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### ALMOST PERSUADED.

A sultry evening had closed over the great city. Overhead, the stars shone faintly along the close, narrow streets; he gaslights flickered; every doorstep, every open casement in this densely populated quarter of the city was a breath of air.

Lilly Germond had come home late | pany!" Capt. W. H. Kitchin will appear with from the store. She was tired and dispir-2-3-1y. ited; and the gentle little step-mother, to whom she always turned for sympathy and tenderness, had gone to the Connecticut River.

How strange and empty the little | cing-floor." Practices in all the Courts of Halifax | room looked, with the vacant rocking-

> "I wish she was back again," Lilly sighed, as she dropped into a chair, and began listlessly to eat her supper, of a | shaking her head, soberly. slice of baker's bread broken into a bowl of sky-blue city milk. 'I wonder

Mr. Stevens, talking the matter over her as she flounced out of the room. don't ask Mary to bring that step- own way." daughter o' hers here. She's no kin to

"It seems kind o' hard though," said Aunt Almira, "to separate mother and

"Mary's my own sister," said Mr. Stevens, "and I'm willin' to give her country air and change of scene. But there," I don't owe no duty to Mary's stepdaughter, as I know of."

But when Mrs. G her long days of work in the store, and mother, the hearts of both of these old Germond has gone o a ball!"

"Father," said Mrs. Stevens to her husband, "Mary's step-daughter must be different from what you and me s'posed. I almost wish-don't you?that we had asked her here, too?"

"So do I," said Uncle Mark. "Look here, Almiral Ben is going to take a load of cord-wood into town on Thursday. S'pose we tell him to go around by Bracken street and bring Mary's step-daughter out for a surprise to her

Kind Mrs. Stevens brightened all

"That will be a real nice plan," said she. "And if Lilly is anything like what Mary says, I guess we shan't have Genuine German Kainit and Nova Sco. no reason to regret it. It does seem too bad to think of anybody cooped up in the hot city such weather as this."

If tired, overworked Lilly Germond could have known all this how her But we are not always aware how near the angel of deliverance is to us; and she was very rebellious in her heart this

herself, with never a prospect of change to take you to your mother."

Just then, Arietta Wales, a bright | the corner of the room. young factory girl who boarded on the floor above, knocked at the door.

"All alone, Lilly?" said she, "I thought as much. Well. I've got such a plan to propose to you! John Merton is going to take me to the Gleeful Society's ball tonight at Windford hall. And he's got a ticket for an extra lady; and so, why can't you go with us?'

"I!" Lilly Garmond turned red and of her rosy young lips. pale. "But-mother don't approve of "No," said Lilly-although I was "Of course she don't!" reforted Ari-

etta, with a toss of her yellow, muchbefrizzed hair. "She's old and pokey, and you are young and gay. Besides, she's only your step-mother, and you can't expect her to feel for you as she would do if she were your own mother." Lilly frowned a little, but she passed

on to the next objection. "I've got nothing to wear," said she. "Yes, you have-that pretty white

man! Do come, Lilly! Think how gone to the ball!" baby crying next door, and old Mr. Farren playing the flute overhead."

gone," hesitated Lilly.

urged Arietta. "She surely can't ex- ing about it." pect you to mew yourself up here like a mouse in a trap, while she is enjoying herself. Old folks are so solfish!" Once more Lilly frowned.

"My mother is not selfish," said she. "Oh, well we won't argue about that," said Arietta, coaxingly. "But there's no reason you shouldn't see a packed full of humanity, striving to get | little life, once in a while, as long as I | and John are along to keep you com-

> "It would be nice," said Lilly, "I've almost a mind to go."

