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by this time."
"It's a horrible way!" cried the other, "Toots, havers! There's naethin'

horrible but murder an' earthquaken. Ye see, the folk thocht if wis kin' o' queer fur yer man to gang to Glesca the day when he micht ha'e waitit till Setturday an' got the chape ticket."

"But this is only Tuesday."
"Ah, but the Kinlochan folk thinks it mann be gey important business or pleesure if it canna wait twa-three "I don't care what the Kinlochan folk

think." "Weel, weel, it's jist their curiosity, an' I suppose they dinna mean ony hairm, though I wudna like to be aye curious aboot ither folk's business like some o' them. Ma motto is to mind yer ain business. Aye."

In spite of her worry Jess nearly "'Deed, aye," continued Mrs. Wallace. "It's a sad job when folk is aye wunnerin' an' spierip' about yin anither. I suppose ye're expectin' David hame the sicht?"
"Oh, yes. I think he'll be here with the next boat."

"Ye wud be rale prood that he got the job o' the Arden greenhooses." "Yes, of course," Mrs. Houston answered, trying to smile.

"I wis hearin' the Fairport jiner was wild at no' gettin' the job. He had been ower shair o' gettin' it, an' he had laid in a heap o' wudd, an' noo he disna ken whit to dae wi' the wudd, the stupit buddy! Ye can be ower smairt as weel as ower slow in this wurld. I dinna think David Houston wud ha'e made a mistak' that wey. Nae doot the day." "Yes," said Jess, wondering miser

ably how her husband had succeeded in his interview with Hardy & Son. "I kin" o' thocht it wis the wudd," said Mrs. Wallace, secretly delighted at having extracted her desired information. For once she had got ahead of Mr. Ogilvy, the village oracle, who had been inclined to think that the joiner had gone to town merely onpleasure, seeing that he had worn a felt hat and not the customary cloth "Weel, I maun gang noo," she an-

nounced, preparatory to rising. "I suppose yer man hasna been talkin' in his sleep lately?" "No," said Mrs. Houston, a little puz-

"I thocht he might ha'e mentioned a jock fur ma coal cellar door. Of coorse, ye ken, I dinna want to hurry him, but I've a kin' o' ambeetion, as it were, to see a lock on that door afore I dee, But maybe it's whit the story books ça' a wild an' hopeless ambeetion. Hopever, ye can tell David I'm no' thinkin' o' deein' fur a year or twa yet, an'- Mercy me! Wha's this comin'

A lady was bidding another goodby at the gate and was evidently about to "Oh, dear!" sighed Jess. "It's Miss Perk from Point View." "If it's ber," said Mrs. Wallace, ris ing, "she gotten a new hat an' a daft-

like yin furbye. Weel, I canna thole Miss Perk, hat or nae hat, so I'll bid "Don't go, Aunt Wallace; please don'

go," the young wife implored. "If you stay she won't wait long. If she catches me alone she'll wait till Davie comes home, and I-I don't want that." "Ye dinna mean to tell me yer feart

"I am, I am. At least I'm not exactly afraid, but-but-I don't care about her. She's always coming to lecture me about Davie."

"D'ye tell me that? She better leave that to me, the implddent auld maid! She thinks she's a kin' o' queen amang the Kinlochan folk because she bides here through the winter an' tak's the front place at a' the sewin' meetin's an' the like. An' the warst o' it is that the Kinlochan folk boo doon to her, no fur love, fur she never gl'ed awa' ony thin' dearer nor advice that naebody wants, but jist fur— Aw, here she's comin'." Mrs. Wallace's voice sank to a whisper. "Never heed, Jess. I'll no'

grateful glance and left the porch to meet her visitor, who came briskly up the path with a businesslike air and a somewhat patronizing smile.

Miss Perk, who, with an aged moth

er, lived "on her money" at Point View, might have been anything between for ty and sixty years of age, to judge by She was middle sized in every way, mentally as well as physically, but among the Kinlochan natives she had rained the reputation of being "mair respect. She had gained her reputa-tion for cleverness by the simple meth-od of talking a deal and doing nothing. and yet it would be unfair to deny that given to such phrases as "quite a lady"

Miss Perk was annoyed; but, assuming her platform smile, she stepped forward and shook hands with the older woman. "How do you do Mrs. Wallace? Is this not a beautiful day?"

"I'm pretty middlin', thank ye, an'
I'm no sayin' onythin' agin the weather. Jess, ye micht bring a sate here
fur yer veesitor. I ken ye cama ask
her into the hoose the day." As a matter of fact, the cottage had never been tidler, but Mrs. Wallace had the presentiment that out of politeness her niece might be weak enough to invite

Miss Perk to sit in the parlor. Jess brought a chair, which Mis-Perk accepted, though she would rather have gone indoors, leaving Mra. Wallace to herself. Still, she was not going to allow the presence of a "common old woman" to interfere with the object of her visit.

"Would you take a cup of tea?" Houston hospitably inquired. "Oh, no, thank you. I had ten Mrs. Spright's a few minutes ago." Here Mrs. Wallace scored again "Thank ye, ma dear," she said calmly to Jess, "I cud dae wi' a dish o' ter



She shook hands with Jess. fine, an' I'll tak' it oot here when it's ready. Maybe yer vecsitor 'll change

her mind." stiffly.

be," she said to herself. Mrs. Houston, almost alarmed at

aunt's temerity in braving such an important person as Miss Perk, left the Ill assorted twain and retired to the A silence brooded in the porch till at last Miss Perk, smothering her trita-tion, remarked, with forced pleasant-

"I don't think I ever see you at any of our meetings, Mrs. Wallace."

