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WAS IT LUCK?

BY JENNIE STERLING.

An individual with just such a mas of rubbish, to note the scant, sence, by reading the sound sense a family history, on a certain day faller is as and the old rag which contained in it.

aristocratic bearing, which even imagine that a human soul lived shabby (clothing could not quite under such an exterior. conceal.

'Lena,' he said, suddenly addres- low roof of a hovel.
sing his companion, 'Lena, there is Before she enters the small no use striving against fate. The apartment she calls home, she disfamily curse pursues me even here; appears into some dark corner, and n w just as I expected to be in- divesting herself of the old trumstalled as clerk in Hopkins' employ | pery, emerges fresh and clean. a younger man steps into the po-

sition. 'To-day, I find I have reduced you something nice,' she said, holdthe slender soles of my faithful ing up a bunch of tempting purple to cash and comfort for the invalid. boots to such extreme attenuation grapes. that I donot if they can carry me much longer in search of employ- girl seated in an easy chair, supment. I am thoroughly discour- ported by pillows, evidently an inaged.

all through the years of their mar- cheeks and hips, and dewy softness ried life he had been discouraged, of her eyes, foretold returning It was the same old cry under all | health. circumstances, whether of good or She was of that gentle type of | parant by her coa women who are born consolers, who

Send your orders to me, and you will save suffer in silence, but are accustomed for the, dear grandma, and never 15 to 20 per cent. Should the goods not suit to look at the bright side of things, for yourself, she said looking gratetheir lives away.

are right; fate is against us.'

say fate is against us.

am discouraged; let fate do her day. Those 'dark and dreary days' worst,' he said bitterly, folding his came only too quickly, for shortly arms, and sitting listlessly back after the birth of a son, the young

What can you be thinking of, Lena?

glittering bauble, for surely it is fegence, and consented to a secret nothing more to us, shut ap as it is marriage. in its leathern case."

have been selfish enough in drag-ging you down to my own level. I unfortunate, where they were blesmay follow."

Hermann Ulrich emigrated from of freedom.

to its history. His father, from the wreck

when dying. 'I charge you not to part with it." he said, 'keep it for your boy's sake or sell this family legacy a heavy assist by a division of labor. curse will inevitably follow, so says our tradition so say I, and thus to move any part of her body, exkept as a sacred treasure, not so spine, leaving partial paralysis. much for its intrinsic value, as for But thanks to a noble charity,

The grand-child to whom it her limbs by the aid of braces and would descend in the order of con- straps, and he prophesied a speedy sanguinity, died shortly after their return to health and strength. arrival in New York City.

search of cheaper rent, they last lo- or who in return loved her.

starve, he said to himself apologet- experienced rag-picker.

ered old woman in a miserable Garboro' Southerner. shangeall the 'rookery.'

She was out every morning long but show my love.' Friday, : : : Jan. 26, 1778 before the dawn of day with her basket and hook, diving into gutno to exchange for bread.

There appears to be a streak of hamble calling with a will; because on the table. ill-luck running through the genea- she had a motive, a motive as strong

and, melancho'y, yet having an tender feeling within; in fact, to better world.'

While appearing to gaze at the work is disposed of, and we shall be rich yet.' view withouts, his thoughts were in find that self-sacrifice and devotion reality concentrated upon himself. is sometimes to be found under the

'You are better to-day, Benita.

The person thus addressed was a valid, convalescent from long sick-His wife responded with a sigh; ness, for the rose color on her

She was beautiful-remarkably so, and it was made still more up- leaves. 'Always thinking and plauning suffer in silence, but are accustomed for me, dear grandma, and never

to point to the silver lining of the fully at the old lady-shall we say. cloud, to the rainbow of promise; Yes, lady, for if according to the but now, she, too, was losing hope | American idea, the elements of true and courage, being under the in- womanhood, unselfishness and pofluence of torturing poverty, which liteness, constitute a lady, irrewas slowly pinching and grinding spective of condition, then the withered old ragpicker was one without 'Hermann,' she said at last, 'you doubt. She, however, would have disowned the title, being an Italian Her bushand turned quickly, and whose views of birth and station beautiful, but where did His wife glided out of the room was rubbing his bruised back with

looked inquiringly and anxiously Liffer materially from ours. It was a pale, wan face possess- married one of her own station in ing traces of former beauty; she life, and together they toiled hapanswered the look by repenting, 'I pily; but with the improvidence common to the race and soil. 'This from you, Lena? Then I they failed to lay by for a rainy husband died, leaving his widow to 'Hermann, you must sell the battle with poverty, bequeatling to

his boy a name only. What! cell the only reminder of former greatness—our heirloom. The little Antonio, in due pro-The little Antonio, in due propresence, with regular, handsome features, and large luminous eyes. 'I am thinking of gold,' she rc- These attractions gained for him plied, 'with an empty purse and no much admiration, and at last a credit, an exacting, importunate sweetheart, far above him in social landlord, and no prospects for the status, who being passionately in future. It is folly to hoard the love, dissented all advice and inter-

In company with Antonio's moth-'Yes, yes, I am God forsaken, I er, the happy couple came to the to its value, and the best disposal will sell the ring for your sake; but | sed with a daughter, to whom was Benita.

