

"It is well," was Mabel's only answer,

as she turned wearily upon her side and

weeping, and thinking again, of the noi-

it was so dark, so cold, and dreary. But

Mabel had trusted in One who she knew

hid her face in the pillows.

"It is well."

night ?"

"It's only to New Orleans and back," had been kept burning, but many a

"It isn't that," answered Mabel, wip- come on, and as the November wind went

comes-for if you are sick she'll feel in morrow. duty bound to visit you, and I'd rather The next day Nellie came, but she, too, was changed. The roundness of her form face a loaded cannon than her."

so violent that John Jr. as he held the 'Lena promised, adding that she-bowl to her quivering lips, saw that what thought Mabel would see Nellie herself Tooth, Ear and Headache, Frosted she had raised was streaked with blood. as she was to sail from Liverpool the 20th But he was unused to sickness, and he and a few days proved her conjecture corgave it no farther thought, resuming the rect. Entering Mabel's room one morn-No Preparation on earth equals ST. JACOBS OIL as a safe, sure, simple and cheap External Remedy. A trial entails but the comparatively trifing outlay of 50 Cents, and every one suffering with pain can have cheap and positive proof of its conversation as soon as she became quiet. Ing about a week after John's departure, "To be plain, Meb," said he, "I want she brought the glad news that Nellie had you to hurry and get well before Nellie returned, and would be with them to-

said she, "and it's right that I should 'Twas the first time Mabel had heard die. He and Nellie were made for each that not ne since the night when her other, and if the inhabitants of heaven mot ner in law had rang it in her ears, and are allowed to watch over those they now she started so quickly, that the of- loved on earth, I will ask to be always fending cough could not be forced back, near them. You will tell her, won't and the coughing fit which followed was you ?"

than ever. told what her mother-in-law had said, and "Nellie is coming home in a few weeks," how terribly John was deceived. "Of he said at length, with his usual precipi- course he couldn't love me after that," tancy

prevented by a glance at her face, which "I do not understand you," said 'Lena, by the flickering lamplight looked whiter and then, in broken sentences, Mabel

sprang to his lips, but its utterance was blame.

imagination he anticipated her answer. before Nellie comes I want you to tell "I do not think I am any better." her how it all happened, and that she "And I don't believe you try to be," must forgive him, for he was not to

suppress because it was offensive to him, That night, as they were alone in the brought a scowl to his forehead, and in gathering twilight, Mabel said, "If I die

last his thoughts formed themselves into ed 'Lena to lead her to the window, words. Stopping short at the foot of the where she stood watching him until a turn bed, he said abruptly and without looking her in the face, "How do you feel to-""Tis the last time." said she, "a "'Tis the last time," said she, "and he will never know how much this parting The stifled cough which Mabel tried to cost me."

Thus he reflected as he walked, and at feet was heard on the lawn, she request-

In his heart he did not accuse the latter not have left her, but he believed as he of feigning her illness, but be wished she said, that she would survive the winter. would get well faster, so that Nellie need and with one more kiss upon her brow, not feel obliged to visit her. She could where the perspiration was standing at least make an effort-a great deal de- thickly, he departed. The window of pended upon that-and she had now been Mabel's room commanded a view of the confined to her room three or four weeks. turnpike, and when the sound of horses

then walking up and down the room with the heavy tread which always indicated a storm within. He had that day been to Frankfort, hearing that Nellie was really coming home very soon—very possibly she was now on her way. Of course she she was now on her way. Of course she For a moment longer she detained him, would visit Mabel, when she heard she while she prayed silently for heaven's was sick, and of course he must meet ber blessing on his wayward head, and then face to face, must stand with her at the releasing him, she bade him go. Had he bedside of his wife, and that wife Mabel. known of all that was to follow, he would

say good by.

For a long time she lay there, thinking, care of you a heap better than I can."

long."

some grave through which she must pass, and from which she instinctively shrank, Wait a little while. I'm sure it won't be drops beat against the casement, he thought of the lonesome little grave on Geo. Hatt & Sons "You are nervous," said he, playfully which that rain was falling; and shudderwould go with her down into the lone val- tapping her white cheek. "You're not ing, he hid his face in the pillows, asking ley-whose arm she felt would uphold going to die. You'll live to be grand- to be forgiven, for he knew that all too her as she crossed the dark, rolling stream mother yet, who knows? But I must be soon that grave was made, and he had of death; and as if her frail bark were al- off for lose the train. Good by, little helped to make it. At last, long after

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ily upon the world she had left, and as nice-good-by.' When she saw that he was going, Mabel placed it where the shadow would fall she saw what she felt would surely be,

she again murmured through her tears, asked him to come back to her bedside upon the wall as it had done of old. It

just for one moment. He could not re- was no longer a phantom to annoy him, That night, when John Jr. came up to fuse, and winding her long, emaciated and soothed by its presence, he fell asleep,

his room, he appeared somewhat moody and cross, barely speaking to Mabel, and "Kiss me once before you go. I shall bring him her forgiveness, but when he

gone out with the young life for whom it

With the sun-setting a driving rain had

he said, as he saw her changing face. "I shadow lay dark and heavy across his heaver than the Cheapert than the Cheapert.

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