CHAPTER VIII.

Pity he could not have known how bit terly 'Lena had wept over her hasty action —not because he witnessed it, but because she knew it was wrong! Pity he could not have read the tear-blotted note, which she laid on Carrie's work-box, and

pleased for the invalid. for a moment John Jr. hesitated, knowing well that Nellie could not fail to obWhen ill-naturedly serve the contrast it presented to the other richly-furnished chambers.

"They ought to be mortified--it'll where their knock was answered by Aunt

They obeyed, but Nellie started back when she saw how greatly inferior was this room to the others around it. In an instant her eye took in everything, and she readily comprehended the whole. "It isn't my doings, by a jug full!" whispered John Jr., himself reddening as he noted the different articles of furniture

On the humble bed, in a half upright Behind her sat 'Lena, supporting her head, and when Nellie entered, she was which had fallen over the invalid's forehead, her own bright curls mingling with them, and resting some on her neck, and some on her grandmother's shoulder. A deep flush dyed her cheeks when she saw Nellie, who thought she had never looked upon a sight more beautiful.

"I did not know pour grandmother was ill," said she, coming forward and gently touching the swollen hand which lay outside the counterpane.

Mrs. Nichols was not too ill to talk, and malady, beginning at the time she first kind and brotherly, he soon turned from very great." had it when 'Lena's mother was a year her to Anna and Nellie, utterly neglect- Durward made no reply, and Carrie and a day old, frequently quoting Nancy ing Mabel, who turned away to her cham- continued: "I'm always sorry when I Scovandyke, and highly entertaining Nellie, who listened until warned by the to the door, that she must go. "We are going back to Uncle Ather-

ton's," said she, "but I wanted to bid you good-by, and ask you to visit me in Frankfort with your cousins. Will you do so?" This was wholly unexpected to 'Lena, who without replying, burst into tears. Nellie hardly knew what to do She sel-'Lena, for she felt that she could not help it. At, last, taking her hand, she bade a good-bye to the others. "Yes, to Mabel," said 'Lena.

"And not Durward?" asked Nellie. answered, "No; he hates me-Carrie savs so.'

"Cad's a fool," muttered John Jr., while Nellie rejoined, "Durward never hated anybody, and even if he did, he would not say so-I mean to tell him; and with another good-by she was gone. On the stairs she met Durward, who was looking for her, and asked where she had

wanted.

"No, I don't wish to see him," she turned away to hide the tears and pain which he there taught a regular school, having also sick, (lazy, as her mistress called it,) those words had cost her.

not fail of repeating to his mother the impression which he saw was made on course tell him all about it. And then." said he, "I wouldn't give much for his opinion of your treatment of your mother. what her son said, Mrs. Livingstone demanded "what he'd have her do."

one up, so it won't look like the old scratch had been having a cotillion there.

Upon this last piece of advice Mrs. in-law, and she began herself to think it contempt or cool indifference.

said she, while Aunt Milly, who had taken teeth—and awaited! a great deal of interest in the repairing of

CHAPTER IX.

FIVE YEARS LATER.

young valedictorian. Durward Bellmont, first in his studies, first in his class, and first in the esteem had raised no objection to 'Lena's con. key many a time, and I am sure I can do of his fellow students, had been unani- tinuing a pupil of Mr. Everett, who, she it as well as she. mously chosen to that post of honor, and hoped, would not prove indifferent to her "Well, what of it?" was the uncivil anas the gathered multitude hung upon his charms, fancying that in this way she swer. words and gazed upon his manly beauty, would sooner be rid of one whom she they felt that a better choice could not feared as a rival of her daughters. well have been made, At the right of the platform sat a group of ladies triends. Malcom Everett might admire 'Lena want to cool and dress yourself before the platform sat a group of ladies, friends, it would seem, of the speaker, for ever another image than hers was enshrined know I can. Please let me try." and anon his eyes turned in that direc- in his heart, and most carefully guarded tion, and as if each glance incited him to was the little golden curl, cut in seeming fresh efforts, his eloquence increased, sport from the head it once adorned, and until at last no sound save save that of now treasured as a sacred memento of the his deeptoned voice was heard, so rapt past. Believing that it would be so bewas every one in the words of the young cause she wished it to be so, Mrs. Living of her head and donning the wide checkorator. But when his speech was ended, stone had more than once whispered to apron which her aunt had thrown aside, then arose deefening shouts of applause, her female friends her surmises that Malwhile bouquets fell in perfect showers at com Everette would marry 'Lena, and at his feet. Among them was one smaller the time of which we are speaking, it was and more elegant than the rest, and as if pretty generally understood that a strong her pillow, and looking at the little colorbe sold low as usual. were more precious, too, 't was the first liking, at least, if not an engagement, ex. ed girl, who had brought to her the news which Durward took from the floor. Isted between them.