Lena, do not forget that a curse given her grand-mother's name-"She was a lovely child, full of Germany with the expectation of grace and sweetness, which every improving his condition in the land day developed into the formation of a fine disposition; and being sent · He belonged to a 'good old stock', to the public schools of New York, family having a fatality attached she could hardly fail to acquire a

smattering at least, of knowledge. At the time we introduce her, she fallen fortunes, retained the ring was in her eighteenth year, her which he placed on his son's finger parents both dead, her grand-mother being her sole support and pro-

Perhaps it might be thought for whatever good fortune is in strange that Beuita did not obtain store its possessor, it brings-lose employment of some kind, and thus time, no one appeared to claim the Alas, poor girl, she was unable to sell if possible.

was the good baron's bequest | cept her arms, for a fall received brought safely over the occan and years before had weakened her stone that she cautiously concealed. its associations, and the supersti- and the skill of Doctor Knight she was rapidly recovering the use of

The small sum of money at their too laborious, no labor too disgrace- said he, I will see that you get its a fresh cigar and start at the story. disposal was soon exhausted; obli- fol, that brought comfort to her value, and at his request, she ac- Mrs. Tomtit seated herself at the ged to move from place to place in darling, the only being she loved, companied him to a celebrated jew-

cated themselves in Brooklyn, and | She tried all kinds of employthere, strangers in a strange land, ment-washing, ironing, scrubbing; starvation seemed probable. Noth- but the hard time coming on, faming remained but to sell the ring, lilies who had hitherto hired labor, and it was not without many severe now did for themselves, until work struggles that Ulrich consented. | failing, she was forced to accept the It was Lena's words decided his shelter of the 'rookery,' and was more comfortable home was sought floor with a crash that would have wavering purpose. 'My boy is thankful to learn the profession of and soon found, the invalid was giv-dead, and I cannot see my wife gleaning from the teaching of an en an impetus towards health and So we find her after a day's toil,

\* ministering with an angel heart, About a mile from the dwelling where these unfortunate victims to superstition were fighting poverty and adverse fate, there lived a poor inquired Benits, in a low, musical limbs, and was able to help herself. As for old grand-mother, the good clergyman found she was a rough diamond, only needing a beautiful setting and polish.

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Pounded ice, if allowed to stand diamond, only needing a beautiful setting and polish.

voice, a gift from Italy, 'when shall

'Only get well, and I am satisfied, replied her companion; but ters and barrels in search of some- I've a surprise for you, she conto exchange for bread.

tinued, taking a paper from her stitions of his family preying upon pocket, and spreading it before her his mind, combined with poverty and

ology of some families, their undertakings never prosper, or if it happens that good luck seems about to
'turn up,' disappointment invariably follows as if some Nemesis pursued them.

sued them.

sue and a motive, a motive as strong
as I live,' the girl exclaimed: 'Its
just what I wished for Ob, grandma you are, indeed, a kind fairy.'
But a very old, withered one,
dear child. Now you can amuse
yourself to-morrow during my ab-'The Tarborough Southerner,

looking dwelling in the outskirts of bronzed by constant exposure to that you bought it, instead of your sun and wind-it would be difficult supper. I think you are waiting don't look well, and pretty little the lounge, and you won't be inter-He was a middle aged man, pale to imagine the slighest degree of for your good things in another and Mrs. Tomtit, coming out to meet upted.

Benita, good luck sooner or later. follows our family; and incredible But follow her home after a day's as it may seem, I tell you we shall 'I hope so, blessed old comforter,

or your sake. I am rich now.'

What could she mean lying there rapped and unable to move? Shortly after the loving conversaon, the aged woman started off as usual, basket in hand, hoping to fill it often, and moreover wishing to find a stray silver spoon or two, See, my darling, I have brought dropped by some careless housemaid, which could be converted in-

The clouds were lowering and soon a light rain began to fall, but disturb me, and I'll be as right as when it grew so loud and deafening still the seeker plodded on for many a fiddle in the morning, he replied, that the windows rattled and the a weary mile, until at last returning leading the way to the dining- flame flickered in the lamp, he weary and discouraged, she sat room. down upon the curbstone for a moment, stooping to tie her shoe.

