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FREDERICK DEAN'S WILL.

'Well, since you are both so urgent, and since making a will won't end my life, I'll do it at once, and you shall witness it.'

'I confess I was not prepared for such promptitude,' smiled one of the gentlemen in reply; 'but we shall be only too happy to serve you, adding, a little dryly: 'Don't you think, however, it would be just as well to get a sheet of paper?'

'As you like,' said the other, exchanging an amused smile with his companion. 'Only insure Nannette a comfortable future, and remember that to insure it you must cut out that leaf, and place it where it can be found by the proper person when needed.'

'You need not laugh, my dear,' smiled the gentleman; 'those financials have had something to do with your future.'

'Nannette sprang to her feet and threw herself on the old gentleman's bosom. 'Now, papa,' she murmured, chokingly, 'don't say "will" to me again. I want you and nothing else.'

'Of course you know, Nannette, that my brother left no will?'

'I have not thought about it at all,' murmured Nannette, wearily, finding he paused for a reply, and then added, as wearily: 'But you are mistaken. He did leave a will.'

'You did not get off this afternoon?' 'No,' answered Nannette simply; and, as usual, took her place behind the tea urn.

'Evidently annoyed, Mr. Dean said, as he seated himself: 'You go to-morrow, of course?'

'It depends upon circumstances,' returned Nannette, calmly. A hot flush mounted the gentleman's brow, and he replied, angrily: 'I shall see to it that the circumstances are quite favorable to your departure.'

'Nannette made no response, but proceeded to do the honors with the same ease and grace which had characterized her during her father's life, scrupulously observant of the courtesies due from hostess to guest.'

'The servant entered and answered the question. 'Mr. Perkly, sir. He wishes to see you.'

With a sad smile, Nannette followed him from the room, and went on to the drawing-room. In the course of half an hour Mr. Perkly joined her there.

Accidental Homicide. Mrs. Betsy Clemmons was shot and killed by her husband on the night of the 2d of June. John Clemmons, her husband, and two others, had been drinking together.

In commenting on the above, the Raleigh News says: 'In the columns of the News today is told a melancholy story from Chapel Hill.'

The only mitigating circumstance is that it was purely an accident so far as shooting the woman, but that is not much extenuation, for, having quarrelled with one of the men whom he had brought to his house.

How long are the intelligent, virtuous people of North Carolina going to submit to this sort of thing. Are the women to be ever the victims of vicious drunken men of this sort?

The world can maintain sixty thousand millions of people. It has never had more than two per cent. of that number living at any one time on its surface.

Duration of Business Depression. Have we since 1873 been passing through a commercial crisis unprecedented in the history of this country? Have we sunk so deeply in the "slough of despond" that the chances of extrication are remote? Will the reaction in prices and the shrinkage in value in all their force be permanent? A comparison with the panic period of 1837 and the several years following is suggestive on these points.

'To pick berries,' I replied. 'Then, Joseph, I want to tell you one thing. It is this: When you find a pretty good bush, do not leave it to seek for a better one.'

German Wives. The culinary art forms a part of the education of women in Germany. The well-to-do tradesman, like the mechanic, takes pride in seeing his daughters good housekeepers.

Shoes in Japan. Among the first things that strike the traveler in Japan are the wooden sandals worn by these thirty-five millions of people. They have a separate compartment for the great toe, and make a clacking noise on the street.

A Passionate Temper. A merchant in London had a dispute with a Quaker, respecting the settlement of an account. The merchant was determined to bring the question into court, a proceeding which the Quaker earnestly deprecated.

New York has 21,000 tenement houses out of 78,000 buildings. If 50,000 buildings, a large estimate, are used for residences of a single family to each they will hold 250,000 people, for families average about five. This leaves about 750,000 people to live in the 21,000 tenement houses.

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Brasil and Buga. Those who sigh for a lodge in Brazil should read what Mr. Bigg-Withers writes of the beauties of that country: 'The musketo makes his home in these wilds. A tiny fly, called pat-corr, from being as small and multitudinous as atoms of dust, passes through the meshes of the finest net, then penetrates the hair and beard and sticks its venomous proboscis into the skin.'

But one of the worst enemies of mankind, as well as cattle and hogs, is a big spotted fly which comes along silently and pricks the body of its victim. It sucks no blood and instils no venom; its minute weapon, instantly withdrawn, leaves no soreness or irritation at the time.

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The Quaker reasoned philosophically and the merchant, as every one else may do, benefitted by his example.

The story is told of a woman who freely used her tongue to the scandal of others, and confession to the priest of what she had done. He gave her a ripe thistle-top, and told her to go out in various directions and scatter the seeds, one by one.