THE HAND OF FATE. BY M. E. S.

riably but courteously rejected. And freshed and strengthened. But she yet he had the affrontery to boast to his could not dismiss the veratious subject.

"Popping the question" is the crisis in all love affairs. There is no arbitrary rules governing the mode of this inter-esting and often very exciting perform-www we have a womanish freak to record the hypocrite in a matter so serious. ance. "Nature abhors a vacuum" no almost without a parallel. She permit-more than a duplication of her works, ted him to return and treated him with must know that she was capable of such and asking a maid to wed you is one of hor developments. It has never occur-red twice in exactly the same way, and probably never will. The modus of this and when he again proposed she accept-probably never will. The modus of this and when he again proposed she accept-billious know that she was capable of such duplicity. Could he forgive her? Him-that Simmon's Liver Regulator will rid you self the "soul of honor," could he find in the history of the case a satisfactory apology for her conduct! Her father fever and prevent their return, and is a elimatic effort on the part of a man is of ed him. had not reproached her directly, and she infinite variety, from the formally writ- The writer cannot undertake to recon- really did not know what he meant by ten document, to the blunt oral petition, cile this conduct with truth and fidelity calling it a "kettle of fish." It is an ugly these latter kind being far most common, to her absent lover, nor as consistent "kettle" of folly she knew, and repented and always dependent on the cir- with a heart under the influence of re- of it with tears. Would Mr. Venacumstance in which the parties find ligion. It was a plain departure from ble pass it over with some such meanthemselves at the moment. There is both, whatever the secret motive. But it ing or obscure remark? She hoped more simple nature in these matters than | was of short duration. Mr. Hope, in the not. It would be a relief-a pleasurestudied poetry. The poetic and formal new relation of an accepted lover, if he would scold her, or box her ears. speech have been no doubt often employ- soon became dictatorial and censorious She would submit to it with Christian

ed, but they are liable to suspicion; for in his treatment. He could not bear to resignation. really it is not a time for such things, see Birdie's politeness to other gentlemen Col. Wren found Mr. Hope at his office any more than it would be for a drown- who were visiting at her home. The next day and entered immediately on ing man to be poetic in calling for help. "green eyed monster" seemed to hold the business in hand. With the party alone in the boat, him captive at his will, and the smallest, TO BE CONCLUDE

time to reflect, I feel that I have treated

you very unkindly, and acted very un-

To this letter the following answer was

Mr. Hope :- I commisserate your con-

don me, or I shall die.

slowly, dreamily floating on the silver most insignificant attention to others. lake under the moonlight, fanned by filled him with wrath, to which he gave gentle breezes-a most bewitching mc- free yent when alone with her. The engagement lasted only ten days: She ment-how was it?" "Birdie-Miss Wren," said Montrose, told him that she could not afford to A

but before he could proceed further he conform her life to unreasonable and was interrupted by his sweet lady comcrucl requirements, and demanded a return of all her notes to him. He prompauion-

"Why, Montrose, what do you meancalling both my names in a breath?

rejoinder. Then let us join hands and hearts,

said he, and caught her hand.

She made no resistance, but on the on the contrary, wrote her the following: contrary responded to each pressure of his manly grasp by a movement of her own fingers; and-it was all over-all that any one clse need know.

From that hour they were one in heart and mind; from that moment lived they all blame. I cannot give you up. I pray fellow. each for the other.

"Two souls with but a single thought, Two hearts that beat as one.'

But "the best of friends must part, and the College closed for the session. When he came to bid his betrothed good- given: bye for a short vacation at his home in a distant part of the State, he brought Tennyson's Poems to his beloved, re-Philopoina. On the fly leaf was written: not suppose forgiveness implies renewal "This little volume is presented to Miss of engagement. Please return the letters Birdie Wren with the best wishes of one I have heretofore written you. who hopes that in the appreciation of it's beauties she may not fail to discover the great reward of poetic study, which enables us to realize the true, the beautiful

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[TO BE CONCLUDED NEXT WEEK.] TO THE EDITOR-Please inform your Ole Uncle Dan Couldn't Explain. SENTIMENTAL WHITE MAN TRIES TO

PICK A QUARREL WITH AN OLD NEGRO.

ised to oblige her and left in a passion. A traveler who had read much of fully, But Mr. Hope had scarcely passed bethe negro, and who had, while listen- T. A. SLOCUN, M. C., 181 Pearl st., N. Y. "I believe I'm crazy," said he. "I am too, perhaps," was the quick himself as a fool, and by the time he was ing to negro melodies sung by white youd the gate before he was denouncing seated in his own quiet room, he was men, been impressing with the "darnearly ready to cut his throat and die. key's" fullness of sentiment, stood He delayed to return Birdie's letters, but watching an old negro who worked at of the best kind of plant food at the a country hotel. Dear Miss Wren :- Since I have had

"How do you do ?" said the white man bowing with a sort of tender and sympathetic politeness.

wisely. I am greatly distressed at my own conduct, and freely acquit you of "How does I do ?" replied the old for forgiveness. I have had no rest since "Yes."