"I daur say that, ma'am," "The winter is approaching again, and we expect to have some delightful and, I think I may add, really helpful meetings. I am preparing a series of lectures on 'The First Year of Married

Life,' which I hope will'"Weel, I doot that's a wee thing jurenile fur me, ma'am. An', furbye, I'm better at gi'ein a bit lectur's ma sel' nor listenin' to yin," said Mrs. Wal-

lace, with a dry smile,

The other attempted a laugh as she returned, "Still, Mrs. Wallace, I think you would find it worth your while to attend and persuade Mrs. Houston and her husband to attend also."

Mrs. Wallace did not respond,
"I may say I take a great interest
your niece," continued Miss Perk.
"I micht say the same, me'am." "Yes, yes, no doubt," said Miss Perk I consider her quite a capable young woman, whose mind has been cultivated, considering her station in life, to a considerable extent. What did

you say, Mrs. Wallace?" "I didns say onythin'," said the old nusband is an estimable m

of asking him to perform any repairs Miss Perk was so taken up with her-self that she falled to notice the coun-tenance of Mrs. Wallace. "Now," she went on, "I've no doubt that if you

given to such phrases as "quite a lady"
and "a terribly common person," and, though overflowing with good advice for her humbler fellow beings, she was practically void of sympathy. She forced herself upon the Kinlochain folk who were too simple and kindly to tell her to mind her own business. As a young man once put it, vulgarly, perhaps, she tried to elevate the masses like balloons—with gas.

She shook hands with Jess as if the were conferring a favor. "I thought I would just pop in and see how you were getting on after our last little chat, Mrs. Houston," she said graclously. "Has your husband come home yet?"

"No, Miss Perk." Jess replied, adding, "My anit is with me this afternoon."

"Oh, indeed," said Miss Perk shortly, and at that moment she caught sight of Mrs. Wallace slifing on the porch, her

"Yes, yes," returned Miss Perk in Moeting Elks, Buffalo, N. Y., and confusion. "Of course I never east to imply that there was any thing wrong, nor did I suggest that they were not kind and happy. But are kindness and happiness sufficient?"

"D'ye mean books, ma'am? Fur Jess is a great reader when she gets the time, an' her man's no' jist as eegno-

"Good speakers, as you suggest, are no doubt comparatively rare," said Miss Perk modestly. "But one must do one's best." She was going to say a good deal more, but Mrs. Wallace, who could endure no more, and up in her chair and hewled through the door falo \$4.50, Durham \$4.50, Charlotte \$5.00 and Wilmington \$5.00.

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"Just coming," came the reply.
"I suppose it is time you were g have some young men lodging with you," Miss Perk remarked pleasantly. She had a satisfied feeling that she had impressed the old woman, yet looked forward to getting rid of her.

"Oh, I'm in plenty of time fur the indgers, thenk ye, but I dinns want to keep Jess frue gettin' ready fur her man comin' hame. I sudna ha'e askit for the ten, I doot," "I should like to have a word with

Mr. Houston," said the visitor. "Weel, ye'll get him in the shope near every day. He'll be busy fur awhile at the Arden greenhooses. Oh, ye didna hear he had gotten that job? 'Deed, it wis a fine compilment to him. But, ye see, he's an extra fine workman, an' if folk wants a thing dune weel-no' chape, ye ken-they gang to David

At this juncture Jess arrived with the tes, and Mrs. Wallace, having helped herself, said, with unusual geniality: "I'm vexed fur gl'ein' ye a' this trouble, ma lass, fur ye'll need to be gettin' ready fur yer man. Heeh, but I near burnt ma mooth! I'll tak' a drapple male mulk an' drink it quick." She gulped her tea in a fashion that Miss time I wis awa'. Ye better see about yer man's tea. I'm shair yer vecalt-

or 'll excuse ye."

Mrs. Houston felt and looked uncom fortable as Miss Perk rose, red with anger, and said coldly: "I fear I must be going, but I shall hope to have a little chat with you on an important natter ere long. I trust it may be at a more convenient season. Goodby Mrs. Housign, Remember me to you husband. Goodby, Mrs. Wallace"-"Oh, we'll gang to the gate thegith or," said Mrs. Wallace, with the utmos fulness, "Come awa", Jess."

Miss Perk did not wait for a second goodby at the gate, but marched off without delay. "I wis feart she micht elip back efter I wis swa'," said Mrs. Wallace, with

"Oh, aunt," cried Jess, "I hope you didn't offend her! I shouldn't have left her like that, but I—I couldn't bear her "Havers, lass! Never you heed her. She's jist a bletherin' buddy. All ye gang an' get yer man's tea ready. I'll o' ma ludgers. Guid bye, ma dearle, It was a very dejected husband that came home that evening. Jess was in the porch waiting for him, and at the

sight of him coming up the path from the gale, without the merest glance at the flower beds, all the hope in her heart went out like a flash. He isid his hand for an instant on her shoulder and walked past her into the kitchen. She brushed away a tear

"Your tea's ready, Davie," she said

vie?" she asked softly.
"Jist that," he muttered.

"Poor lad! Did you see Mr. Hardy David shook his heed. can that me fayther did bus is deld an' gone. I'm thinkin' it wud ha'e been different if he had been there, Jess," he added sadly. "And who did you see?"

"The managin' director, I was tall't. "And he wouldn't oblige you?"
"No' wi' a penny's worth, an' I had
to gi'e him a bill at three months for

advance, though I've nae doot I wud get it, but I cudna dae't. I'm rale

"Oh, Davie! Tou're not to talk that way. Indeed, you're not to talk about it at all for a little, and then we'll see what's to be done. I'm quite sure you (TO BE CONTINUED.)

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