As she did so something bright

great brilliancy. knew that it was of value, and and remarked in a shrill voice : quickly hastening home, after carefully drawing down the window curtain, she laid it in Benita's hand.

you get it?" and why it had been overlooked.

said the elder Benita. 'God is said: good; I told you that we should be rich, and now see this gem.' But it may be worthless after all, nothing but a mere imitation,' said her grand child; 'oh, if it should be a real diamond, we could sell of for ever so much modey, and I'll get it,' interrupted his wife,

and shawl. 'And you could have your Southerner for a whole year, darling.' 'And read aloud for you in the evenings, grandma.'

After much consultation which

reached far into the night, they resolved to visit a leading clergyman in Brooklyn, and ask his advice as the barn.' from her grand-daughter, Benita, brains out against a post, and stum- any other was ever seen in; the

dressed as neatly as possible, sought | bling over the hay-cutter he rewho was surprised at the appear- his hair full of hay seed. ance of his visitor.

my good woman.' 'It is mine,' said Benita simply, her idea of ownership being limited. He then explained to her the necessity and benefit of advertising, assuring her that if after a certain lost jewel, it would be fairly her own

Giving a reluctant consent, she returned home, but not without the The clergyman made minute inquiries concerning her, learning that she might have stolen it, and was

In a few weeks, according to his

a true one.

cordingly purchased by the firm. happiness, both were increased by added comforts, and it was not long before she gained the use of her limbs, and was able to help herself.

I be able, I will not say to repay, excess of happiness, all on account out wickedly at the coal-scuttle. but show my love. Dear—dear me, how could that in spite of surroundings he thought she was a lady."

Hermann Ulrich never knew how or where he lest his ring. The super-

soon after. That diamond was the heirloom which brought good luck to its next get, getting up and shaking her fist

TROUBLES OF AN EVENING TOMTIT'S TRIALS. BE L'HOMME QUI RET.

What's the matter, Tom? her husband on his return from business one evening last week.

with flies in it all day,' he replied, place he had left off at. taking off his overcoat and hanging it up in the hall.

That's too bad, dear. What out of his overcoat pocket. sort of circus performance going on was trying to commit suicide by

battery shooting through my bones. I guess a cup of tea and a quiet first two or three ear-splitting howls. peaceful evening, with nothing to in hopes he would move away, but his coat and boots for dressing- bad words, and started out opened

gown and slippers, selected the fire on the yelping brute. and sparkling caught her eye, lying easiest chair in the room, lit a sehair hidden in a mass of autumn gar, and, leaning back, opened his hit an Irishman passing on the oth-Picking it up hastily and looking | He had finished about a dozen lines, | lump of coal came somewhat pearer carribusly around to see if there and was getting interested when the dog, but broke a window in the were any to snatch away the prize, Smith's boy, who lives on the othe next house. He didn't fire the she found it was a white stone of er side of the road, came over, and, third one owing to the Irishman Ignorant as she was, she yet door for some time, put in his head, sending one dangerously close to

you will lend him your saw?" 'A diamond, as I live!' she ex- give him the saw and tell him to slammed it after him. claimed excitedly, 'see how it go,' said Tomtit, irritably, returnsparkles as the light strikes it- ing to his paper.

and gave the servant the order, arnica that night before retiring : The history of the stone was re- and the boy mused himself by dan- 'I wish I was a dynamite torpelated, and many and various were cing a clog dance in the hal, the do, that I could explode and blow the conjectures they formed in re. noise of which nearly drove Tomitit everything in this darned country gard to it, how it came in the gutter crazy. A few moments later, as to pieces. he was trying to fix his attention 'Left there on purpose for us!' on the story, the girl appeared and

> 'Shure, sur, the divil a saw can I find at all, at all.' 'Goodness gracious !' he exclaimed, throwing down the papers, 'it seems to me'-'Sit right still; don't scold, and

your could buy a nice warm dress jumping up and going out. A few moments she returned, and after looking in the match-box, work-basket, and ice-pitcher, as if she expected to find it secreted in

'I've looked every place from the

it. You must have had it down to thing in particular; neither of them 'Heavens and earth! I knew it, knew it!' he exclaimed, dropping Accordingly, the next day, with the paper, darting off to the barn, many injunctions and instructions where, after nearly knocking his

some of them, observed:

