it being entirely free from W. H. Storey & Co.'s Glove stowed upon them. Other classes rels and works them on an upright tool after the stock is prepared a great! or otherwise is the amount of labor bestowed upon them. As many as

wholesale trade in Ontario.

HOW GLOVES ARE MADE.

a dozen pairs of the finest quality of gloves are made by some of the makers in a day. . After the machine work is done, the goods are sent out to be trimmed if they are for the proper thickness, and pute a smooth fur tops; or if for electic tops to They are then tacked out to dry; then have the clustic worked. This work is done out of the factory by soft and pliable. These are now also those working at their homes. On are again placed in the seasoning cloths until they are sufficiently worked out of woolskins. In the damp to finish. Great care is re tsummer months the wool is dryed quired in this part of the work, as, but on the reofs of the buildings, if the goods are not properly and if it is a fine day with a hot of the maker will be lost us fur as thereby saving a large quantity of appearance is concerned. The fuel. In winter it is dried on racks gloves are now stretched on hands in the third flat at the rate of about shaped for the purpose, and with 500 lbe in a day. When the wool tools adopted for this part of the issury it is packed into weeks conwork are shaped and then laid away taining about 250 pounds each. to thoroughly dry. They are now |. There was about 30,000 lbs of taken to the packer, who again se wool sold last year consisting of lects them; then lands them fextra Combing, Super, Black and

Leather Tannery.

1875 by Messrs. W. H. Storey . squaller scale. It was established Co., for the manufacturing of stock in 1871 by Dr McGarvin & Henry Still carry in thy right hand gentle peace.

Still carry in thy right hand gentle peace.

To silence envious tongues be just of \$17,000 covered only a small gloves are made from the skin of silence envious tongues be just of the loss; nevertheless kids; our Canadian lamb skins are and undertook the management of have been turned out since last the enterprising proprietors at once considered amongst the very best the business, under the firm name August; the annual capacity being

from New York and Boston. They States in large quantities, and here considerable quantity of calf-skim

facture of sole leather does not re- I in proportion to the duties paid on | mitts with the wool turned inside, quire a very large number of skilled | the manufactured article imported | and faced with the calf-skins. The firm have sold nearly \$9000 worth indebted to Mr. Henry Moore, the

THE PROCESS OF MANUFACTURING. large bales. They are first thrown into a vat and thoroughly washed, so that the wool may be clean and fit for market. All the burrs and tags are then cut from the wool side of the skins and The mode of manufacturing may the large pieces of flesh are worked off be thus described : The skins on the other side. They are again put being brought from the Dresser are into the vats and washed with cleanfirst selected, the thinnest and finest | until the wool can be pulled off easily. years ago by the Adamses, and the difficulty of procuring sufficient for gentlemen's fine wear and the off, and carried up to the wool kiln on was christened Acton, but it was by team, and much further by rail. The skins having been selected, days, being handled every day. When not until the Grand Trunk Railway the withdrawal of the business of for their part of the work; they are and worked on a "beam" (so-called by importance. It then advanced in its place. It is quite probable then they are stretched and worked called the "bait" and left till morning considerably in growth, for a short the manufacture of upper leather flaws or defects may be discovered worked on the beam, and at night put

The different sizes are cut out of tanned in a white tan, occupying three over the end of the cutter's table thoroughly dryed. After this they are until they are ready to be cut. piled in bins and left there for four or Those that are table cut are slit and live months, when they are made damp best fitting, and generally the finest to work them soft more easily. The class of gloves have this labor be- dresser takes the skins out of the barare cut with dies, by which means, called "the stake"; he then works stake." Again they are hung into the number can be cut in a day; and kiln to dry, then taken down stairs and when we consider that there are washed in warm water for the purpose be at once apparent. On the of eggs and water, and pounded with a gloves being cut, they are taken to heavy mallet till the egg is thoroughly done so, the work is proceeded with. A dressing is then put on which makes a and according as the goods are fine deeper black and tine gloss. The kid is

it about two weeks, being handled daily. After this time has expired they are ready for the glove cutters. Messrs W. H. Storev. & Co use all the leather manufactured by this firm.

tity is pulled, if the stock is all

one dozen each, and affixes the It is all sold in the Canadian man

Alex. Wright's Sheepskin Tannery.

This concern is somewhat similar. to the one described above, only on The afternoon of the excursion | ket gardener informs us that those | set to work to have it rebuilt in the market for the purpose, and of Storey, Moore & Co. During 7000 or 8000. The process of are sought after by United States the past year, about \$10,000 worth manufacture is much the same as

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