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Is that of the happy bird; Our music the sound of the rushing rills, Pouring down from the snowy hills, As each its appointed work fulfils Leaping down through the flowery dell; And the wonderful works of our Father

More than the wise-t and best could preach, Or the tongue of the learned tell.

Though they seem in eternal might arrayed, There once was a day, we know, And first they were crowned with snow; But when in fire at the last great day

All that is evil must pass away, Do we not hope that the mountains gray May delight our awak ming eyest Emblem of all that is pure and bright, Pointing up to a world of light, And a glory that never dies.

-[Lucy Taylor, in Word and Work

## BARREN HONORS.

My mother was left early a willow, with five children, all girls. We inherited nothing from our well-born ancestors save well-formed noses, white hands and low, cultivated voices. My mother was a proud and c urageous woman. So scarce was money with us that we carry learned to rise from a daintily-served dinner cruelly hungry, and darn and redard our spotlessly clean though simple dresses. Poor mother, hers was a stern rule, but I think of the long hours during which she played the part of housekeeper, gov rness and inn; take me to your mother." seamstress, and marvel at her strength of mind and body.

When I was 17 I was invited to spend a few months with our father's cousin, Mrs. B aumont, who lived in great transformed me from a pale, stooping, you." dark eyed strip of a girl, into a tall, upserve the change, and it was not until snore into which I had fallen. her lay rite nephew came on his annual I moved forward but he seized my her eyes to the fact that I was a penni- shoulder. less beauty, the most dangerous being | The pain was so intense that I almost seldom given in marriage but often to the floor.

days later, when with her sweetest dow's the one." smile she informed me that I was to put | He turned his steps toward the bedon one of my most becoming dresses room, which adjoined. ling which the lady that he eventually dress, or, rather, undress, married had brought him.

tleman, who put a double eyeglass and small room, around the walls of which themselves out of a well worn table liouse in the town of Scotl and Neck. scanned me closely. A glance of mu- were hung the servants' Sunday dresses. tual intelligence passed between mam- I appropriated one of these, a black ma and his lordship, which did not shawl and plain bonnet, the weil o tend to put me at my ease. However, | which would serve to mask me well.

What need to dwell on the wretched | fare to the city. proved, conquered. I thought him a wrote, "you shall see me again."

wealth and high position." diamonds were famed --- and regretted may be called living, for three years. present them in person.

mediately after I, accompanied by my him the next day never to return,

my woes in the pages of some of my last." head fell back on the sofa and I slept. dear, handsome as ever.

When the hill's foundations first were laid | cheek, was the man I hal married, | never." feeling of sickening terror, then I rose have." from the sofa and moved toward the 'Dead! Jack," I cried. table.

"Not so fast. Don't you know you are | knew how I have suffered," mine now?"

In an instant he had me in his arms, Black. He's a deep one. Yes, you're consin. mine, and I can tear your great, sad, black eyes out, or pinch your white fle b, or bite you until the blood

"Out" I gasped, "If you are mortal in I not a fiend, take me to Laly Silur-

My words called forth the wildest lau-hter.

"Lady Silurian?" he cried. "Yeu'll never see her, she's mad, as mad as a hatter; curse her, that's where I get it style in London. She was that most from. We're all mad but that old imp point. selfish of beings, a hypochondrice. That of a father of mine, and he'd be mad too I might do her some credit, Mrs. B au- if he were not the evil one. Your mont ordered a suitable outfit for me, mother wanted the money, and she's and fine clothes and good food soon got it; she's got £50,000, and I've got

