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### A MAID OF THE MILL.

Mr. Richard Wareham, lying on his back on the grass under an elm tree and dreamily smoking a good cigar, was about as near a realization of his ideas of Utopia as he was ever likely to be. With plenty of money, unlimited time and a feeling of unbounded satisfaction with his present position, Dick Wareham was happy. The half gentlemanly, half vagabond life which be bad led all summer suited him exactly.

lage over the bill were comfortable, his portfolio was full of sketches, and trout had rison accommodatinghad found in this unfrequented, do. This sunny summer morning she ble estly believed to be the sweetest, stocking of snow white yarn. As prottiest and most modest girl to be she sat there, framed as in a picture

he fished, the mill was sure to be in | sight of Morse's mill. his way; if he sketched, what object more picturesque than the old building itself, with its adjacent dam, over which the water fell in a door. wide, thin short of silver? Sometimes he spoke with Dolly, come. plied the other doggedly. "All alone, times she was invisible, and after a time be becan himself to suspect that upon his seeing her depended whether the day had seemed bright | Going to be gone long?"

to him or profitless and dulk And so a stranger imoving these things would have been at no loss to ghoss the subject of Dick Wareham's thoughts as he lay on his back, with his cigar, that lary sum-

rough, masal voice near him. ("I've

been looking fur ye." Wareham raised himself on one elbow and turned so as to face the spenker. He saw a low browed, sonburned man leaning over the fence and regarding him with a look of satisfaction. The newcomer was unshayen and clad in ragged shirt and trousers. His bare toes protruded from his boots; his head, with its dusky shock of air, was surmounted by a brimless straw hat, and his and general appearance of shiftlessness advertised him as belonging to out. White with terror, she sank that sect of philosophers commonly known as "tramps.". Wareham had frequently mot bim, sometimes in the tavern barroom in the village, sometimes stumbling upon him fishing in the brooks, sometimes finding him asleep in the shade. He had spoken with bim but little, but had set him down in his own mind as one of those harmless ne er do wells, common to every rural community.

'I've been looking fur ye," repeated the man. "So you said before," roulied Wareham, fazily blowing a wreath

of smoke into the sir. "Well?" The folks over to the tavern sent me for bunt fur ye. I told 'em l thought ye was down this way, mour the old mill. Ginerally be, ain't

"What do they want of me at the tavern?" asked Dick shortly.

throwed in her stall, and broke her

Wareham jumped to his feet in-"What!" he exclaimed. "Bless my poor Bess! How could it have

happened?" Lake all a a Dunno, Guers they'll have to shoot her. They're only waiting fur ye ter come ter gin the order."

"Poor, poor Bess!" repeated Dick, leaping over the fence and tossing the man a coin. "I'm much obliged to you, my men, for your trouble. Come with me. You may be of serv-

"Wast, yo go right on, and I'll follow. I've got riftupatiz in my leg, and hev to walk side." Wareham started off at a brisk

pace, and the other followed, limping slowly. No sooner had Dick dis-Do you use fine stationery ? If then the man's manner instantly so, you will find it at Tite Garaska appeared, and a sodden energy took possession of his limbs, and turning quickly about he walked briskly in the opposite direction, not toward | greatiens. The onlice burgles raint. Buta.

among the hills, where the high cape was impossible.

cupied by the miller as a dwelling. the window above: Here, with his daughter, just budhad lived for many years. Popular make quick work of her." belief gave him the character of a

so good a trade as Abner Morse, common belief in his wealth was strengthened by the precautions taken to guard the buildings against martinders." The only door was of oak, ironbound and riveted. Tho windows were barred with fron. Was it to guard his money, the poo-His quarters at the inn in the vil- ple wondered, or his pretty daughter, that these precuntions were tak-

It could scarcely have been for thousand times better than all, he no way restricted of her liberty. hightful rural region what he hon- sat in the open doorway, knitting a found in any country under the sun. | against the dark background of the Whether or not he was in love interior, she could scarcely have with her was a matter which he had appeared, under any circumstances, not in his own mind fully decided, more attractive to the passerby. When he first saw Dolly Morse, he Her cheeks glowed with the bue of was, startled at her prettiness, but youthful health; the warm sanlight nothing more. It was not until he lay upon her light brown hair; her had made several visits to Morse's red lips were parted in absorbing mill, for sketching purposes, that interest in her occupation; a tiny, Dolly's bright eyes began to haunt slippered foot protruded from bohis dreams, and not until after then | neath her gown. All in all, she did he discover that, go which way formed a most bewitching part of he would, all roads eventually led, the scene which greeted the eyes of by some mysterious means, past the the ragged man as he turned the millpend and the water wheel. If corner in the road and came in

> "Ab, James, is that you?" asked. Dolly, looking up with a pleasant smile as the man paused before the

"Yes, it's me, Jim Billings," reain't ye?" 'Yes; father's gone away.'

