

Yes, dear," she answered softly. know what to tell him?"

"Trust me," said my faithful Con- has has been theirs is now on the wane. stance, returning the pressure of my The Squire of Holdenhurst has scarcehand.

"I will," I responded.

serve that beyond a formal bow of prevails in England." recognition when we first entered the house Mr. Evan Price ignored us both. not much interested in it, but my sissay until he perceived an entirely fa- man." vorable opportunity, and acquainted Constance with my suspicion, who agreed with me. These remarks were made in the blue drawing room, where prevent her marrying him." the greater number of Mrs. Van Reusselaer's guests had assembled just as

evening was closing in. "If you leave the drawing room by the door," said Constance, "and return again at once by the veranda, you can sit at that small table at the back of that bamboo screen. From conversation and can reappear to inferrupt it at any moment you please. to set your mind at rest once for ever as to whether I care anything for Mr. Price or not."

"My dearest Connie," I exchaimed you can say or do can increase my per- so, it would not be my affair." fect trust in you. But I will do as you suggest."

And the next minute I rose from my teat and walked away. To carry out the plan proposed by Miss Marsh oc- name for the tarnished name of Trucupled more time than we supposed it man-is that you will read this letter. would. In the first place, it was neces- It reached me this morning from the sary for me to pass along three sides | Rev. Mr. Fuller, rector of Holdenhurst of the Rensselaer mansion, which was Major. It is very brief, and will not of great extent, in itself the work of at | engage your attention for more than least five minutes, but I failed to ac- two or three minutes. Surely, Miss complish it in less than double that Marsh, you will do so much to oblige time in consequence of meeting my a bitterly disappointed man." aunt and Mrs. Van Renseelaer, who detained me with questions. However, drawing room from the veranda took pleadingly extended toward her. up my position as arranged. Mr. Evan Price was already at the side of my betrayed the earnestness of his purpose, and he spoke so low that, though could make out all he said.

myself, and drew the design for the mounting of it. The mere acceptance in any way engaged to me. You will stance as speedily as I could, this time

advantages for more than 300 years, "He will find an opportunity to talk | yet in all that time no one member of with you to-day, I am sure. You will it has distinguished himself in any walk of life. Such social position as

ly yet reached middle age, and a long

time must probably clapse before Never shall I forget the delights of young Ernest succeeds to his estatethat long autumnal day. It is true I a poor property, worth, perhaps, some was sometimes obliged to surrender six or seven hundred a year at most, my Constance to her friends, but for decreasing in value every year, and the must part I contrived to keep her perhaps soon to be confiscated by the to avself, and was surprised to ob- revolutionary legislation which now

"I know nothing of all this, and am I suspected that that transformed ter's husband is a Truman, and the cleric was reserving what he had to people here do not account him a dull

> "That is true, I admit. Still, if your sister were as free as you are now, I have that in my pocket which would

"Indeed!" exclaimed Miss Marsh, "that is more interesting than credible."

"Still, it is true," persisted Mr. Price. "No family was ever more glaringly misnamed than that of Holdenhurstit has never produced a true man, and the one clever member of it, your where Mr. Price is now sitting he can brother-in-law, counteracts his ability see your departure but not your return. by his faisity. His faithlessness to If he comes to me you will hear our his wife, to whose father was due his first step toward the great success he has achieved, is deplorable. The letter Give me this opportunity, dear Ernest, | I have in my pocket reveals a state of affairs which in this country would enable your sister to obtain a divorce from her husband. Will you read it?"

"I take no interest in it, I assure you. fervently, "I don't doubt your faith- My sister is happy, and has no wish fulness the least in the world; nothing | for a divorce, but even were that not "Accepting as final your rejection of

my suit, my last request-made to you in the hope that you will pause and reflect before you change your own fair

"Very well, I will read it since you so greatly wish it," and extending her I escaped from these ladies as soon as delicate little hand, my Constance took I decently could, and re-entering the from Mr. Price a letter which he