The look which he cast on me froze right, handsome y ung woman. She my very blood, but by this time I began was too hope easly sunk in self to ob- to see all too clear'y the nature of the

visit that the admiration which his dress, and placed one hand over my young face too plainly showed, opened | mouth and made his teeth meet in my

in England, where men and women are fainted, my knees gave way and I fell

A scene was troublesome, therefore ready! The exclamation gave me an my hostess contented herself with de- lilea: what if I were to feigh death? I claring herself worse, and ordering her acted on it, and presently heard him doctor to prescribe sea air. Jack Boan- moving about the room, muttering to most was requested to accompany her himself. When I knew him to be at to the I le of Wight, and I was packed some distance I half opened my eyes, off home. I shall never forget my and saw to my horror that he appeared mother's start of surprise when she saw | to be trying to open the window. Sudthe change in my appearance. All that denly he desisted, and I heard him evening she remained very thoughtful, murmur, "No, this side won't do. I and I began to fear that my unexpected | want her to fall into the most and then IMPROVED FARM IMPLEMENTS return was hardly welcome, until two he won't find her. The bedroom win-

and behave my prettiest, as she expect- I sprang to my feet, gained the door ed an old friend to lunch on. My which opened into the hall, as I supyounger sisters were ordered off to par- posed, and found myself in a long, take of a cold dinner in the school- dark corridor. Down this I ran until I room, and my mother and I awaited reached a narrow staircase leading up-Lord Silurian in the drawing room, I ward. Agonizing fear lent wings to knew him to be one of the oldest, as to my feet. I gained the upper floor, and title, of England's peers, and I had went swiftly down a long corrilor \$5 and \$8. An imported no letta costs and oreland, and good water. heard a whisper that mamma might which ran the length of the opposite have been his countess had her youth ul wing of the house, hoping to find some beauty been made more attractive by maid-servant's door ajar, for it was im- knife users who failed to bring their the hundred thousands of pounds ster- possible to leave the house in my present cowardly weapons across the ocean,

He came, a grim-face I, stiff old gen- was a large closet, or, more properly,

from near Limestone Towers, and of a bad season, - [New York Sun.

I have small recollection of the cere- through her I learned that the Silurian mony; but I remember that my father- heir was generally supposed to be in-law bent over and guided his son's | "queer" at times, and always dull, bruhand when he signed the registry, tal and heavy; that his unfortunate laughing, and calling him a nervous mother had been mad for years, and fellow. I wrote my maiden name, that some poor young lady had finally Olive Chase, for the last time, and im- married Lord Trenton, but had loft

father-in-law and husband, drove to | One evening, more weary and down-Limestone Towers, the home of the hearted than usual, I was dragging my tired limbs slowly homeward, after the There I made a hasty dinner alone in day's work, when a passing hansom one of the magnificent rooms which had stopped suddenly, from which sprang a been set apart for me, and slipping on young man, who seized my arm, crying a gorgeous wrapper, I tried to forget | 'Thank God, Olive, you are found at

favorite books. Ere long my tired It was Jack Beaumont. Jack, good,

I awoke with a cry and a sense of "Oh, Jack," I cried, breaking down terror. A number of wax lights shed a and sobbing pititully, "tell me all soft radiance over the handsome room, about them, mamma and the girls, only the perfume of rare flowers filled the | don't tell them where I am else they air, and bending over the couch on | will want me to go back to Lord Si uwhich I lay, his hot breath fanning my rian, and I can never forget him.

with an expression on his face and in | "Old scoundrel! I should think not, his evil, shifty eyes, which God grant I But he can't molest you, dear Olive; may never see on any human face again. | now that his miserable son is dead he For a moment I was paralyzed with a has no more authority over you than I

"Yes, three months ago. Ah, Olive, "Where are you going?" he cried. naughty girl to hide from me. If you FASTERN CAROLINA.

On my twenty-first birthday I became Mrs. John Beaumont. My mother to and was holding me so tightly clasped | this day thinks herself the aggreeved in his embrace that I panted for breath; party; and has to remember that my while he went on: "Yes, you're mine, purchase money enabled her to find safe enough now. I've got away from | suitable husbands for all her girls before that old imp who's been standing be- she can forgive me for refusing to profit ROANOKE AND TAR RIVER. tween us. He thinks I'm safe with by her excellent bargain .- The Wis-

The Stilette.