I left your door. Pardon me-oh, par-"Well, I does' bout de best I ken. sah." JAMES HOPE.

I mean how is your health ?"

"Sorter slow at de present. Ain't been all right in mer health for sebermade me sick. It ain't gwine do fur er ole man ter ack like er boy, sah;

BIRDIE WREN. This note was read and re-read by the ain't gwine ter do et tall. W'y w'en I distressed lover in the vain hope of find- wuz er boy I uster go to er haug-killin' ables us to realize the true, the beautiful and the good, blended with all we meet in surrounding nature." This little volume she prized next to her Bible. He wrote many charming letters to her, lending wings to time which passed in gladness. At last the cial affairs were not satisfactory to him.

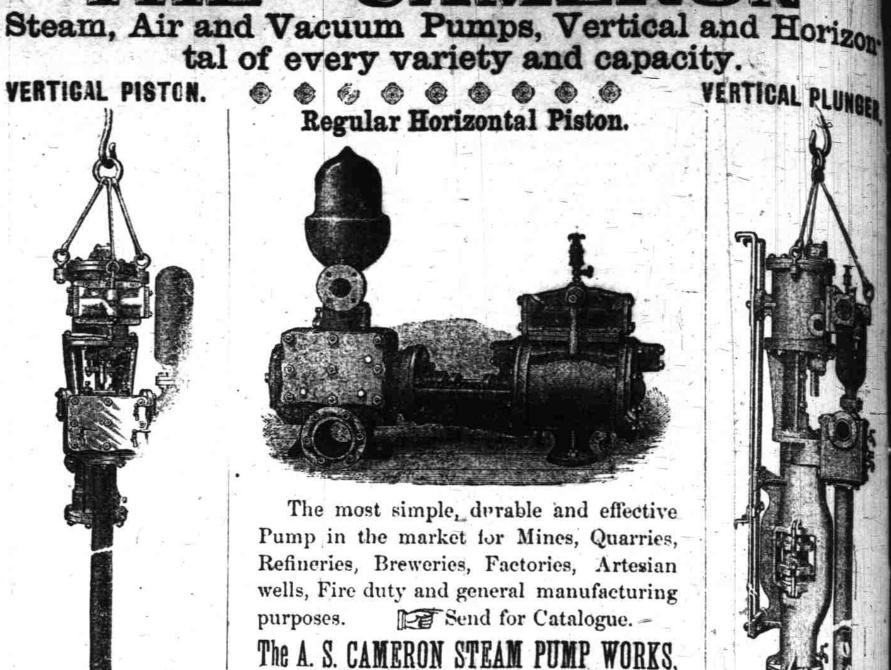
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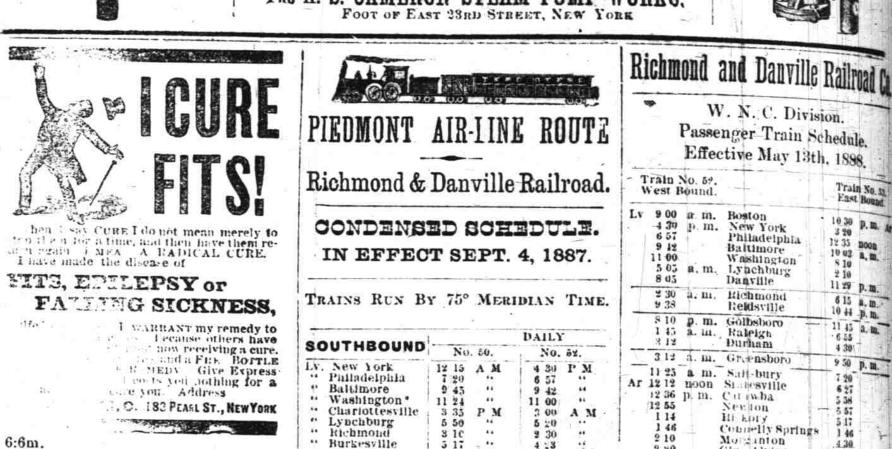
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You are feeling depressed, your appetite is poor, you are bothered with headache you are fidgetty, nervous, and generally out of sorts, and want to brace up. Brace up, but not with stimulants, spring medicines, or bitters, which have for their basis very cheap, bad whisky, and which stimulate you for an hour, and then leave you in worse condition than before. What you want is an alterative that will purify your dition, and hope your distress is not so al days. Went de uder day whar er blood, start healthy action of Liver and great as to defy the kind offices of time. frien o' mine killed haugs an' I stood Kidneys, restore your vitality, and give minding her of the little episode of the I forgive as I hope to be forgiven, but do roun de fire, roastin' haug melts on de renewed health and strength. Such a hot rocks an' eatin em, I did, till da medicine you will find in Electric Bitters. and only 50 cents a bottle at Kluttz's Drug Store.