He picked up the paper spiteful-'I am not much of a judge of ly, turned up the lame, and after diamonds,' he said, 'but I should composing himself for a few mosay this is a very fine specimen. It ments went back to his story. He growth. is certainly no common gem. You was becoming absorbed in an excimust try at once to find its owner, ting chapter when there was a sharp crack, and the lamp chimney fell in

a glassy shower beside him. 'You turned it up too high; any child would have known it would have broken, remarked his wife, in tion between them of a third peran injured tone. son, friend or stranger-reveals to 'Known the dickens!' he cried, putting his paper down again and trying to brush the broken glass

'I'll get another lamp,' said his 'I wish you'd- Whoop! Moses and alligators!' he yelled, on andconvinced that her simple story was ing himself with a handful of glass sight. nearly red hot.

It took a pint of flour, a bottle of

into his hand.

directions, she waited upon him, and arnica and half an hour of sympalearned that there had been no response thy and bandaging to quiet him Grand-mother thought no task to repeated advertisements; and now down this time, but finally he took opposite side of the table with her There he ascertained that the pre- sewing, and the prospects for fucious stone was of the purest water, ture quiet and peace seemed exceland that it's value could be estimated | lent, when the servant-girl, by thousands; and being a match for in to whist er about the breakfast, one they already possed, it was ac- tripped over the coal-scuttle, and in falling pulled the table-cloth with woke the dead, if there had been a would rather see a man a drunkard graveyard in the vicinity. Blue flames and esecrated tomb, change to remark : "This may be

She fairly sparkled and shone with table-cloth, while her feet kicked 'Dear-dear me, how could you be so awkward, Bridget? Did you hurt yourself? inquired his wife, coming around to her assistance, and helping her to get her head free

and her lower limbs covered up. ill health, caused brain fever, of which he died, his wife following him soon after. I ain't kilt on the sphot, said Bridat the innocent cause of her fall.

It took about fifteen minutes to get the coal gathered up and Bridget out of the room, and when quiet had been restored once again, Mrs. Tomtit suggested : I would'nt try to read any more to-night, Tom. Go and lie dow on

Till finish that story, if I sit up all night. It's queer this house 'Then my looks, like George can't be kept quiet when a person's Washington, don't tell a lie, for sick, he said, obstinately, taking

've felt meaner than skim milk up the paper, and trying to find the He had just succeeded, and the interest he felt in the heroine's welfare was smoothing the wrinkles appears to be the matter?' she in- from his brow, as no flat-iron could quired, fishing the morning paper have done, when out the garden there arose a series of most un-'Oh, I don't hardly know. I've earthly yells as if some giant cur

in my head, and a young galvanic barking himself inside out. Tomtit pretended not to hear the could stand it no longer; jumping Arter supper Tomtit exchanged up he loaded bimself with coal and

His first shot missed the dog und favorite paper for a quiet read. er side of the road; the second after fumbling and whistling at the having secured some brickbats and Tomtit's ear. The second shot Please, sir, pa wants to know if from the infuriated Emerald Islander took him in the small of the 'For pity sake, tell the girl to back, as he dodged in the door and

He did not read any more that evening, but told his wife, as she

Falling in Love. There is nothing-no moral or intellectual phenomena-more strange than falling in love. What it is: whence it originate; how it is brought about; these things are among the hidden mysteries of our

nature. A girl has reached the age of eighteen; a young man that of twenty-one. They have lived at home; traveled a little; pursued their studdies; attend parties, and been a good deal in the societies of other young people; yet they nevgarret to the cellar and can't find er took a very deep interest in anyever cared very much for any oth-

They meet, and lo ! of a sudden. all is changed! Each sees the other in a different light from what whole world seems changed. Life an interview with the good minister, turned with the missing saw and itself is changed, to be like what it was, again, nevermore! Love is often as sudden as this.

> but not always. Sometimes it is of very slow Persons have known each other for years, and been much in each other's society, and been intimate all this time, but never thinking of a tie stronger than friendship: when some incident or event-a temporary parting, or the interven-

> them, for the first time, the great truth that they are mutually in Yet this love, springing up gradually and imperceptibly, is no less misterious and unfathomable than that which is sudden and at first

> It is not mere friendship grown strong; it is a more absorbing, more violently more uncontrolable sentiment.

Whether a person can fall in love more than once is a mooted Some people appear to fail in love many times.

It is not unusual to see widowers, who have been very devoted husbands, marry again and seem to love the second wife just as well as the first. Jane Grey Swisshelm says she

stones! What in thunder's matter all right for Grant, but it is rather now?' fairly shricked the unfortu- hard for Zach."

than a liar, which causes an ex-

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