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The real edges, which are rasor sharp, make a wound which the auxiliary edges, more blust than sharp, aggravate to a terrib e degree.

is it and so murd rous in the hands of that the Italian goveroment has recently been experimenting with it as a weapon at close quarters and in the Missowah campaign several companies were armed with shields and long stilettos. The weapon is carried in a sheath like an ordinary dazger.

Another knife, commonly carried and (requently used by criminal Italians, is Four hundred acres, two and one half what Professor Scannapieco, the Nea- miles from the beautiful town of Scotpolitan fencing master, calls the "mol- land Neck. About two hundred acres letta." The molietta bears some resem- in cell vation. One good Dwelling blance to a razor, though considerably House, one good Gin House, and other longer. There is only one edge and out houses. Good orchard and good the blade opens like a penknife. It water. Location desirable. wings loose, however, and when drawn is opened by catching hold of the handle with the fingers and throwing the blade outward. This requires practice and dexterity. A small spring catches the knife and holds it open. It is closed by pressure upon a tiny "button" on the handle. Though not as effective a weapon as the stilette, it makes an ugly Neck One humired and twenty-five wound when used by an expert, and can acres in cultivation. Good Dwelling be opened almost as quickly as a stiletto House and good water, can be drawn from its sheath. The ease with which it can be concealed adds to the frequency of its use. The handle is hard wood or b de.

There is an uptown establishment \$4. The price places the real Italian article out of the reach of many of the and they content themselves with a Fortune favored me. At the far end species of small danger, crude but effective, and not infrequently made by Two Store-houses, and one Dwe'dag keife, - [New York Graphic,

> An Elephant on a Lark. Considerable commotion was caused

Ismiled and talked as well as I could, I felt no fear as I glided down the at the little town of Stives, Huntingwith a beating heart. After luncheon three long flights of oaken steps which | donshire, England, by the inconsider-I was ordered off for a walk with the led to the tack entrance hall, and in ate manner in which a big elephant others, and that evening my mother ten minutes gained the high road, which took a surreptitious holiday. The atkissed me, saying: "Lord Silurian will skirted the park walls. I set out brave- tractions of the traveling circus to Wednesday." There was something in where I could take the earliest train for and in the small hours of the morning her look and tone that sent me to my London. Here I knew I could dispose he let himself loose. He was first atbed with a "sudden sinking" of heart, of one of my plainest rings to pay my tracted by the effluvia of some gas works, which he entered after breaking details of the next few weeks. Lirl In M -- I posted one line to my down a few trifling obstacles in the Trenton-came, saw, and as it eventually mother. "When I can forgive you," I shape of three gates, two fences and a brick wall. Than he pulled out a plug most vacant youth, but my mother ex- My disappearance was hushed up, but with his trunk and set free a few thouplained that he was very much struck I afterward learned that Lord Sturies, sand culic feet of gas, visited the rewith me, and "such a dear, simple, my mother, and one other moved heaven tort house and frightened the solitary shy boy, notwithstanding his great and earth to find me. Two handsome watchman into fits, explored the neighrings, by which I might have been boring market gardens with disas-The wedding day came and I had traced, I sold immediately in London, trous results to the owners, and wound in inter. seen my bridegroom but twice. On and long before the money I thus gained up by wrecking a barn and gorging these occasions his father had been in was exhau-ted I had been introduced himself with new wheat. He was still the room. Lady Silusian I had not by a young woman who lodged in the contentedly showling in grain when seen at all; her hu-band brought me a same house with me to a manufacturer his keepers discovered him, and with magnificent tiars, necklace, earrings of artificial flowers. He gave me work, difficulty induced him to return to his and bracelets of diamonds ... the Silucian and thus I livel, if such an existence quarters. Claims for damages are pouring in upon his owners, and the that his wife was too great an invalid to | Strange to say, my landlady came total will almost swallow up the profits

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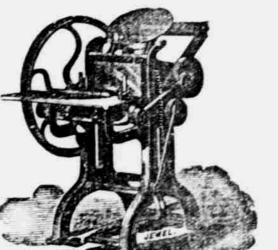
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