The first part of this colloquy greatly inflamed that consciousness of vic-Constance. The expression of his face, tory which had possessed me ever since Constance Marsh had declared herself mine. Mr. Price's tirade against my was less than three feet distant from liamily, and particularly his animadhim, it was with some difficulty that I versions on myself, amused me. But it was plainly apparent that the peru-

"I cannot conceive why it is," he was sal by Constance of a letter from the saying, "that you should refuse to ac- Rev. Mr. Fuller, detailing the circumcept this ring. The stone is a beauti- stance of my uncle Sam's connection ful one; I selected it with great care with Annie Wolsey, might be fraught with very serious consequences to sev eral persons. I resolved to interrupi of the ring will not imply that you are the reading, and returned to my Con-

bean due to a porridge-built constitution. Allow me to introduce you to Miss Mackenzie."

The young lady in blue rose and was introduced to me in formal terms.

"And so ye're the nephew of Samuel Truman?" crooned Mr. Mackenzie, who seemed very old and decrepit. "Well, well; it's a pity such a clever man should be without a son o' his verra own, but dollars won't get everytaing, and a nephew's no' a distant relation. If Sam is as fortunate in his nephew as ye're in your uncle, he's done well."

I did not care to enter into conversation with this old Sootsman, whose garrulous tendency was evident. Mr. Resenberg perceived the state of the case and hurried me away. Although not so deeply anxious as I had been

before my Constance had given me her hand, I was much concerned in the unexpected event which had acquainted her with a matter I had hoped she might never hear of, and could not bring myself to take much interest in

the various persons to whom Mr. Rosenberg introduced me. Indeed, that gentleman noticed my abstraction and remarked upon it, but readily accepted my excuse (a very real and true one) that I found the new scenes among which I was cast, the presence of so many strangers, and the manners and customs of American society, in such violent contrast with my surroundings in an English village, that I was confused by the change, but that I hoped to be quite at my ease after a little more experience of these things. Mr. Rosenberg then proposed that we should take a seat near to the piano. as Miss Inez Juarrez, who had a fine volce, was about to sing. I gladly agreed. The natural gift and the skill of Miss Juarrez were evidently known to the company present, for no sooner was it whispered that she was about to sing than a wide semicircle of ad-

miring listeners was quickly formed in front of the plano, and among the foremost I observed my Constance seated between her sister and Mrs. Van Rensselaer. She still appeared unusually pale, but when she perceived me'her cheek slightly flushed, her eye brightened, and she bestowed on me a glance which caused my heart to flutter, and all care and anxiety to depart

from me. Miss Inez Juarrez had a full, rich soprano voice, which she controlled with admirable art. Her song was simple enough from a musician's point of view-the work probably of some South American composer unknown to fame-but it was as highly impassioned as the words to which it was wedded -words in the Guarani dialect, the language of the Paraguayan people. This song made a great impression

upon me. As the last plaintive note of the singer ceased to vibrate I narrowly observed aunt Gertrude, who had been an attentive listener, but I failed to any sign which could be interpreted

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champion of woman's rights. She was marks: born in 1834 in the little village of

Wildenfels (which name she has assumed as her non de plume), and after attending the higher schools in Leipzig she settled in Russia as a teacher. On her return she published her first novel, "In Russian Circles," which was ters that I should not give my consent followed by "Genre Pictures and to their marriage until they arrive at Sketches." Madame Clasen-Schmid

that age. has busied herself very much with "Marriage for the purpose of settling women's affairs, especially female cosa daughter in life is, as a rule, a failure tume. Among her many books on this and an unhappy one. No parent, and subject may be mentioned "Female especially no true and loving mother, Costume-Practical, Conventional and will wish to push her daughter into Aesthetic.²² In 1890 she helped to matrimony before she is fully matured found the "Leipzig League of Feminine and fitted for the grave responsibil-Writers." She is also an active spirit ities of married life. Girls just out of in the "General Society of German school are not equipped, for the ordi-Women." nary household duties of wives and

The Women of Russia.