"See, Carrie, he gives you the preference," whispered one of the young ladies

which she laid on Carrie's work-box, and in which was written, "I am sorry, Carrie, that I hurt you so. I didn't know what!" was about, but I will try and not get sangry again." Pity, too, that he didn't know what! was a should not contempt with which carrie persued the note; and when the work of the remaining of the carrie persued the note; and when the work of the carrie persued the note; and when the work of the carrie persued the note; and when two girls accidently met in the upper hand to see how licredy she was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming. "Get a contempt with the carried was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming." Get a contempt with the carried was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming. "Get a contempt with the carried was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming." Get a contempt with the carried was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming. "Get a contempt with the carried was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming." Get a contempt with the carried was repulsed. Carrie exclaiming. "Get a contempt with the carried was a the door, and the contempt was repulsed, Carrie exclaiming. "Get a contempt with the carried was a threat the carried was a the door, and the carried was a threat the carried was a threat the contempt was repulsed. Carrie exclaiming. "Get a contempt was repulsed. The contempt

we must say that she gave Polly unqualified permission to order anything she left more congenial society for the sake ward asked if "Miss Rivers were so very pleased for the invalid.

Toward the close of the third day, the company left Nellie Douglas, who really liked 'Lena, and wished to bid her goodby, whispered to John Jr., asking him to show her the way to his cousin's room. No one except members of the family had ever been in Mrs. Nichols' apartment, and for a moment John Jr. hesitated, know-

When ill-naturedly rallied by his companions upon his preference for Carrie, ward, laughingly, while Carrie rejoined, Durward would sometimes laughingly re- "You've only to make the slightest adserve 'em right," he thought, at last, and fox and the grapes, for to scarcely any fold, for 'Lena is very susceptible, and almotioning Nellie to follow him, he silently one save himself did Carrie think it worth ready encourages several admirers." led the way to his grandmother's room, her while to be even gracious. This con-Polly's gruff voice, which bade them natural disposition, for she was fond of going on farther in his remarks when

pected her of being a coquette." She was resolved upon winning Durward Jr., determined now upon defending his which had never before seemed so meager Bellmont, deeming no sacrifice too great cousin. "'Lena has a high temper, I actrue there was one sophomore, a perfum- it, and for nearly two years I've not seen position, lay Mrs. Nichols, white as the snowy cap-border which shaded her face. who, next to Durward, was apparently provocation under heaven." taining even a shadow of a liking for Tom able," retorted Carrie. "Any one of her carefully pushing back the few gray locks Lankin, was too ludicrous to be harbored admirers would tell the same story with for a moment, so his attentions went for yourself."

naught, public opinion uniting in giving At this juncture John Jr., was called for greatly improved. The extreme delicacy ately apologized to Durward, saying, "it of her figure was gone, and though her was not often that she allowed herself to complexion was as white and pure as speak against her cousin, and that she marble, it denoted perfect health. With should not have done so now, were John Jr., she was still the favorite sister, John so much blinded, that her mother, the one whom he loved the best. "Car- knowing Lena's ambitious nature, somerie was to stiff and proud," he said, and times seriously feared the consequence. though when he met her in New Haven, I know," said she, "that John fancies forthwith she commenced a history of her after a year's absence, his greeting was Nellie but 'Lena's influence over him is Queen Street, -

