

Mr. Douglas, when told of the coming event by Mrs. Livingstone, who would trust no one else, expressed much sur-prise, saying he greatly preferred that the ceremony should take place at his own house. "Of course," returned the oily-tongued "Of course," returned the oily-tongued

fellow she ever saw.

fellow she ever saw. "I hope you'll train him, Mabel," said she, "for he needs it. He ought to have had Nellie Douglas. She's a match for him. Why didn't you leave her, John?" With a face dark as night, he angrily requested Carrie "to mind her own busi-ness," saying "he was fully competent to take charge of himself, without the inter-ference or either wife or sister.,' "Oh, what if he should look and talk so to me !" thought Mabel, shuddering as a dim foreboding of her sad future came over her. "I do not accuse you of being at all mercenary, but such things have been, and there has something come to my knowledge to day, which I deem it my duty to tell you, so that hereafter you can neither blame me nor Mabel."

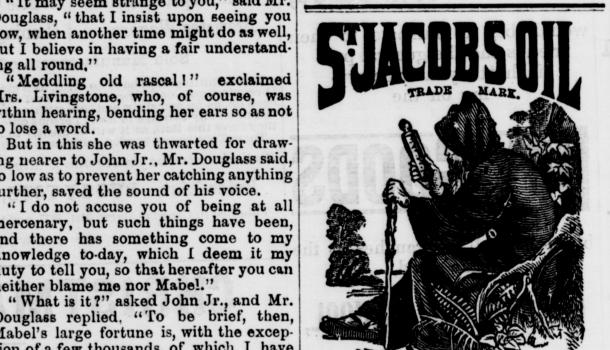
neither blame me nor Mabel.' came over her.

'Lena, who understood John Jr. better "What is it ?" asked John Jr., and Mr. than any one else, saw that all was not right. She knew how much he had loved Nellie; she believed he loved her still; and why should he marry another? She could not tell, and as he withheld his confidence from her, appearing unusually moody and cross, she dared not approach him. At last, having an idea of what she wanted, and willing to give her a chance, no difference, while if you loved her for

neck, and in low, earnest tones, said, Douglass' words had fallen upon him like "Tell me truly, do you wish to marry a thunderbolt, crushing him to the earth, and for a moment rendering him power-

"And suppose I do not?" he asked, with the same stony composure. Stepping backward, Mabel stood proud-y erect before him, and answered, "Then with the same stony composure. ly erect before him, and answered, "Then ness, a grasping at empty space to keep from falling, and then forth into the open would I die rather than wed you ! There was something in her appearance

the ceremony should take place at his own house. "Of course, returned the oily-tongued woman, "Of course you had, but even as small wedding party is a vasat amount of trouble, and in Nellie's absence you would' be disturbed. Were she here I would not say a word, but now I insit upon having it my own way, and indeed. I think my claim upon Mabel is the strongest." Silenced, but not quite convinced, Mr. Douglas said no more, thinking, mean while, that if he only could aftord it Mabel should have a wedding worthy of her. But he could not 'h was poor, and hence Mrs. Livingstone's arguments pre-vailed the more easily. Fortunately for to bave settled upon him, and day after a deep study in his own room, and some-times sitting in the parlor, where his rei-re denounced him as the most clowning fellow she ever saw. "I thome avoil tears to Mabel's eyes, while Car-re denounced him as the most clowning fellow she ever saw. "I thom a wale 'with gene strange of you,'' said it nown''. "I thom you have a wedding worthy of the point tears to Mabel's eyes, while Car-re denounced him as the most clowning fellow she ever saw. "I thom you have a wet clowning fellow she ever saw. "I thom you have a trange of he dark eyes lift, the yous attisfied in the out of the was poor, and the point tears to Mabel's eyes, while Car-re denounced him as the most clowning fellow she ever saw. "I thom you have a trange of you,'' asid it insist upon seeing you now, when another time night do as well, but believe in having a fair understand fellow she ever saw. "I thom you was a clowning the most clowning fellow she ever saw. "I thom you have a trange of you,'' exclaimed the portion the tear of the mate the mater time night do as well, to have settled upon him, and day after fellow she ever saw. "I thom you have a trange to you,'' exclaimed fellow she ever saw. "I thom you was a concer the mater the mater tear to mater the mater tears to mater the mater tears to mater the mater tears to mater the most clowning the point tea





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he one day, when they were alone, ab- her money, it were far better ruptly asked her what she thought of his here." Nothing could have been further from

"If you ask me what I think of Mabel," John's thoughts than a desire for Mabel's said she, "I answer that I esteem her wealth, which, precious as it seemed in very highly, and the more I know her the his mother's eyes, was valueless to him,

the top of the mantel. "You see now what thought did; but what is your ob-jection to her?" But, he added, as a sudden jection to her ?"

and will try to be a good wife."