According to Dr. Wolf von Schierspend some time with their parents, brand, writing in the Delineator, the giving their parents the pleasure of curious and appalling discrepancy between the lot of the grande dame in thing of the everyday work that will Russia and that of the women of the be theirs as wives. middle or lower classes is the result, not so much of greater wealth as a misses many of the pleasures of life. complete reversal of standards. The She is doomed to spend her youthful Russian aristocracy is cosmopolitan, and its women are, like the women of of motherhood and household duties, the powerful advancing nations of with broken health and run down Western Europe, an independent force, leading in society and domestic life; her teens. but the women of the bulk of the na-"I believe in marriage and would tion are still Oriental, and more the slaves than the helpmates of their husbands. The condition of these life, but I am opposed to early and women is miserable in its degradation thoughtless marriages. and hopelessness. As the author concludes, "Their outlook and their op portunities seem to be less advanced and their social status on a lower plane than in almost any other European country."

Fleur de Peche.

You must have a loose jacket or bolero for your late afternoon drive. The white cloth jacket is still in high favor, but a rival has arisen in the beautiful peach-colored broadcloth, called by the importer "fluer de peche"-literally

peche" cloth is lined with satin to pretty. match. There is a seam in the centre or loose back, and others under the arms. The coat has plain sleeves with turn back cuffs and is fastened down the front quite simply with nearl but tons the size of a quarter dollar, arranged in pairs. Between the buttons are loops of hussar braking in white silk, attached to frogs of the same at

The hat to wear with this coat is of peach-colored felt, very fine and light of weight, so as to be suitable to the season, late August or early autumn. A wreath of very tiny Marechal ridge left by the sunken crown and a

the boiling point the stimulating prop-

crty (theine) is not extracted. Tea "My advice to girls is not to marry too early. If asked the age when girls should always be infused, and never should marry, I should say from twen- permitted to boil. Long steeping extracts the bitter principles (tannic acid) ty-four to twenty-six. The latter was destroying entirely the delicate flavor the age of Mrs. Warfield when I married her, and I have said to my daugh. and aroma.

First scald the teapot, dry it, then add the proportions of one level teasnoon of tea to one cup of boiling. water; let infuse four or five minutes. If too strong, add more boiling water; if not of sufficient strength, add more tea: do not attempt to get the strengthby longer steeping .- Men and Women.

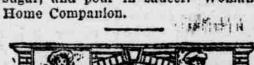
Getting Rid of Pests.

Rats and Mice-Peppermint sprigs laid around shelves and places these pests frequent will drive them away. for the cares and trials of motherhood. | Chloride of lime sprinkled about is They should, after leaving school, also effective.

Ants and Roaches-Powdered borax scattered in their haunts is a "sure their companionship and learning some cure." One teaspoonful of tartar emetic mixed with one teaspoonful of sugar, and put where ants are troublesome, will drive them away in a day. "The girl who marries too early Fleas-These may be driven away by scattering either lime or cayenne days in the trying and taxing cares pepper in the places which they frequent. Oil of pennyroyal is also good. Moths-These may be prevented by nerves, before she has passed out of the use of moth-balls, or bags made of crushed lavender and lemon-verbena with clover and other purgent spice.

like to see every man and woman Powdered borax, camphor and cedar mated in congenial companionship for dust are all effective. Flies and Mosquitoes-The best preventive is tight screens and constant

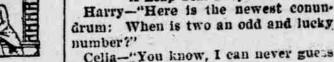
vigilance. Mosquitoes dislike lavender "I was thirty-eight when I married and my wife was twelve years my and green walnut. Fly paper is made junior. We are happy and contented as follows: 'Take equal parts of melted with our lot, and have four children resin and castor oil, and spread while -three girls and one boy-all vigorous warm on strong, thick paper. Or use and healthy physically and mentally, four ounces of quassia chips boiled in one pint of water. When cold strain, Hence my reasons for advocating a then add water to make one pint, and two ounces of alcohol. Sweeten withsugar, and pour in saucer.-Woman's



Stewed Mushrooms-Flood the chaf-

ing dish with really good olive oil.

Put in a teaspoonful of paprika and a



conundrums." Harry-"When two are made one." Celia-"Oh, Harry! This is so sudden!"-Town Topics.