ber to cry, because no one cared for her. speak against 'Lena; she is my cousin, sound of the carriage, as it came round him of the importance of securing a her; so you must forget my unkind re. course by speaking of Mr. Douglass' small tered in the presence of a stranger. She income, and enlarging upon the immense is handsome and agreeable, and you must wealth of Mabel Ross, whose very name like her in spite of what I said," one time his father had hoped he, too, pleads her cause," was Durward's gallant would enter college, but the young man answer, and as the other young ladies derided the idea of his ever making a then entered the room, the conversation Furniture of all Descriptions. dom cried herself-she did not like to see scholar, saying, however, more in sport ceased. others cry—and still she did not blame than in earnest, that "he was willing to Meanwhile Lena was very differently enter a store, or learn a trade, so that in employed. Nearly a year had elapsed case he was ever obliged to earn his own since she had seen her cousins, and her CASKETS AND COFFINS living, he would have some means of heart bounded with joy at the thought of her farewell, asking if she could not carry living, he would have some means of heart bounded with joy at the thought of doing it;" but to this his mother would meeting Anna, whom she dearly loved.

With something of her old spirit 'Lena of a girl, should never become hardened she thought, "If she would only let me and embrowned by labor!" So, while his love her." But it could not be, for there Robes & Shrouds, sisters were away at school, he was at was no affinity between them. Carrie was home, hunting, fishing, riding, teasing his grandmother, tormenting the servants, high-spirited cousin, who, as John Jr. had and shocking his mother by threatening said, strove hard to subdue her temper, to make love to his cousin 'Lena, to whom and who now seldom resented Carrie's in- receive prompt and careful attention. he was at once a pest and a comfort, and sults, except when they were leveled at who now claims a share of our attention. her aged grandmother. When it was decided to send Carrie and As we have before stated, news had

Anna to New Haven, Mr. Livingstone been received at Maple Grove that Dur-"To bid 'Lena good by; don't you want to go, too?" said Nellie.

"Why, yes, if you are sure she won't scratch my eyes out," he returned, gayly, following his cousin.

Anna to New Haven, Mr. Livingstone op proposed that 'Lena should also accompany her cousins home. Mr. Graham, would, of course, join him them, but this plan Mrs. Livingstone op posed with all her force, declaring that her money should never be spent in edufors were immediately commenced. An her money should never be spent in edufors ward would accompany her cousins home.

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BATH SPONGES—assorted sizes; there immediately commenced. An her money should never be spent in edufors. "I reckon I'd better tell 'Lena to come cating the "beggarly relatives" of her unusual degree of sickness was prevaling out into the hall—she may not want you husband, who in this, as in numerous among the female portion of Mrs. Livingin there," said John Jr., and hastening other matters, was forced to yield the stone's servants, and the very day before forward he told his cousin what was point. As Mr. Everett's services were the company was expected, Aunt Milly, now no longer needed, he accepted the the head cook was taken suddenly ill. Oh, how 'Lena longed to go, but pride, offer of a situation in the family of Gen-Coaxing, scolding, and threatening were DAVIO, SIAPLES & UU. and the remembrance of Carrie's word's eral Fontaine, a high-bred, southern gen- alike ineffectual. The old negress would prevented her, and coldly answering, tleman, whose plantation was distant but not say that she was well when she wasn't

This visit to Grandma Nichols' room was of the neighboring planters, it was decid- superintend the cookery. productive of some good, for John Jr. did ed that 'Lena also should continue under "Crosser than a bar," as the little dark-Thus while Carrie and Anna were going kitchen to pantry, her bunch of keys rat-Nellie's mind, adding, that "though Dur- through the daily routine of a fashionable tling, the corners of her mouth drawn ward did not venture in, Nellie would of boarding-school, 'Lena was storing her back, and her hands raised ready to strike and includes House, Stable, Barn, Woodshed, mind with useful knowledge, and though at anything that came in her way. As if and a large garden, and is one of the most places her accomplishments were not quite so there were a fatality attending her move- offered for sale on very easy terms showy as those of her cousins, they had in ments, she was unfortunate in whatever Angry, because she felt the truth of them the ring of the pure metal. Al- she undertook. The cake was burned LING, Esq., or to