"Then make haste about it!" cried spend a week at her brother's farm on down stairs. The earlier we are there, the better chance we have on the dan-

Lilly went into the back room after chair and work-basket so unwontedly Arietta was gone. Mrs. Booker sat there, rocking her baby on her knee, and to her the girl confided her desires. "I wouldn't!' sail Mrs. Booker,

"Why not?" "That Giceful Society don't bear the why Uncle Mark didn't ask me, too! I best ruputation, Lilly," sail Mrs. Booksuppose he thought I couldn't leave the er. "A lot of giddy girls and reckless somed clematis. store; but I could have got a few days | young men that are bent on earning | vacation I am sure; or perhaps they had their living some way outside of honest us? -and you wouldn't mind staying but one spare room, though I could work. I don't think your mother here always?" surely have slept with mother, just as I | would like you to get into such company as that while she is gone."

Lilly Germond did not know how 'There's always some reason to keep much good Uncle Mark Stevens dreaded | me from enjoying myself, so far as I Practices in the Courts of Halifax and a meeting between his son Bea and can see! burst out poor Lilly. "Ari-"any feather-healed city girl," as he etta Wales is going, and I mean to go,

"Ben is as good as gold," reasoned Mrs. Booker looked pityingly after

with his wife; "and I don't want any Poor girl, it is sort o' hard upon ATTORNEY AT LAW, silly coquette playing with his feelings. her!" she pondered. "And she so If he's to have a wife-as I s'poso it's young and pretty, too, and worked so in the nature of things he should have steady all day! But that Gleeful Sosome time-let it be some sensible girl ciety-it ain't what I should like a as will be a real companion to him that | daughter of mine to get mixed up in. you and me can take comfort with. But | However, a willful girl will have her | hardened has his feelings harrowed oc-

us, anyway you can fix it, and it'll only | "tap-tap" on the panels of Mrs. Book- | careless persons are so numerous that be exposing Ben to temptation and er's door, and a brown, handsome face the casual passenger in a locomotive

voice; "but is this Miss Germond's hair-breadth escape, but which is nevermother has sent me to bring her out to commonplace occurrence. These heed-

id them of ing below, and there ain't no time to whe, like the fireman who talked with man. The relies are estimated to be

"Dear me, I'm so sorry!" cried Mrs. IMPROVED FARM IMPLEMENTS her cheerful evenings of sewing for her Booker, starting to her feet; "but Lilly

"A ball!" echoed Uncle Stevens. "Gone to a ball!" reiterated Ben in

"With her mother away," cried the old man, "and my sister telling me how quiet and steady she was! Come, Ben; I don't know as we want no ball-going young ladies out at the old farm. I guess perhaps we'd befter be starting Undoubtedly a large conservative elefor home."

"But wait a minute; perhaps she left some word," said Mrs. Booker. "Her room is the next one beyond; I'll go and sec."

"I guess it ain't worth while," inflexibly uttered Uncle Mark.

Mrs. Booker knocked at the door of Mrs. Germond's room, as a sort of forlorn hope. "Come in!" called a soft voice.

the light of a shaded kerosene lamp.

"You look surprised!" eried Lilly,

thing in my life," said Mrs. Booker. a rapil trot to the town. There he was followed them for hundreds of miles "It's all one wretched treadmill of "My dear, here's your uncle and cousin placed in a hut with the door open, and studied their habits closely. If toil and drudgery," she murmured to from the country, with a team, waitin', while hundreds of savages continuous. there are enough in the band these ani-

"Really?" she cried - "truly? or am I

dreaming? Where are they?" She ran out into the hall, and was kissing Uncle Mark and shaking hands

with Ben almost before they knew it. "So you didn't go to the ball after all? said the old man, his hard face softening as much under the blue joyousness of her eyes as beneath the touch

sorely tempted to forget mother's gool advice. But I never disobeyed her vet, and I'm not going to begin now. But it was so dull and lonesome here!"

"Poor child! I should think so," said Uncle Stevens, with a look into the dismal room. 'But now put on your things-quick! The horses don't like standing there knee-deep among ragged children."