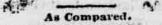
Viewpoints.

about, my dear?" Mrs. Cobwigger-"I have just been

Stewed Mutton With Macaroni-Cut Cobwigger-"That's funny; I was reading them myself the other day, and they made me laugh."-Judge.

> Sure Cure For Dubbs. Dick-"I don't see why you girls all speak of Blankley as such a sterling fellow. I used to know him years ago, and he had the reputation of being a

Dutch clock." "Well, there's one good thing about it; it won't be much trouble to wind up Lis estate.' -- New Orleans Times-Democrat,



"A river," remarked the originator of fool remarks, "is a good deal like a man."

"What's the answer?" queried the ever present easy mark. "It shows the most sand when it is full," replied the party of the preface, -Chicago News.

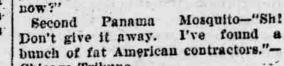


Visitor .- "Do you have any in getting servants?

Hostess-"None whatever. We've had ten different ones in the last month!"-Punch.

Struck a Bonanza.

First Panama Mosquito-"I never saw you looking so plump and prosperous. What are you feeding ou Second Panama Mosquito-"Sh!

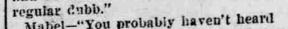


Chicago Tribune. A Leap Year Proposal. Harry-"Here is the newest conun-

Celia-"You know, I can never guess

Cobwigger-"What are you crying

reading the old love letters you sent me before we were married."



both ends.

flower of the peach.

The cloth is the tint of the inside of a ripe peach, warmer than white, but not actively yellow nor pink. It is not so much colored as champagne, but is liked as being "off" the white. A loose half-long wrap of "fleur de

ming.

detect in the expression of her face Neil roses is set directly about the frocks themselves.

The narrow belt is a thing of the The new styles call for buiton trim-

Plenty of bastiste is used, and any

amount of lace. Jeweled lace is to be used for yokes,

tabliers and fronts, Braided handles in brown tones appear on the newest tan bags. To match costumes in various shades

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mature age before marrying,"

past.

Panne velvet belts are shimmeringly

pinch of salt. Drop in the mushrooms after having stalked and peeled them, black part uppermost. Cover up and

listen to the appetizing sizzling for seven minutes. They should then be done to a turn. a half to one pound of mutton into

there are bags of mottied seal. Crushed velvet and velveteen belts turnips and celery into a saucepan, are among the nevelties for autuma. Chameleon taffeta is the modern and more vegetables. Add two quarts name for the old-fashioned shot silk. | of water, bring to the boil, then simmer

serving of as much attention as the pound of macaroni and simmer till all is tender. Add seasoning to taste and tu di kerve in a deep dish.