"I know it; met him on the road. "No; he has only gone to the vil-

lage. He will be at home this afternoon. You can see him then if you wish. "Wool, p'r'aps I will," said Bill-

ings, looking up and down the read

the new control of butters stop by the fire you are! "exclaimed a larly?" asked the girl, noticing his apparent disinclination to leave.

> "Waal-er-no, but I'm desprit hungry, Dolly. Can't yer gita feller somothing for ent?"

"Why, yes," exclaimed the good hearted giri, "of course I will." She went unsuspectingly toward the pantry, closely followed by the man. No sooner had be crossed the threshold, however, than he slammed the deer to with his foot, and sprang like a tiger at her throat. So sudden was the onslaught and so lounging attitude, his grimy face tight his grosp upon her neck that she could neither struggle nor cry

> upon her knees. "Now, girl," cried the ruffing. "where's your father's money?" She tried to speak, and the man, seeing that she was unable to do so, let go her throat and seized her by

> the wrists. "If you scream," he said, "I'll kill you. Where's the money? It must be either that or your life, my pretty Dolly,"

> Through Dolly's brain thoughts flow quickly. Her first paroxysm of terror over, she began to realize the necessity of subduing her fears and summoning all her wit and resolution. She was a brave giri, and with her to think was to not. "Don't harm me," she said. "Father's money is in the oak chest in

"Ah!" exclaimed Billings "Show me the way to it, and do ye go be-Waal, yez hoss is in trouble. Got fore me. It will go hard with ye if ye lie to me."

She tremblingly oboyed, and led the way up stairs. The room at the head of the staircase was employed as a lumber room. From this a ladder led to the attie, the entrance to which was closed by a transloor in the floor. Though Dolly had lifted this door almost daily she failed to do so now, and sank back upon the Indder feigning exhaustion.

"The trap is too heavy for me," abe said. "I cannot raise it." With an oath the man pulled her

down from the ladder, and placing his shoulder against the trap raised it, mounted to the attic, and held the door for her to follow. But like a flash Dolly had sprung through the door of the lumber room and had turned the keys in the great double locks, which, placed there as safeguard against assault from without, now served to seenre a prisoner within.

In vain did Billings, on discovering the trick, hurl himself against her old neighbors as Dolly Me. the door with the most frightful its the Maid of the Mill - London Tit-

the village, but directly toward ad his utmost effort, and the win-Morse's mill. dows were barred with iron. With Morse's mill stood in the hollow no weapon or aid from without esdows were barred with iron. With

road, taking a sharp curve to the | Shutting her ears to the man's cost, passed directly across the dam. howls of rage, Dolly fied down the Weather beaten and mose grown, it stairs, and out into the road. But was a most picturesque adjunct to she had not run a degen yards bethe landscape. The portion of the fore she heard a shrill whistle, and building fronting the south was oc- the voice of Billings calling from

"Cashell Cashel! Stop the girl! ding into womanhood, Abner Morse I'm locked in! Bring her back and

At the call a second ruffian sprang out of the bushes a few yards be-It was impossible, so the villagers, youd and ran toward her. Dolly argued, that a man with so small a turned about. Terror at this new family to feed and clothe, and with danger lent speed to the poor girl's feet, and she succeeded in regaining could be otherwise than rich. The the door of the mill and closing it in the villain's face while his arm was stretched forth to seize her. She quickly shot the great bolts in their places, and stood for a moment with her hand upon her bosom, waiting for breath and to consider what she should do next.

Finding bimself unable to force the door, Cashel passed round the mill, seeking some means of entrance. Dolly followed from one ly to his rod; but, more than all, a the latter reason, for Dolly was in grated window to another, determined to keep him in sight if possi-

"I'll barn the mill," he cried. "Perhaps that'll bring ye to rea-

But this proposition was greated by Billings with such a yell of consternation that Dolly had little fear of its being put into execution. But even if, maddened by defeat, and enraged by Billings' refusal to trust bim with the moncy, the scoundrel had netually carried out his cruel suggestion, the stout hearted girl would have met her fate bravely. defending her father's property with her life rather than permit it to fall into the hands of these villains. She saw that her own death was certain. if the assailant gained admission, and she knew that her father would be robbed. It was to risk all against nothing, and she consequently held fast to her resolve to stay as sho was while life remained, or until as-

sistance could reach her. The building offered no openings to the baffled rufflan except the single oak door, which was beyond his power to force. Yes, there was one, and that was suggested by his con-

federate at the attic window. "The water gate! The water gato!" cried Efflings! "Ye can get in through the wheel!"

Dolly heard the words, and her the shaft of the great wheel, the thing else today, sir? man could enter the mill through the machinery. With a yell of dethe suggestion, and with fast benting heart the girl watched him until be had disappeared in the slutee.

