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BY MARY KYLE DALLAS.

T WAS teartime. Mr. Mattthews, the proprietor of the stuffy little Eighth Avenue Brandreth was serving his apprenticeship to the business, had gone to tea with his tamily, and Ned was in

At this hour there was little chance of enstomers. People were for the most part burrying bome to meals, or getting them ready if they were women. The unfashionable thoroughfare was not yet lighted, but the shadows lay heavily below he tall tenement houser, and the sky, of a dull gray, gave warning of an approaching storm, To the country boy it was a drea

v scene. Leaning over the countr, his eyes fixed upon the moist and greasy-looking sidewalk, he saw in imagination the old homestead standing "amidst rows of wheat and corn," the little garden about its he asked. doors. The table was set for tea. There was his mother-his father opposite her. There were the boys, Bill and Ben, and Fanny, his little sister, with her blue eyes and flaxen hair, and her grandmother's gold beads about her neck. All were to gether. Did they think of him so far away ! He could see his vacant place, his chair set back, his plate put away. The boy could have wept. How he longed to return to them!

But, alas! the farm would not sup- you, so you'll be sure of your support them all. Bill was to be a doc- per. And, Mag, if Mr. Smith sends lor; Ben would help his father; he you to a nice place, be good. Don't had bis task.

ment that he saw Fanny before him eyes. Was it a vision? No. The sob violently. next instant he understood that with the same pure tints of skin and her always-" hair. A pretty creature, quite as of motherly care about her, crouched been set forth to attract custom: shawl was removed from its hiding sought his fortune in California.

the child-"come here!"

try to steal that shawl for? Don't Ben were mature, but really imyou know that they put people in proved. Only Fanny astonished prison for stealing things ?"

hooking a shovel." "Why don't you take warning, ried! Ned could not believe that. then ?' Ned said.

she hits us. I'm all black on my back, bein' hit. I knowed she'd like

you bring home you get sausage." "What's your name ?"

"Mag," said the child.

good times. She keeps us out of Jack and I will have one opposite charity. Her name is Old Sally. and that will be so delightful. You She is mostly drunk, and can't work do not know how nice she is, Ned, and we hooks and begs what we but you will meet her on Thursday. can."

eyes were those turned up toward day she will come here to tea. You stolen my very heart away. But valuation.

Ned! How unlike the fate and must make love to her at once, Pro- kiss me, Mag, and keep it." ondition of this child !

Well, Mag, I've got a little sister ome," said Ned. "She's about your age, and I can't help feeting sorry for you. I ought to tell Mr. Matthews, and make a charge against you; but I haven't the heart. Look here; wouldn't you like to live a nice life out in the country, and not have to steal and beg ?"

"Wouldn't I-just!" cried the

"Very well," said Ned. "I'm going to write a note to a good mana minister. Every year he sends poor orphans to the country. You really are an orphan-bave no fath-

"Yes, sir. I never had none of either," sighed Mag, in tones that convinced the youth of her sincerity. In a few moments Ned had writ-

ten a little note upon a pad of paper that lay at hand, folded it, and list: given it to the child.

"You know the place where the

"Yes," replied Mag. "I listen at singin'."

"Go in to-night, if you can," said Ned. "and ask to speak to Mr. sight, but it came to him like a flash to", as an editorial writer of great Smith. Give him that note. The of lightning. He devoted himself force and merit, is too well known woman who beats you must not see

Mag nodded wisely.

"If you can not get to the meet. ing to-night, go to-morrow," said Ned. "There's a ten-cent piece for steal or lie, or do anything wicked, "It had to be," he said; and, just and say your little prayers every as he spoke, he thought for a mo- night, and grow up a good girl."

"Yes, sir, I'll try," said Mag. -flaxen curls, fair forehead, blue Then all of a sudden she began to

"Nobody never talked so good to what he looked at was a living child, me before !" she said. "I'll remem- some time was rather an uneasy signing Democrat, of whom his par-

pretty as Fanny, but not clean and er on the stairs, and led Mag to the night, until one day he took heart ly or given more liberally to adtidy as she always was—a girl in door, put her gently forth, and drap- of grace and actually popped the vance the Democratic party. He west and south will be centered the ragged frock of a grown person, ed the shawl over the shoulders of cut short in the skirt and left un- the dummy, which was presently knew. It was in the orchard. They when scarcely old enough to take hemmed, with bare feet soiled with put in and rolled away for the night sat on a rustic bench under au old his seat, was elected from the First the mud of the streets, and no trace with the other objects which had

ed close to the wall behind a form As it happened, Ned did not see on which a ready-made suit was good Mr. Smith again. The praydisplayed upon the sidewalk. She er-meetings soon came to a close, was tugging softly and cleverly at a and he never knew whether Mag gaudy shawl that was exhibited on carried the note to the minister or the shoulders of another dummy, not. It was possible that she was and, as he looked, had it down and a little hypcerite who grinned at rolled into a bundle beneath her the good advice he had given her, wretched shawl. Now she came and went thieving again next day. creeping from her hiding place, and However, he was glad, for Fanny's in a moment more would have gone sake, that he had been as kind to pattering up the street on those her as possible. At all events, he bare feet of hers, but a hand came never saw her again, and it was not down upon her shoulder, and the long before he left the store and