Lilly was not long in packing her little bag; and when she ran to bid muslin with the needle-work flounces. Mrs. Booker good-bye, she whispered: flishts than there are Spaniards,

Nothing can be prettier than that. And | "It was your good advice that turned John does so want you to go. He's got | the scale. Thank you so much for it, a friend coming-such a genteel young | How much I should have lost if I had

much nicer it will be than sitting here 'She's a nice girl," said Uncle Mark in this stuffy hole, with Mrs. Booker's | tohis wife that night, when Lilly was asleep in the lavender-scented bedroom that looked out upon the river, "and I "I promised mother not to go out | don't wonder Mary's proud of her. But anywhere in the evening while she was I did feel sort of queer, just for a minute when I thought she was a-larking "What of that? She'll never know," | round at balls with Mary knowin' noth-

"Of course she wouldn't do nothin' of the sort!" said Aunt Almira reso. as a rule, have the largest families.

"She didn't, it scound" said Uncle

A week afterward, Lilly heard, through a letter from Mrs. Booker, that the ball of the Gleeful Society had been inexorably broken up by a detach- a new chamfering instrument, by the ment of the police, in search of some aid of which he claims to cut a corner counterfeiters who belonged to the den, to the desired angle at one stroke. chief among whom were Arietta Wales' There is no repetition of the planing beau, John M rion, and his dashing process, the machine being passed only friend who had been destined to escort once over the corner to be chamfered. Arietta. "I'll call for you as I come her, Lilly Germond, on that particular The oil of tansy is poisonous. It

> of the rick she had so narrowly escaped. Sometimes the green leaves are used in so peaceful; in the city all was lustle, be applied to stop nose blood; it excites dia, perpetual jostling. And Lilly's sneezing. cheeks took on a softer pink, and her heart beat a pulse or two faster than its ordinary pace, when she recalled the way in which Ben had lookel at her that morning when he had brought her a long, trailing spray of white-blos-

"You like the country?" said he; "and

had eagerly responded. And then, as his eyes had rested a moment u on her, she had hidden her

face among the clematis stars. An so she was murmuring to her-

"Perhaps! perhaps!" And Ban Stevens, out in the harvestfield, was saying to himself, as he swung the gleaming cralle to and fro: "Perhaps! '-[Saturday Night,

Locomotive Engineers. The engineer whose humanity is not casionally by pedetrians who risk their Half an hour later there came a soft lives on the track. Tramps and other cab generally cannot ride fifty miles "Beg pardon, ma'am," said a cheery without seeing what seems to him a room? I'm her cousin Ben, and her theless treated by the engineer as a the country and make a little visit less wayfarers do, however, occasional- the Neauderthal man used the bivalve ly carry their indifference to danger too as a common article of food. The oys-"And I'm her Uncle Stevens," added | far, and they are tossed in the air like | a second voice, "and the team's wait- feathers. Doubtless there are those est domesticated delicacy known to the tender-hearted young lady, regret over 60,000 years old. the killing of a man chiefly "because it musses up the engine so;" but, taking | ing buildings. A Russian engineer, M. the fraternity as a whole, warmth of de Wrozinsky, has invented an apparaheart and tenderness of feeling may be called not only wall-developed but prominent traits of character. The great | based on the principle of carbonic gas strike on the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy road last spring, which proved to have been ill-advised, would have been possible only in a body of mon actuated by the most loyal friendship. ment in the Brotherhood of Engineers carbonic gas is allowed to escape into belived the move in indicious, but they the room to be dried, which rapidly abjoined in it out of an interse spirit of fidelity to their brethren and leaders .-

An Escape from Cannibals. Mr. H. H. Johnstone, English consul at Old Calabar, Africa, took a trip up horses of the plains, which fooled upon the Cross river to try and make treatics and settle quarrels among the natives have never known the halter or the And there sat Lilly at her sewing by that were injuring trade by their war- touch of man's hand, that descriptive fare. He had a most interesting time, reference to their fleetness, wariness and more interesting than he would care to oftentimes their graceful beauty -parheart would have leaped up within her! laughing. 'But you see I decided, experience again. At a place called ticularly among the stallions-would at after all, to take your good advice, Mrs. Ededems, he was pulled from his cance this day lack interest, says a western by a mob of cannibals, slung on the writer. But one curious fact is known "And I never was so glad of any- shoulders of one of them and borne on to but few aside from those who have ly stared at him. Looking upward he mals group by thirteens. With every or recreation! One might as well be | Lilly uttered a cry of delight as she saw arranged around the upper part of stallion there are twelve mares. What umped up, and flung her sewing into the clay walls a horrible array of at least becomes of the weaker males which a hundred skulls, while a smoked hus the stronger fight away - whether they man ham hung from the begrimed raf- bide their time to get the quota of feters as an appropriate centre piece. His males, or, in the despondency of equine interpreters opportunely arriving, a bachelorhood, go off alone and starve friendly palaver resulted in his return themselves-is not known. The matrito the cance in the same manner in monial regulations of the wild horse, which he had been taken from it. - [New however this may be, allow to each York Witness.