It was then that a berrible thought Good day." occurred to her, but in it seemed to lay her only chance for life. She ran into the gristfoom and seized the Pearson's Weekly. lever which controlled the water gate. At ordinary times her strength would have been insufficient to raise it, but now her imminent peril gave her the sinews of a giant. Slowly the heavy bar was raised. She heard the rush of water as the gate swung open. The great water wheel began to turn slowly; the cogs and gearing to grean; the large burs to fevolve. In a moment the mill was in full operation.

The poor wretch outside had succeeded in gaining the wheel before tion, and nearly drowned by the water which poured over bim, he screamed and begged to be released from his rotary prison. The wheel went round and round, and with it Dolly did not wait to listen to the oaths and imprecations with which he filled the air. With all speed she tore open the door and ran toward the village. As she passed around the curve in the road her eyes fell upon two men walking toward her. With bounding heart she recognized them as Wareham and ber father. To tell her exciting story was the work of a moment, and then the strength which had sustained ber through all suddenly left her, and she fell fainting almost before they

could catch her in their arms. The half drowned Cashel was re leased from his uncomfortable position, and the two robbers were delivered into the hands of the authorities. Warehard had found nothing the matter with his horse, the errand on which he had been sent being a couning device of Billings to got him away from the vicinity. Suspecting something wrong, he had returned to the mill as soon as possible, bringing the miller back with him. As for Dolly, she became the heroins of the region for miles around, Her courageous exploit cassed into local history, and though the events tere chronicled countried many years ago, and Dolly long since became Mrs. Richard Ware long, she is best remembered among

To be set at liberty, to put in scrawled lines for form, seemed a real boon to numbers of young men and women who lacked even the very moderate talents of their leader. So that posters, book covers and other things were rapidly Beardslovized.

This of itself would eall for no more notice than any other fad, sure to have its day and then to vanish from the earth, if it were not that there was something more in Mr. danger to health. Persons with Beardsley's work than its cheap decgrative effect. The search for novelty leads every now and then to a sort of worship of ugliness, and in Lendon at the present day that has been pushed so far in certain sets as weak kidneys will be affected by to include what is morally as well as physically ugly. Mr. Beardsley has in a manner set himself up as an apostle of this sort of devil worship. His female types are drawn from a vile class; the only flowers that he draws well enough to be recognized are those which are avoided because of their poisonous properties or of their offensive odor; and in his illustrations to the "Morto d'Arthur" he has taken exactly the opposite point of view from his auther, and seems to delight in picturing surviving paganism rather than growing Christianity. His work has been defended on the ground that art has nothing to do with morality, and that if there is no good in it, peither is there any harm. But, in truth, we may always suspect some lurking immoral intent where no other intent is visible.-Art Ama-

Why the Shepman Got Cross. It was a newly opened baberdash. er's, and one window was resplendent with necktics, and cravats of glorious brilliancy. Confidently they the luning to a minimum. We will announced in gilt letters, "Any article removed from the windows!" So when Smithson walked in last corn has reached the stage when the Saturday and requested to see that "bright pink and green, shot with pencock blue, in the front row," the polite shopman disarranged the front, and after some considerable trouble brought out the desired ob-

"Rather hold, isn't it?" remarked Smithson.

The affable shopman was in complote accord. "Certainly a bit strik-

"I thought so. You needn't put it back.

"Very well, sir," and the man be heart sank. It was true. By climb- gan to wrap up the thing of heanty ing down into the sluice, and under in its bed of tissue paper. "Any-

"Ob, I don't want it," said Smithson, "only you know you advertise, light the villain proceeded to adopt 'Any article taken from the window, and as this hideous thing offends my asthetic taste I thought I'd mik you to remove it, that's all.

Then that shopman philosophized audibly and with much fervor .-

ANTISEPTICS IN FOOD.

Their Too Free Use Induces a Larger Exhibit of Poisons Than Is Wise. The recent prosecution for solling

grange wine containing a little over three grains to the pint of salicylic acid suggests the propriety of discossing shortly the general question of preserving foods, by antiseptical Wines are sulphured and dectored with salicylio acid, fluoborates and it began to move, and now clung to fluesilicates. To milk in hot weather one of the arms, thoroughly and all sorts of antisopties are added, desperately frightened. Thrown the chief being boracic acid, varied bead downward at every revoluted late by the addition of formalis. Borneic acid or borax is also the favorite antiseptic for butters. It may, indeed; be stated generally that all decompasable articles not sterilized by boiling or preserved went the unfortunate Cashel; but from change by cold are liable to be treated with small quantities of antiseptics. There may not be in any one article a percentage sufficient to cause, whon given in a single dose, appreciable effect, but a person taking boraxed milk and butter for breakfast and tea, and a salicylated wine for dinner will be consuming day by day a sufficient amount of active drugs to produce some effect on his health. Salicylic acid is a poison. In 1878