"What the duece are you grumbling for, then?" interrupted John Jr. "Do you want me yourself? If you do, just say the word, and it shall be done! I'm admired him, but now there was but one bound to be married, and I'd sooner have feeling in his bosom toward him, and that you than anybody else. Come, what do was one of unbounded respect. With a warm pressure of the hand he turned you say ?"

'Lena smiled, while she disclaimed any away, thinking, purchance, of his fair Lena smiled, while she disclaimed any intention toward her cousin, who, resum-ing the position which in his excitement he had slightly changed, continued : "I have always dealt fairly with you, 'Lena, and now I tell you truly, I have no parti-cular love for Mabel, although I intend making her my wife, and heartily wish she was so now." Away, thinking, purchance, of his fair young daughter, who, far away o'er the Atlantic wave, little dreamed of the scene on which that summer moon was shining. As the conference ended, Mrs. Living-stone, who had learned nothing, glidded from her hiding-place, eagerly scanning her son's face to see if there was aught to justify her fears. But there was nothing. she was so now.'

he was so now." 'Lena started, and clasping John's arm, and with her heart beating at its accusexclaimed, "Marry Mabel and not love her! You cannot be in earnest. You time to meet Durward, who having reach. 10 will not do her so great a wrong-you ed Woodlawn that day, had not heard of

"I don't know how you'll help it, un-less you meddle with what does not con-state the gentleman's room," said the ser-GEO. H. DAVIS' cern you," said John. "I am doing her no wrong. I never told her I loved her-never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is never acted as though I did; and if she is content to have me on such terms, it is to a holf onen down and then how mention

nobody's business. She loves me half to death, and if the old adage be true that love begets love, I shall learn to love her, she had seen from the window.

love begets love, I shall learn to love her, and when I do I'll let you know." So saying, the young man shook down his pants, which had become disarranged, and walked away, leaving 'Lena to won-der what course she had better pursue. Once she resolved on telling Mabel all that had passed between them, but the next moment convinced her that, as he had said, she would be meddling, so she decided to say nothing, silently honing decided to say nothing, silently hoping that affairs would turn out better than she feared. feared.

It was Mabel's wish that 'Lena and herself to the tumult of bitter thoughts. Anna should be her bridesmaids, Durward and Malcolm officiating as groomsmen, and as Mr. Bellmont was away, she wrote to him, requesting his attendance, but saying she had not yet mentioned the subject to 'Lena. Painful as was the task of being thus associated with 'Lena, Durward felt that to refuse might occa-sion much remark, so he wrote to Mabel that "he would comply with her request. sion much remark, so he wrote to Mabel had been cut the nated tress that the would comply with her request, mother had cast into the flames, arrested his hand, and he was himself again Forc-

that "he would comply with her request, provided Miss Rivers were willing." "Of course she's willing," said Mabel to herself, at the same time running with the letter to 'Lena, who, to her utter as-tonishment, not only refused outright, but also declined giving any particular reason for her doing so. "Carrie will

better I love her. Still, I never thought she would be my wife." "Ah--indeed !—never thought she would, hey ?" answered John, beginning to grow crusty, and elevating his feet to the grow crusty is the state of the set of

"Nothing, nothing," returned 'Lena. impulse of good came over him, "She "Mabel is amiable, gentle, and confiding, need not know it; it would trouble her uselessly, and for the present we'll keep

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suit him much better than I," said she, dress, which was hardly in accordance but unfortunately, Carrie, who chanced with that of a bridesmaid; "I supposed I to be present, half hidden in the recess of was to be groomsman-am I mistaken ?" a window, indignantly declined "going Jack-at-a-pinch" with any one, so Mabel was obliged to content herself with Anna and Mr. Everett. But here a new difficulty arose, for Mrs.

Livingstone declared that the latter arrangement." should not be invited, and Anna, in a fit And 'Lena walked out of the room, of anger, insisted that if he were not good while Durward looked after her in amazeenough to be present, neither was she, ment, one moment admiring her spirit, and she should accordingly remain in her and the next blaming Mabel for not inown room. Poor Mabel burst into tears, forming him how matters stood. "But and when, a few moment's afterward, John Jr. appeared, asking what ailed her, she hid her face in his bosom and sobbed like a child. Then, frightened at her And thus ended an interview of which own temerity, for he gave her no answering caress, she lifted up her head, while 'Lena had thought so much, hoping and with a quizzical expression John Jr. said, praying that it might result in a reconcili-"So-ho, Meb, seems to me you've taken ation. But it was over now-the breach to crying on my jacket a little in advance. was wider than ever-and with half-benumbed faculties she leaned against the But what's the matter ?"