Boy Bullfighters. It will, perhaps, be hardly credited that at San Sebastian, Spain, bullflights are arranged between child toreadors of 13, 14 and 15 years old, and bulls of 2 years. These small Spaniarls, dressed in picture que costumes, brave death for the sake of furnishing the crowds with an amusement, and actually prefer the dangerous life and applause they receive to working at any trade or going to school. It is a sickening spectacle witnessed by thousands of all nations, indeed, there are far more French and English present at the children's bull-

## SCIENTIFIC SCRAPS.

The amount of strength exercised in an ordinary hand-shake is eleven

tertiary rocks could not have been less han 16 feet in height. About 1500 species of fish are known

may be regarded as food fishes. A discussion of the Malthusian theory elicited the statement that clergymen,

An English scientific man has preserved a record of a family of manytoed cats down to the tenth generation. Some members have as many as seven toes on each foot,

A Kansas City carpenter has invented

used to be employed as a remedy for And Lilly shuddered at the thought dropsy and a medicine against worms. Out here all was so sweet, so fragrant, cooking. Yarrow, pu'verize!, used to

A novel electric railway has been completed, running from the shore of Lake Lucerne over a bed cut in the solid rock to the summit of the Burgenstock, 1330 feet up. It has a gradient of from 32 to 58 per cent. The electricity is generated by a waterwheel in the R ver Air.

Among the products which science "I should like it of all things," Lally tle, a weed which is now being cultivated in some parts of Europe, its fibre proving useful for a variety of textile fabrics. In Dresden a thread is produced from it so fine that a length of sixty miles weighs only two and one-

Carpenters and other tool-users who keep up with the times are now using a mixture of glycerine instead of cit for sharpening their edged tools. Oil, as is well known, thickens and smears the stone. The glycerine may be mixed with spirits in greater or less proportion, according as the tools to be sharpened are fine or coarse. For the average blade two parts of glycerine to one of spirits will suffice. In cleaning out the lower levels of the

caves at Dordogne, in France, along with some of the most rulimentary stone arrow-heads yet discovered, there were found a great many oyster shells piled in such a manner as to show that ter is thus demonstrated to be the old-

A new invention is reported for drytus for drying buildings which is said to have proved very effective. It is rapidly absorbing the moisture of the air and to this end the inventor has constructed a closed stove burning charcoal by the introduction of air into it direct from the open through two tubes. A steady current of dry, warm sorbs the moisture in the air, and escapes in the ordinary manner through the chimney.

Habits of Wild Horses, So much has been written of the

the dew-kissed grass of the prairie, male twelve consorts, and the remarkable feature is, no more. They draw the line at an even dezen. Even when the bands that roamed these great plains, then tenantiess except by other wild creatures, would number in the hundreds and more than a thousand, this peculiar division into families was particularly noticeable. They kept a little apart and never voluntarily mingled. Only when driven together by some common danger would they run in a mass, and then not long. So the catchers knew that it was well nigh useless for one or even two men to endeavor to get more than the thirteen of one of these curious families at a time. - The Horseman.

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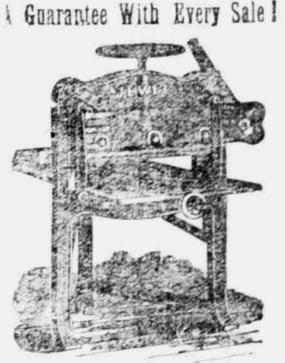
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