CHAPTER XX.

A FATHER'S LOVE.

When it was known at Maple Grove that 'Lena was taking lessons of Du Pont, it was naturally supposed that Mabel, as she had first proposed, paid the bills.
"Mighty kind in her, and no mistake," and John Jr., throwing aside the stump of a cigar which he had been smoking, and "Perhaps I shall."

thinking to himself that "Mabel was a nice girl after all." heavily upon his hands, he suddenly won- her my daughter." dered why he had never thought to call upon 'Lena. "To be sure, I feel awfully what to think. If his father had an undue 'Why-ee, I guess I do,' answered grandto go where Nelly used to be, and know regard for Lena why should he wish to ma, again seizing his hand. 'Where did

away he had been intolerably cross and fault finding. He found a servant in the door, so he was saved the trouble of ringing, and entering unannounced, walked noiselessly to the parlor-door, which was ajar. 'Lena, as usual, sat at the piano, wholly absorbed, while over her bent confidence which had so recently been shaken, was fully restored, when by the light of the hall lamp at home, he saw haughtily gathered up the ample folds of her dress, lest it should be polluted.

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"Eather's suggestion was a good one."

question in a low, quiet kind of a much-in-jured was a fixed in the sake of sewing jured woman way, as provoking as it was uncalled for.

"em up. But law!' he added, as he saw the deepening scowl on Carrie's face, wimmin may jest as well be putterin' about that as anything else, for their time appeared to so good advantage to him as

ing up, 'Lena said, "I know I should once, and she will thus be out of danger." never learn if it were not for you," at the same time winding her arm about Mabel's Should he bring her there to Woodlawn, neck and kissing her glowing cheek. "Let me have a share of that," exclaimed John Jr., stepping forward and clasping both the girls in his arms, ere they were aware of his presence.

her through the open door.

down beside him, asking numerous questions about home and her grandmother. John answered them all, and then, oh how he longed to ask if there had come any tidings of the absent one; but he would not-she had left him of her own

speak a ship. I wish they'd taken a an uncomfortable humor, the latter sesteamer instead of a sailing vessel," said cretly lamenting the mistake which she

"I suppose Mr. Wilbur had an eye upon the long, cozy chats he could have with Nellie, looking out upon the sea," was John's answer, while Mabel quickly releast three cambric-needles in her vigorjoined, that he had chosen a sailing ves- ous jerks at the handkerchief she was sel solely on Mary's account."

thought he would call.' Scarcely had he taken his seat, when she waited.

again the door opened, this time admitting Mr. Graham, who was returning from ed the stranger of the negro who answer-Louisville, and had also found it conveni- ed the summons. ent to call Involuntarily Durward glanced toward 'Lena, but her face was as the new comer askance. calm and unruffled as if the visitor had

"All right there," thought he, and withdrawing his eyes from her, he fixed firmative, and asking the young man to them upon his father, who he fancied walk in. seemed somhwhat disconcerted when he saw him there. Mentally blaming himwithin him, he still determined to watch, and judge for himself how far his mother's go the hull figger, and send in my card as suspicions were correct. Taking up a they do to Boston. were elsewhere. It was 'Lena's lessonday, and erelong Du Pont came in, ap pearing both pleased and surprised when he saw Mr. Graham.

"I hope you don't expect me to expose my ignorance before all these people," said 'Lena, as Du Pont motioned her to

"Suppose we adjourn to another room, said Mabel leading the way, and followed by John Jr. only.

Durward at first thought of leaving also and arose to do so, but on observing that his father showed no intention of going, he resumed his seat and book, poring over the latter as intently as if it had not been wrong side up! "Does monsieur incline to stay," asked

Du Pont, as Mr. Graham took his station at the end of the piano. "Certainly," answered Mr. Graham, "unless Miss Rivers insists upon my leaving, which I'm sure she would not do if ed, 'Show him in Ben—show him in.' performance. 'No' I hain she knew how much interest I take in

'Lena with a look which puzzled Durward, who from behind his book was watching him. Admiration, affection, pity, and resion of his face, and as Durward watched, he felt that there was a something which he could not fathom.