In a few words Mabel told him how open window, unconscious of the earnest everything went wrong, how neither desire he felt to approach her, for there 'Lena, Carrie, nor Anna would be her was about her a strange fascination which bridesmaids, and how Anna wouldn't see it required all his power to resist. her married because Malcom was not inmessenger was despatched to John Jr., vited.

"I can manage that," said Johh Jr. who, without a word, offered his arm to Mr. Everett shall be invited, so just shut Mabel, and descending the broad stair- Dec. 11-52. Mr. Everett shall be invited, so just shut madel, and descending the broad star-up crying, for if there's anything I detest it's a woman's sniveling;" and he walked off, thinking he had begun just as he meant to hold out. meant to hold out. him so reproachfully that with a scowl he

## CHAPTER XXV.

## THE BRIDAL

'Twas Mabel's wedding night, and in one of the upper rooms of Mr. Livingstone's house she stood awaiting the summons to the parlor. They had arrayed her for the bridal; Mrs. Livingstone, Carrie, Lena, Anna, and the seamstress, all had had something to do with her toilet, and now they had left her for a time with him who was so soon to be her husband. She knew-for they had told her-she was looking uncommonly well. tined to drain. Her dress, of pure white satin, was singularly becoming; pearls were interwoven in the heavy braids of her raven hair; the fleecy folds of the rich veil, which fell like a cloud around her, swept the floor. In her eye there was an unusual sparkle and on her cheek an unwonted bloom.

they were saying. Still Mabel was not happy. There was a heavy pain at her heart-a foreboding umn, I am told," said Durward, "and I of coming evil-and many an anxious glance she cast toward the stern, silent am glad of it, for I miss her much. But what is it about Mr. Wilbur's marriage. man, who, with careless tread, walked up Wasn't it rather unexpected ?" and down the room, utterly regardless of her presence, and apparently absorbed in went that he was engaged to Miss Allen, hitter reflections. Once only had she but at his sister's request she kept it still. He found her at a boarding-school in Monventured to speak, and then, in child-like simplicity, she had asked him "how she treal, several years ago." looked.'

"Will they remain in Europe ?" "Well enough," was his answer, as without raising his eyes, he continued his "For a time, at least, until Mary is better-but Nellie comes home with some walk.



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The tears gathered in Mabel's eyes- friends from New Haven, whom she met she could not help it; drop after drop in Paris;" then in a low tone Mr. Doug. 50 Dozen packages SHOP TWINE, Plain Dealers, or will be mailed by the publishers on Rosewood, Walnut and Cloth Covered. REGENT STREET, late the appetite and digestive organs; they Z. R. EVERETT. operate to purify and enrich the blood, and impart renewed health and vigor to the R. CHESTNUT & SONS. receipt of 10 cents. they came, falling upon the marble table, lass added, "I almost dread the effect of FREDERICTON, N. B. until John Jr., who saw more than he pre. this marriage upon her, for I am positive tended, came to her side, asking "why she liked him better than any one else." Fredericton, Dec. 1 Robes & Shrouds. Bird Food. J. & A. McMILLAN, Publishers, St. John, N. B. whole system. J. B. GRI EVES, Proprietor. Desicated Cocoanut, **Revolvers** ! Revolvers !! Prepared by Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., The little white, blue-veined hand she wept." Mabel was beginning to be terribly which rested on that of John Jr., was sud-Crapes & Cloves. Convenient to Public Offices, Free Market, and Steamboat Landing. Terms moderate. Stabling and yard accommodation of the very best. Practical and Analytical Chemists, Dealers who have not already received a afraid of him, and for a moment she hesi-tated, but at length, summoning all her courage, she wound her arms about his which had no thought for her, for Mr. JUST received, one case of Revolvers and Z. R.EVERETT. JUST RECEIVED AT supply are invited to send their orders. Lowell, Mass. 18 Orders from the Town and Country will GEO. HATT & SONS. Z. R.EVERETT. St. John, Oct. 13, 1881 SOLD BY ALL DRUGGISTS LYZRYWHERE. receive prompt and careful attention.

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