Ned-for he it was who had caught bome a rich man, and did all those that he had been away so long. "I suppose I ought to call a po- Nothing seemed much changed-his liceman," said he, "What did you parents scarcely older. Bill and him. Fanny was a young lady-"Yes, sir," sobbed the girl. "Jim- tall, slender, shapely, brighter than my got put in prison last week for ever, if possible. And Fanny-little Fanny-was engaged to be mar-

She was as fond of him as ever, "I didn't see none," sobbed the though, and prouder; and before child. "I only saw the shawl. If three days had gone over their houe of us don't bring nothin' home, heads she had set herself to matche making on his account.

"Of course we want you to stay a shawl, and when she likes what here, Ned," she said, "and to marry some one who likes the country. "Poor little soul!" sighed Ned Now I have a plan. You must fall in love with my Jack's sister. She is very pretty, and as good as an "And is 'she' your mother ?" ask, angel, and so bright, and a perfect lady; and she just worships the "No," subbed the little creature. country. And you can build a house Them's that's got mothers has between ours and her father's; and She is away on a visit now, but is

pose as soon as possible, and have the nicest wife in the world. Oh, I were married on the same day that am sure she will be !"

doubted women's judgment of each for his wife is such an odd oneother. Besides, he had not yet resolved to marry. If he should fall in love, it would be a different thing; but that seemed unlikely He had met many pretty women, and was yet heart-whole. It seemed scarcely likely that Jack's sister -nice little country girl as she doubtless was-would make any unusua! impression upon him.

However, he did not say thisonly "You know, she may not like me, Fanny." But of that Fanny assured him there could be no doubt. She was in a high state of delight arm' and she was able to say at ably filled in our sister States. The

friend, Marguerite. Marguerite, this classed among the best dailes in people meet to pray every night !' is the brother you have not yet met. the South-large, handsome and

I know you will be friends." Friends! From the moment Ned's support at the bands of every true, ing to Jack's sister he was lost. He in the Old North State. The repuhad never believed in love at first tation of Capt. Ashe, the senior edito Marguerite all day, and would to evoke any comment at our hands. walk home with her at night, and Ha has long been identified with then Fanny said that she would go the journal and has led the procesdistance-sociably near, but so that political interest. He is a Demo-Med thought, as her little hand rest- interest of his party. Hon. T. R. el on his arm.

some time, when suddenly Margue- Senate, redeeming a district that rite gave a little cry, and said :

"Mr. Brandreth, I beg you to say publican, giving large Republican no more just yet. I have something majorities at every election. His to tell you that may make you feel differently. I should have told you was regarded as brilliant and sucbefore, but I-I put it off. You do cessful, the district giving over two not know who I am. Jack's sister, thousand majority for Hancock. Mr. Rawdon's daughter, you believe Mr. Cleveland, recognizing Mr. Jerme; but I am only an adopted child, | igan's talent, appointed him consul a little orphan whom they reared to Japan in 1885, and his services lovingly, but still not theirs."

"All the more mine, then, if you East received the official approval will have it so !" cried Ned,

dreth, I am that miserable little merit deserves. thing-that poor little thief! I am, well. Such a boy, then !" "You little Mag-yon" Ned cried.

"l," said Marguerite. "I took the note to Mr. Smith. He sent me to a sort of orphanage in the country, thiet."

And so Marguerite and Edward saw Fanuy and John made one, and Ned laughed. Like most men, he no one knows why Ned's pet name

The News and Observer,

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The Raleigh News & Observer appeared in a new dress, enlarged and otherwise improved Sunday. It is gratifying to know that this leading Democratic daily has been encouraged to make these additions, and with recent strength to the staff, it is truly the exponent of the Demos cratte party in North Carolina filling a place in this State that the Richwhen, at five o'clock on Thursday, mond Dispatch or the Charleston Jack appeared with his sister on his News and Couries has so long and News and Observa is now equal to "Brother Ned, this is my dearest the emergency, and can justly be well edited, it deserves a continued the doors sometimes. I likes the eyes met those levely ones belong undersigning Democrat, certainly also, and kept Jack at a pleasant sion in all matters of personal and every word need not be heard; and |cr st, true and honest, and his facile Marguerite was the sweetest thing, pen has always been wielded in the Jernigan, the junior editor, is a re-Going home again with Fanny, cent addition to the journalistic fra she teased him to confess that he terity, but his vast political and a ready adored her friend, and told diplomatic experience gives him a that, while putting on her bonnet, high rank in his chosen profession. sie had said that he was "ever sc Mr. Jernigan is yet a young man, pice," But Ned was too much in though one of the ablest in the we to feel sure of success, and for state. He, too, is an honest undersoul, hoping and fearing-his cour- ty well feels proud, for no man in Ned heard the feet of his employ, age high in the morning and low at North Carolina has worked zealous question. What he said he hardly is a native of Hertford county, and pear-tree, and he had talked for Senatorial District to the State