small pieces. Put a layer of carrots, then a layer of meat, then seasoning

Dust cloaks are now regarded as de- gently for one hour. Put in half a

Conter unon me a favor for which	happily without delay, but when 1	as a shent recognition on her part of	long bow of black valuat ribbon is cot	I he bird of paradise prumes will up		Mabel- 100 probably march
I shall always remain grateful. Let us	happing without delay, but when a	a parallel between the fable of the	at the back The falt het is facel	vide favor with the ostrich feather dur-	Savory Rice-A very good dish for	that since then he has fallen into a large fortune."-Detroit Free Press.
STEE that the sist inside the	eached the other side of the screen	verses and her own circumstances. On	with white to fate heavily stitled	ing the coming season.	supper. Wash three ounces of rice	large fortune."-Detroit Free Press.
only account it .		the contrary, being asked by Mrs. Van	with white talleta, heavily stitched	Chenille braids in various colors and	and boil in half a pint of milk till	
		Reasselaer to sing, she readily com-	with peach-colored silkNew Haven		tonder add nenner and sait to taste.	Dartis of LCRD stor.
you I cannot accept it. I told	eg away from her, a malicious leer	plied, and charmed everybody present	and the second	in shaded effects will figure largely	Rattor a niedish spread half the rice	Tired Tatters-"Wy. Wot 15 youse
you I could not before you had it		plied, and charmed every body present		in next season's millinery.	in it, sprinkle one onnce of grated	runnin' fer, Weary? Did de lady set
		by her skilful rendering of an Italian		All'ofer suitted checks are the latest	obacca (Parmacon if noccibia) on it	den dorg on Vonse!
	"Well, darling Connie," I said, "I	ronfance.	Married women manage men with-		and the west of the rise seattor over	Traner Walder-"Naw: sue set out
		Not so her sister, my Constance.	out making known how they do it.	elastic frame; others have a piece of	the the rest of the rice, scatter over	helf er chicken, a lot uv hot biscuits.
NO Change her service	have heard nearly all. You are a brave, 'aithful little woman. But why are	For her the Paraguayan song seemed	A woman disposed to be insolent	electic at the healt	it some more cheese, put butter on the	helt er chicken, a the hunk uv fellvcake
plied Constance warmin "All I one	'aithful little woman. But why are	to have some special and paintor mean.	wonders why so many persons dislike	Clastic at the bitch.		
has to von that I am many th	ton to hate: thank dog' the more	ing; she became paler than before and	her	If the fad for ornamental feather	aniok Aron	and an hitcher liv Liuci.
"I think you were more kindly dis-	hat envious wretch can say of do in	with difficulty concealed her agitation.	The woman who decorates her face	really prevails in the fall, as some as-	Planked White Fish-Clean, split and	ed ter marry me."-Cuicago mens.
posed toward me were more killely dis-	powerless to affect us."	To be continued.	feels sure no one but she knows it.	sert, one may as wen be furned out at	season a three-pound fish; have ready	Got Back at Uncle.
posed toward me when we were fellow			If the women's clubs really had the	the book binder's, and have done.	an oakplank about an inch thick, and	
5-10 DH THO Etunnin and T and	of that! Ten minutes ago I was hap-		and the women's clubs really had the	Every tone of manye and every	a little longer and wider than the fish:	Uncle George- Wen, Wine, Parcoun-
		Inauguration of Railway Systems,	exciting times they are reported to	chade of brown mixed with rollow and	therearching hast the plant lay on the	About the worst spener I ever tall you
Life HIVONT of that The old he	"Why, what has happened?" I asked	The nrst ranway systems in the	have according to the newspapers,	shall of brown infact with yellow and	thoroughly heat the plank, lay on the	about the worst speller I ever encoun- tered. Doesn't the teacher tell you you're a bad speller?"
	'n alarm, and with dismal forebodings	world were maugurated in the follow.	there would be a wild stampede after	The inguie on the dresses and in the	nsh, skin side down, brush with merica	ron're a bad speller?"
The second and and a second and a second and the		ing years, says the Mechanical Engi-	I member ships by men.	green figure on the dresses and in the millinery for summer wear, although white is the leading hue	buiter and base in a not oven about	Willie-"Our teacher would never in-
	a the mischiel my chemy had sown	neer; England, September 27, 1825;	I II is up to the homely girl to milti-	white is the reacting much	twenty-nye minutes, the nea may	satas in mah langunge as tuat, Chere
	But at that moment the electric light	Austria, September 30, 1828; France,	vate a disposition which will so irra-	Women who like simple clothes	also be cooked under the name in the	Willie-"Our teacher would hever in Julge in such language as that, Uncle George. She has often said, however,
	vas turned on, streams of people be-	October 2, 1828; America, December 29,	diate her ugliness that it is trans-	would like to flee to a desert island un-	gas range. When done, brush with	that my orthography was utterly at
	an to pour into the drawing room	1829; Belgium, May 3, 1835; Germany,	formed into seeming beauty.	til the Directoire styles, with their	melted butter, garnish with pars'ey	George. She has often said, however, that my orthography was utterly at variance with the lexicon."-Boston Franscript.
	rom the terrace, and a German profes-	December 7, 1835; Russia, April 4,	Some women are so puresconable	multiplicity of cuffs, revers and	and lemor, and send to the table on	Pressonint
hot help it. As for the English coun-	for took his seat at the piano.	1888; Italy, September 4, 1839.	that when their hushand actually	basques, have passed by.	the plank.	* Lumerike
the the for the tingligh conn.	I sought to lead my prize out of the	food words defendence of another	antis tithen renter transmanne actuality	Loundary with Kunner whi -	States and a state of the state	