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cial affairs were not satisfactory to him which the skilled politician may play, vacation out, Birdie began to look forward with brightest anticipations for his return, but instead of coming back he fact and his ability to relieve him he and were the cause of uneasiness on the the tune of his unscrupulous improvi- revival of trade at Kluttz's Drug Store as had decided to go to Texas, where he discovered a gleam of hope. He resolv- gro the sympathetic traveler added; many free trial bottles of Dr. King's New hoped to earn and accumulate money ed that he would call on Miss Wren, and "You love poetry, do you not? he deferred his trip for a short time, his impulsive nature brought him again to Birdie accompanied her father to Balti- her peaceful home. A servant answered more, on a visit. While there she re- the door bell and conducted him to the ceived a note from her affianced, saying: parlor, and by the servant he asked to

"I am here, in the 'City of Peace,' on see Miss Wren. He met her as she ter drink, w'y my topknot stan's up can test it before buying by getting a trial my way to Texas; have only a few days entered the door with, "Miss Wren I like er rooster's. W'ar's de bottle? to remain. Would love to see you before have called to plead that forgiveness may Show me de bottle ef yer wants ter see mply restoration of former relations ----I go. As ever thine,

CHARLES MONTROSE VENABLE." "Oh," she interrupted him, "I thought With a bounding heart she answered you had brought my letters."

to this call. When she and her father "No, no," said he, "I cannot give up reached the depot a mile from home they either you or them. I plead for life and found Mr. Venable awaiting their ar- its happiness. I love you with all my I hadn't mentioned it-is nothing to rival. He escorted her to the door of her heart-pray once more be generousbome, promising to call early next morn- once more loving, and I promise you it ing-whispering a few tender words, he shall never cost you a pang, but be a blessaid, "good-night," and disappeared in sing to you and the family." He held her hand in a kneeling posture, while she the darkness.

He had only one day to tarry. They with the other covered her eyes. spent that together happily, though With no intention from the first of tinged with the sadness of soon parting. marrying Mr. Hope, but to punish him That hour came before either was wil- for h s graceless boasting, she perceived ling for it, and-upon it let the curtain for the first time that "he that diggeth a pit shall fall therein." He had in his

Birdie was in tears soon after Mr. Ven- posession letters that might ruin her in life, chile, Ise er fiddler frum de ole able had gone. The burden on her heart the estimation of Mr Venable, whose analyzed would have been found to conlove was dearer to her than all the world. tain regret, amounting almost to remorse; He cvidently did not intend to give them and strange forebodings of evil. Regret up, and how to recover herself from the at having refused her affianced a parting danger of losing Mr. Venable, engaged kiss, the foolish thing men so much all her thoughts.

crave; and forebodings of evil from dan-The parlor scene was closed by Miss gers which beset the pathway of those Wren, who drew the man to his feet and who go out into the wide world to hunt waived him to a chair. She said, "This a fortune. is all sudden and expected, Mr. Hope,

On the next day after this parting, and I must have time to reflect on the On the next day after this parting, Birdie received a letter from an aunt, Mrs. Speight, giving a pressing invita-tion to pay her a visit. Mrs. 8. lived in the country twenty miles away. The in the country twenty miles away. The family was in good, comfortable circum- quickly toward her, saying as he passed, stances, but possessed no more of this "may heaven guide your reflects in my world's goods than were needful. They favor.'

kept but one or two servants, so that When Birdie reached her own room much of the household work, the light she fell across her bed, murmuring "Oh ! gardening, &c., was divided out among Montrose, if you knew all this !"? the members of the family. But the But when the excitement of the moaunt wrote -"we have not much to charm ment had passed, sober reflection ensued. or interest you here, but nevertheless I She resolved to acquaint her father of ter me like dat jedge done ober yander just deserts; that's ---- well, it's an Grand outfit free. Address TRUE & Co., W. A. TURK, Div. Pass. Ag't, crave a visit. The fields are green, the the whole affair, and engage him to help in de cou't-house, an' I wants yer to un'. uncomfortable hot location where the Augusta, Maine.

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me bite de naik off.' "You still misunderstand me, and in

comfortable. This is true in the truth I do not see how I am to enlightspring or summer, as well as in the en you. Poetry--and I wish now that winter.

eat or drink----'Suthin' to w'ar den, he? Wall, I

like ter dress up ez nuch ez anybody. Jes mix some red in er suit o' cloze an' I'm dar I tell ver.'

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whose tenderness, like the falling of teardrops, bring glimpses of your own soul--" "Look yere, Mister, I'se been er peaseable man, I is, an' I'se been here too laung fur er pusson to come roun' telling to a last mentioned creatures for there

me like I'se been stealin' suthin,' talks is a place where they will get their away, than anything else in the world. flowers are beautiful, the brook is lim-pid and its murmuring music is only-the groves echo with their joyons more. Mr. Hope had worried her after repeated for the difficulty, as she felt con-the groves echo with their joyons more. Mr. Hope had worried her after repeated for the difficulty of how for

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