of Secretary Bayard and later of "A moment more," cried Margues Secretary Blaine and was commendrite. "I must tell you. Mr. Bran- ed by them in their dispatches. As There he succeeded beyond his dreth, do you remember a wicked a speaker, few young politicians in "You wicked little tnief!" said expectations, and one day returned little girl-ah unkempt, barefoot the state are equal to him. His child-who years ago stole a shawl style is forcible, ornate, agressive pleasant things that a filial and from Mr. Matthews' shop door one and frank. Mr. Jernigan has He led her through the store, prosperous son does for the old night in New York? Do you ret proven himselfe a valuable addition which was a small one, to the little folks, beginning by paying off the member how kind you were to her, to the editorial staff of the News and portion screened off at the end, and, mortgage on the homestead, of and gave her good advice and a let. Observer, and together with his colsitting down on a box, looked at course. He could scarcely believe ter to Pastor Smith I see you do. legue, Capt. Samuel A. Ashe, this democrats of the Southern States Her name was Mag. Oh, Mr. Bran- journal will always lead as such a would join them and leave the old

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Misunderstanding.

A great deal of unhappiness in where they taught me to read and bome life comes from misunderto distinguish right from wrong, standing the people one lives with. One day Mrs. Rawdon came there. Each of us is more or less affected She had lost a little daughter, and by the personal impression of a con-God put into her heart to adopt me. versation, incident or episode. The She had me christened Marguerite. way it strikes us is apt to push I remember I was so proud of the quite out of sight the way it may pretty name, and since then I have strike another. In consequence we been very happy. Soon I found out misinterpret moods or attribute to that you were Fanny's brother, for our kindred motives which have I had asked for your note to remem- | never occurred to them. The quiet ber you by, and keep it still. I have manner is taken to mean irritation not told Fanny, but I could not des when it is simply weariness, or imceive you. Perhaps you could not pulsive speech is supposed to spring say what you have said just now to from anger, when it may have its one you knew to have been a little origin from embarrassment or in indiscretion, At all events life She paused, tears in her blue would be smoother in many a home eyes, and Ned sat looking at her it everybody would endeavor to understand his or her neighbor in the "A little thief!" he cried. "Why, home, and if everybody were taken How like pretty Fanny's blue coming home to-morrow. Thurs, so you are !- a little thief that has at the best and not at the worst

Polk Quoted by a Correspon dent-The People's Party.

A special from Topeka, Kansas, esterday says: President Polk has been here in Kansas for the past week attending alliance meet-"Little Thief." - Young Ladies Fash. ings. He came here on urgent solitations of the Kansas leaders Simpson, Peffer and others impress ed npon him the importance of this tour of the state in order to stiffen up the backbones of their followers. who had about concluded that there was to be no third party in the south. Polk, being at the head of the National Alliance, came to tell the Kansas farmers officially that there will be a third party in the south next year in every State and in every congressional district, and be did it.

> I asked him if the alliance in the south would go into the third party

"We may be driven into it," he "Who will drive you in?" was

"The old political bosses and pol-

iticians." "Are they fighting the alliance!" "Yes sir. They have nothing too

mean to say of us." "Who do you mean by 'as ?"

"I mean the alliance." Mr. Polk vehemently declared that the people's party would sweep every southern State. "We propose to fight this battle out on the Ocala platform and bury both old parties. I am neither a Democrat nor Republican. I don't care how much they abuse me. I am in this battle to the finish."

He said that he was satisfied that Cleveland would be the Democratic nominee, but he could not be elected. The south, he said, was solid against him and would never

"It matters not," he said, "what old parties do; they are doomed, and the new people's party will sweep the country. I predict that within six years the people of the against the east, and the fight will be between the people and Wall

When asked what position the alliance in the south took on the pension question and why the Ocala convention didn't define its position on this matter he said it was above party platforms and that the alliance was in favor of pensioning the soldiers of the Union army.

"We have decided to let that question rest as settled. All we ask is that the pension system be not abused. We are willing for our northern brethren to draw their pensions and we will never raise our voice against it.

The leaders of the people's party in Kansas are growing nervous because many of their last year's sunporters have deserted them and returned to their old parties. A great many republicans went into the movement last year on the promise of Col. Polk and Col. Livingston, when they were in Kansas, that the Ex-republicans have been waite

ing eagerly for some evidence of this desertion of Democracy in the South, and as it did not materialize the third party leaders of Kansas is. sued their ukase and demanded that Cel. Polk and Livingston proceed to deliver the goods promised last year. It was decided that Col. Polk should come to Kansos and hold a series of meetings and exq plain this matter. He came, and is now talking third party to the people, assuring them that the South will be solid for the third party next year and that democracy there is doomed.

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