a case happened in which so small a dose as three grams (46 grains) caused death in 40 hours. Possibly the acid was impure. In three other cases in which decided and dangerous symptoms were produced the doso was much larger, being 15, 23 and 50 grams respectively. Salicylicand benzolc acids are therapeutically attenuated phonols. Phonol being most poisonous, then comes salicylic acid, and lastly benzoic scid. What the effect of small doses of salicylic acid, say 5 grains daily, may be is at present a matter of conjecture. We know that most of it is excreted by the kidneys united with glycocoil, and also that it is a substance which readily outers into combination, forming a variety of aldelydes and esters, the physiological effects of which are not precisely the same as the free acid. It is conceivable that small quantities of a bayler hold, when they come in

contact with the intestinal and gastric juices, are in this way changed. masses of black for color and a few It is also possible that long bottling of a wine with salicylic acid with change the acid into salieylic ester or salicylic aldebyde. Schmitt, for instance, has found that, although Rhine wines are sulphured, the old Rhine wines contain no free sulphurous acid, the greater portion hav-

ing aldehyde sulphurous acid.

Be this as it may, the growing use of antiseptics constitutes a possible sound exerctory organs have for years daily taken chemicals of the kind in their food without injury, yet it can be confidently producted that other persons with damaged or minute doses, It must also be remembered that digestion in the intestines is carried on to a great extent by what, outside the intestines, would be recognized as a fermentative or putrefactive process. In BLACKSMITH SHOP, FOUNDRY, short, just as the nourishment of a number of plants depends on the microbes around their rootlets, so the assimilation of our own nourishment depends to a large degree on the activity of hosts of colonies of microbes in the intestinal canal, All antisopties, even in minute quantity, will inhibit the activity of these colonies or affect unequally various species, the net result in ordinary individuals being an impairment of digestion or an actual dyspepsia .-British Medical Journal.

THE ENSILAGE CROP.

How to Handle the Crop-Distributing Dayloe-The Best Covering.

For snecess it is necessary to have quito a good crop, preferably corn cut at the right time, and a tight sile. When practicable have the ensiting grown as near the sile as possible, so as to reduce suppose that the crop is grown on land within 50 rods of the sile, and that the husks begin to turn yellow and the grain is dented, while must of the leaves are yet green and jutey. When this stage is reached, the crop should be cut. The cutting may be done by hand, but it is slow, laborious and costly. There are a multitude of corn cutters on the market. all of which are more or less service able. Of a number that have been tried at the Kansas station nothing better has been found than a ried cutter with two knives hinged, one to each side of the sled, so ra to ent two rows at a time. This machine is pulled by one horse. Two stout boys or young men stand upon the sled, each facing a row of corn, which, as the horse newes forward, is rut off and gathered into the arms of the operators, who drop it in bunches behind them. The reins can hang within easy reach upon an upright forked will soon learn to start and stop without guidance from the reins. In a fair crop two hands on this cutter can easily keep ahead of three wagons healing is to the silo and help load at intervals.

The next step is the louding. For this ourpose the wagons should be provided with low, broad racks, on which the our is piled crossways. Two men can hand the banches left by the entier up to the driver on the rack about as fast as he can pile them. The number of teams engaged in hanling should be adjusted to the distance and the capacity of the casilage outler. For the distance named and with a small machine it takes two teams and three wagens to keep things running smoothly. One wagen is left at the cutter to be unloaded, the team bling at once hitched to the wagen is ing at once hitched to
the wagen just emptical and goes affeld
again, while the third wagen will have
finished loading by the time the team
returns to the field.
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who unloads drops it handy for the feeder upon the table set against the Satter. Reference is here made to a small machine such as average farmers require. Such a cutter, with average stendy running, can cut about two tons of green corn an honr. It is provided with an elevator attachment, which lifts the cut material over the sile walls. It may be ran by steam, electricity or horsepower. The whole force necessary, then, is two men to cut, two to load, two to drive, one to unload and one to fresh If green and juley, the weight of the conduct is so very great that it will firm itself about as well without trumping, but some device is necessary to distribute it well in the silo.' A sack filled with chaft, strawers a similar Echt balky material should be hung so that the streem of silings from the elevator is discharged upon it. This will scatter it to the rides of the silo instead of dumping it in a heap in the middle. It is not necessary to salt

Lastly, it is poor economy to use a silo that is , a tight. Wherever the na gains access to the walls the silage will spoil. When the sile is full, a layer of groen gram is the best envering, and to compact this layer it is well to put a few leads of couth on too. This is the plan that has been adopted with success. at the Kanins station and reported to The Prairie Porner, As is is of general interest in to Lege reproduced for the benealt of receious in many sections of the coant

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