though her charms were as yet but par- black, the custard curdled, the preserves "Do?" he repeated, "give grand- rare loveliness, and many who saw her for serve dish got broken, a thunder shower mother a decent room, or else fix that the first time, marveled that aught so soured the cream, and taking it all in all, beautiful could be real. She had never she really had trouble enough to disconseen Durward Bellmont since that remark | cert the most experienced housekeeper. Paper and paint it, and make it look able Christmas week, but many a time Still, the few negroes able to assist, which she could not define, as she read But cross she was, feeling more than Livingstone resolved to act, for recently Anna's accounts of the flattering atten- once inclined to lay witchcraft to the several vague rumors had reached her tions which he paid to Carrie, who, when charge of old Milly, who comfortably enear, touching her neglect of her mother at home, still treated her with haughty sconced in bed, listened in dismay to the Sept. 1, 1881-tf.

just possible that a little of her money But for this she did not care. She time to time from the kitchen, mentally would be well expended in adding to the knew she was loved by Anna, and liked congratulating herself the while upon not comfort of her husband's mother. Ac- by John Jr., and she hoped-nay, half- being within hearing of her mistress' cordingly, as soon as Mrs. Nichols was believed—that she was not wholly indif- tongue. Once Mrs. Nichols attempted to THE subscriber offers his Farm for sale in the able to sit up, her room underwent a ferent to her uncle, who, while he seldom help, but she was repulsed so angrily that I Cross Creek Settlement, containing one hunthorough renovation, and though no great made any show of his affections, still in Lena did not presume to offer her services amount of money was expended upon it. it was fitted up with so much taste that With his wife it was different. She hated out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the beauty of their arrival, when with out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the beauty of their arrival, when with out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the beauty of their arrival, when with out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the beauty of their arrival, when with out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the beauty of their arrival, when with out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the beauty of their arrival, when with out a word, she repaired to the chambers, and distributed the chambers, and the control of the said Farm, as the poor old lady, whom John Jr., 'Lena, 'Lena-hated her because she was beau- which she swept and dusted, arranging and Anna had adroitly kept out of the tiful and talented, and because in her the furniture, and making everything way until her room was finished, actually presence Carrie and Anna were ever in ready for the comfort of the travelers.

burst into tears when first ushered into the shade. Still her niece was too general Then descending to the parlors, she her light, arry apartment, in which every- a favorite in the neighborhood to allow of went through the same process there, thing looked so cheerful and pleasant. open hostility at home, and so the proud filled the vases with fresh flowers, looped 'Tilda has now and then a good streak, woman ground together her glittering back the curtains, opened the piano,

the room, felt inclined to change her fa- there was no one who gave her such full going to the dining-room, she set the vorite theory with regard to her mistress' and unbounded homage as did her grand. table in the most perfect order, doing all mother, whose life at Maple Grove had so quietly that her aunt knew nothing of been one of shadow, seldom mingled with it until it was done. Jake, the coachman, THAT pleasantly situated Two Storey Brick sunshine. Gradually had she learned the had gone down to Frankfort after them. estimation in which she was held by her and as he was not expected to return until son's wife, and she felt how bitter it was between three and four, dinner was deto eat the bread of dependence. As far ferred until that hour. And in the fair city of elms we again open as she was able, 'Lena shielded her from From sunrise Mrs. Livingstone had the scene. It was commencement at Yale the sneers of her aunt, who, thinking she worked industriously, until her face and and the crowd which filled the old Center had done all that was required of her temper were at a boiling heat. The clock church were listening breathlessly to the when she fixed their room, would for days was on the point of striking three, and tide of eloquence poured forth by the and even weeks appear utterly oblivious she was bending over a roasting turkey, of their presence, or frown darkly when when Lena ventured to approach her, sayever chance threw them in her way. She ing, "I have seen Aunt Milly baste a tur-

Old Captain Atherton, grown more What dar ar you tellin'?" Miss 'Leny smooth and portly, rubbed his fat hands pokin' mong de pots and kittles, and dis ence," whispered one of the young ladies on the right; and Carrie Livingstone, for she it was felt a thrill of gratified pride, when she saw how carefully he guarded the bouquet, which during all the exercises she had made her special care calling attention to it in so many different ways that hardly any one who saw it in Durward's possession could fail of knowing from what source it came.

