How could she belp appeing she was beautiful? If she had bever looked into a militor, she would have known it; she would have seen it it her mother's proud face, and in the softening of her father's glance when his even rested on her; she would have heard it from her impulsive schoolmates, who "adored" her for her beauty; would have learned it from the admiring gaze of boys, young men, old men.

Well she did know She was benutitul, and she enjoyed her own beauty as the fily enjoys its whiteness; the violet, its perfume; the sun, its splendor. There was something giorious about it; it surrounded her with an atmosphere of warmth and sunshine. I have seen her hold up her small, shapely, shelltamted, meaned eyes on its "golden fleece." the would say;

"i am a very Portia, you see, cocs win mine.

What a contrast, "cousts mine was to her, a fitting foll to her fair. ness-so dark, so sallow, so everythere that the other was not. There they sat that evening by the fire, as I lay half asleep on the lounge. It The the voice of "cousin mine" to much I first gave beed,

"Let me tell you something ... range," she was saying, "I always. ei that I am beautiful. Do not start so. I know that I am ught. insultingly ugly, as I once beard some one say of me. I have known it ever since I was a little child, for I overheard one of the negro aunties, who still linger on the dear old home place, say of me : 'Fore Gord, dat pore chile is ugly chile. I dunno huccome pretty 'owman like mis tis to hab ngly fittle gal like dat. She got tace like little hatcuet, she 18, mum ! Fore my Lord au' Marster she ugly !"

"Then I began studying my face, and whenever I was before my mir ror, I knew that I was dowered with uginess. And yet, as soon as I turned my back upon the mire r this depressing consciousness disappeared. It seemed that I had put on 'a roobe for to goe beautiful as in the early dramas an actor sometimes put on that piece of stage property labaled, 'a roobe for to go invisible.' A strong delusion or hall acination seize me the moment I turn from the mirror. Did you ever have a delusion and believe health. for one brief moment that you were

would chill me to the heart."

"Yes, I am sure that it would, an a woman. It is srtange that I am but rarley that the thought of my ry is true of left banded individuals ugliness obtrudes itself upon me. unsung. In my every-day life ! lost."

the next words a new thrill came in thumb. to the votce of "cousin in me.

"Don't laugh at me, please : I wanted to tell you all this breamit is true, and because I buy some-I mes seen play in your even when you looked at mr. You love me, I snow, but my ugliness rasps against your beauty-oong nature, anthen, blaming yourself for allowing it to do so, you have been tenderer to me through pity. Do not repeat this experience, my deac. 'A wend you know, the only a thower in cisgoose, and I am concrons all the that of the flawer, not of the werd,"

The pretty gitl rose topusively, went to "constitutio," and ber dbut to her brow with a kiss said

"You are beautiful within, course mine. Your light shines clear to your lamp of clay ; help my to keep mine butning in my vace of alabas-

Thore were tears in two pairs of eyer not to say three. The unity gir went on :

There is still another side on which to survey my unliness. I know that beauty attracts, and that to a woman who is 'insultingly ugiy' there is danger that no wooer will ever come, and that, ever ahunger, she will hear in the dim recesses of

ber soul, the question : 'What wat! we for, oh, heart of mine?

"If I were fair, Perhaps, like other maidens, I might hold Altrue heart's store of tried and tested gold; Love waits on beauty; though sweet alone, It seems to me, for night might well atone

"But a true woman is ever content to wait for her soul's mate, and when the wooer comes to an ugly woman who is not wealthy, she knows that she is loved with a love that the angels in beaven might envy, and that she need not hesitate to unseal her heart's sacred fountain to pure and passionate tenderness But suppose he never comes ! Then somewhere-as Alice Cary once said-somewhere, all living instincts will be fed. Beyond the stars she will be loved "When I see, dearest, the triflers

that your beauty keeps fluttering pink-tipped fingers, and look at about you, I teel that yours is a them as admiringly as I would at a daugerous gift, and I am content LaMarque rosebad. It seemed at to be only a butle, plain, dark wo rungersonal homege that she paid to man, even white I joy in your beaunot own beauty, when drawing that ty as I do in the giory of the dawn. same hand through the crinkly You'see I have thought it all ont, marses of her bair, and looking with and forever and forever the blosso. my feeling of the flower thrills through the heart of the weed. Do not laugh at me, please; but I know you will not. I have never before talked these thoughts out. Indeed, they seemed to be close locked in one of those 'nooks that do not open to the keys of speech.' Once, and for you alone, the nook was opened -"the rest is silence-"

Five years after this, in the fitful firelight, some one was bending over to kiss "cousin mine"-a bearded tip this time. As he laid his strong band tenderly on that of the haby girl asleep on her bosom, I heard him whisper: "I hope our baby will be like you-exactly like you, little wife.'s

He saw her sout .- Inter-Ocean Growth of the Finger Nails,

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st with the aged. His observations, however, do not stop with this, for he finds that both in childhood and age they grow faster in summer than in win. ter. In one instance a pail that repurred one hundred and thirty-two days to renew in winter renewed in summer in exactly one bundred and sixteen days. During both seasons the patient upon whom this experiment was made enjoyed normal

The method of testing the growth was in each instance the same. The "No no; not even for one swift, null was pared close and slightly passing moment; such a feeling notched at the quick. Both the right and the left hand were studied with the result that he affirms that ever-present consciousness of uglis the growth of finger natis is more ness must be terribly depressing to | rapid on the right hand than on the eft. As the person was right-hannot thus depressed; but really, it is | ded it is presumed that the contra-

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