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to-night," declared Tom, boldly. The creeping tide came up along the sand. And o'er and o'er the sand, other feminine cousins. And round and round the sand.

As far as the eye could see: The blinding mists came down and hid the land, And never home came she.

husband's arm. O, is it weed, or fish, or floating hair! A tress o' golden hair, forgiven them yet, Of drowned maiden's hair, Allove the nets at sea-Was never salmon vet that shone so fair.

Among the stake on Dec.

They rowed her in across the rolling foam. The cruel scrawling foam, The cruel hungry foam, To her grave beside the sea; But still the boatmen hear her call the cattle home Across the sands o' Dec.

### COUSIN CULPEPPER'S CHOICE.

BY HELEN WHITNEY CLARK.

y Consin Tom Culpepper is a V coming home, said the Widow Golding, putting her head into the liltle kitchen where her sister-inlaw. Miss Jacassa Golding, was doing the week's baking. "I must get a new carpet for the sitting-room floor, and some chany ornaments for the mantle-shelf. Tom must be nigh about forty years old, quite an old buchelor-and to think he wanted to marry me once! but he was poor as Job's turkey then, and of course I wouldn't hev' him. I s'pose it's on my account he ain't never margied. Polly Culpepper needn't to think she's a going to git him, either," she went on, shutting her thin lips decidedly together, "He's rich as a Jew now, and of course the girls will all be a setting their caps for him. La! Jacassa, you needn't to color up so; of course I didn't mean you. The ide a of an old maid like you, an' lumly at that, a tryin' o catch anybody, let alone a rich man like Tom! He used to be my sweetheart once," with an approving glance at her own snapping black eyes and plump figure, reflected in the little mirror over the mantlepiece. "And of course I shall stand the best chance of any one. Besides, widows allus do attract the most attention."

Miss Jacassa shoved a squash pie into the oven, and turned to her sis-

"When did you say he was coming, Alvara !" she asked, wiping her thished face on a corner of her

"Just a week from to-day. An' that'll give me time to fix up that like silk of mine. It'll just do, now I'm a putting off black."

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dress," ventured daeassa, hesitat-

difference does timake whit you wear! You won't never be anything but an old maid, whatever you

And the widow tripped away while Jacassa turned to her work with a brighter thish on her face than that caused by the heat.

If she was an old maid, Miss Jacassa was by no means an uncome CHT CLARK, JR. & COTS ly one. Her cheeks were as plump and rosy as a tipe June apple, and her abundam han wasstill as golden as a primrose.

The widow was not given to proexastination, and the new carpet was soon tacked down on the sit ting-room floor, and the "chany" ornaments purchased for the mantippiece. In due time the impor tant day arrived.

"And my dress ain't done yet !" said Mrs. Alvira, previshly. "I've got to sew all day to git it done; and I do hope, Jacassa, you'll hey things nice. First impressions is everything, though, of course, all that we kin hey ain't a patchin' to what he's used to now. But I'm bound Polly Culpepper shan't git him, and crow over me with her Hins, Hadley & C., skim-milk blue eyes and sassy look ing curls."

"I'll do the best 1 can," promised Jacassa, mentally wondering wheth. er a ruffled white apron would improve the appearance of her old black poagee, the best dress she owired.

And while Mrs. Golding finished emodeling the blac silk, Miss Jar Cor Goldsboro and Barnes Sts cas a swept and dusted and cleaned washed and ironed her white apronand cooked supper.

"What on earth is he staring

about so for f" thought the widow

as Tom continued to twist uneasily

in his chair, and gazed around the

At last, when her patience was

fairly given out, it seemed as if Tom

could stand it no longer, and he

"I say, Alvira, where is Jack !"

"Jack! Who on earth do you

consin in great bewilderment.

course. Ain't she here !"

burst forth:

room as if looking for something.

Wilson, N. C. Having just returned with All was ready at last; the table was set with the old fashioned blue

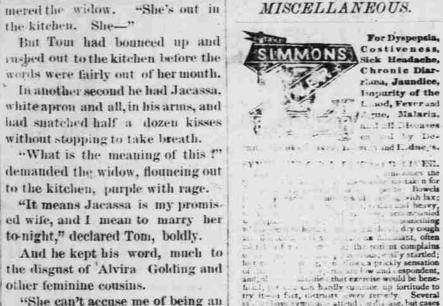
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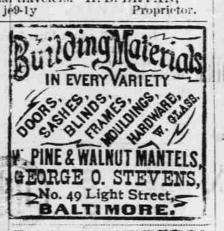
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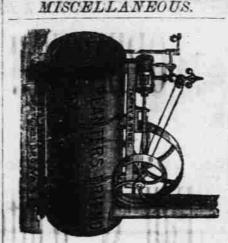
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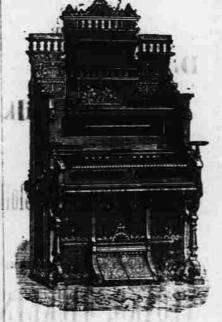
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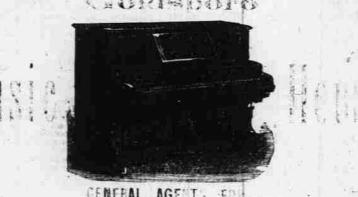
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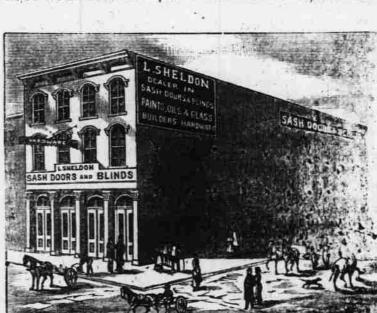
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