But then everybody knew they were engaged—so what did it matter? Everybody but John Jr., who was John Jr., still and who while openly denying the engagement, teasingly hinted "that 't was no fault of Cad's"

For the last three years Carrie, Nellie,

smooth and portly, rubbed his fat hands complacently, and while applying Twigg's Preparation to his hair, congratulated himself that the only rival he had ever feared was now out of his way. Thinking the action to the case she's got to in kingdom come, no mistake favor upon himself by taking Mr. Everett from off his mind, he became exceeding frequently asking her to ride.

Whenever these invitations were accepted, they were sure to be followed by a ludicrous description to Anna, who laughed merrily over her cousin's letters, declaring herself half jealous of her "gray-hody but John Jr., still and who while openly denying the engagement, teasingly hinted "that 't was no fault of Cad's"

For the last three years Carrie, Nellie, All such communications were eagerly

wait upon her friend. Never but once did Mrs. Livingstone go near her mother's sickroom—"the smell of herbs made her faint," she said! But to do her justice, we must say that she gave Polly unquali-

her myself."

fer them to the old worn-out story of the vance, and your love will be returned tenduct was entirely at variance with her mistaken," interrupted John Jr., who was admiration, come from what source it Durward asked if "she ever left any might, and she would never have been so marks of her affection," referring to the cold and distant to all save Durward, had scratch she had given Carrie; who, before she not once heard him say that "he her brother had time to speak, replied heartily despised a flirt, and that no young | that "the will and the claws remained the

lady could at all interest him if he sus- same, though common decency kept them hidden when it was necessary.' This, then, was the secret of her reserve. "That's downright siander," said John if in the end it secured the prize. It is knowledge, but she tries hard to govern

most in favor, but the idea of her enter- "She knows when and where to be ami-

a moment from the room, and Carrie, With the lapse of years, Anna, too, had fearing she had said too much, immedi-

Frequently had his mother reminded and I wouldn't prejudice any one against wealthy bride, always finishing her dis- marks, which would never have been uthad become disagreeable to John Jr. At "I cannot refuse when so fair a lady

not listen. He was her "darling boy," Carrie was to her an object of indifference, and "his hands, soft and white as those rather than dislike, and oftentimes had

under his charge several of the daughters Mrs. Livingstone was herself obliged to ies said, she flew back and forth, from

tially developed, she was a creature of were found to be working, the big prehad her cheeks flushed with a feeling thought she needn't be so fetched cross. disastrous accounts brought her from

wheeled the sofa a little to the right, the Among the many who admired 'Lena, large chair a little to the left, and then

'Lena's temper choked her, but forcing it down, she replied, "Why it is almost Somewhat molified by her niece's kind manner, Mrs. Livingstone resigned her post and repaired to her own room, while Lena, confining her long curls to the top set herself at work with a right good will. "What dat ar you say?" exclaimed THE subscriber expects daily, a large lot of Aunt Milly, lifting her woolly head from 1 Shingles and Clapbards from Naka- for \$1.00

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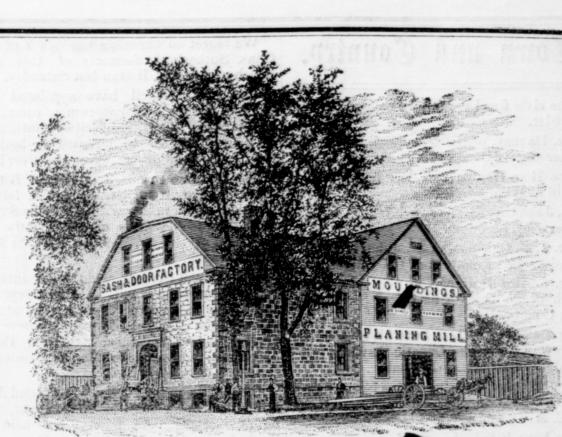
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