Accordingly, when Du Pont was gone,

he asked Mabel, who he knew was an exher very best pieces—"something lively brothers were green enough to stay tied and new, which will wake us up," said he. to their mother's apron-strings, they Mabel would greatly have preferred re- might do it, but he wouldn't. No, sir! maining with John Jr., but she was habit- he was going to make something of him- rejoined, 'Of course he does, and if ually polite, always playing when invited, and now taking her seat at the piano, she To effect this, about two years before brought out sounds far different from the time of which we are speaking, he Frankfort with him to-morrow. those of a new performer. But Mr. Gra. went to Boston to learn the art of daguer-ham, if he heard it, did not heed it, his rectype-taking, in which he really did eyes and ears being alone for 'Lena. Seat | seem to excel, returning home with some | son seen in the city with that specimen ing himself near her, he commenced talk- money, a great deal of vanity, and a strong Accordingly when the hour for retiring ing to her in an undertone, apparently propensity to boast of what he had seen. oblivious to everything else around him, and it was not until Durward twice asked how he liked Mabel's playing, that he heard a note. Then, starting up and going toward the instrument he said "the bound of the like the determined upon a ling toward the instrument he said "the bound of the line of t ing toward the instrument, he said, "Ah, tour to Kentucky, purchasing for the ocyes, that was a fine march, ('twas the casion a rather fantastic suit, consisting of "Rainbow Schottish," then new,) please greenish pants, blue coat, red vest, and repeat it, or something just like it." yellow neck-handkerchief. These he laid

ention from Mr. Graham, who seemed in a stronge mood to-day, scribbling upon a abilities. piece of white paper which lay upon the piano, and of which Durward managed to endeavoring to impress its inhabitants get possession, finding thereon the name. that of "Rivers," the Nichols being crosthe other, for hour after hour went by thinking he should create a sensation John Jr. had been gone some time. At Didn't he learn his trade in Boston, the last, as the sun was setting, Durward arose very center and source of all the isms of to go, asking if his father contemplated the day, and ought not Mr. Livingstone shall I tell my mother I left you?'

This aroused Mr. Graham, who said he was only waiting for his son to start, adding, that he could not find it in his heart self, it is not at all probable that he felt to tear him away from two so agreeable any misgivings when Ben ushered him at ladies, for he well remembered the weak. once into the presence of Mr. Livingstones ness of his own youth."

"In your second youth, now, fancy," thought Durward, watching him as he through with the five changes of a bow, tade 'Lena and Mabel good-by, and fail- which he had learned at a dancing-school, ing not to see how much longer he held bringing himself up finally in front of the hand of the former than he did of the Mrs. Livingstone, and exclaiming, "How-

he, as he took the hand his father drop- for I've hearn Miss Nichols and Aunt ped, and looked earnestly into the clear, Nancy talk of you ever since I was knee brown eyes, which returned his inquiring giance with one open and innocent as a

"All right here," again thought Dur. thought, at fust, this might be her,' nod ward, slightly pre sing the soft, warm ding to Anna. hand he held in his own, and smiling down upon her when he saw how quickly his wife had strong intentions of ordering that pressure brought the tell-tale blood to her cheek.

"Durward," said Mr. Graham, after cum, as your cards indicates, allow me they were out of the city, "I have a re-

quest to make of you." ·Well The answer was very that and it was go for his grandmother. sourced minutes ere Mr. Graham again

jealous she is of me-and it may be just as well for her not to know that --- ' Here he paused, and Durward finished the sentence for him. "Just as well for her not to know that

"That it—yes—yes"—answered Mr. Graham, adding, ere Durward had time to utter the angry words which he felt rising within him, "I wish you'd marry 'Lena." Instantly seizing her hand, Joel exclaimed, "Now Aunt Martha, if this ain't good for sore eyes, How do you do?" 'Pretty well, pretty well," she returned This was so sudden-so different from anything which Durward had expected, don't know more'n the dead who you be.' that he was taken quite by surprise, and it was some little time ere he answered,

'Lena Rivers ; is that it?'

Durward was confounded, and knew not after Helleny? she is not there, but it's lonesomer than see her the wife of another, and that you come from, and why didn't your Aunt a grave-yard here, and I'm bound to do other his son? Was it his better and Nancy come with you!

something."
So saying, he mounted Firelock and started off, followed by no regrets from his mother or sisters, for since Nellie went away he had been intolerably cross and away he had been intolerably cross and saying to save her from evil, which prompted the wish? Durward hoped so—he believed so; and the confidence which had so recently been introduced, thank you, said

Mrs. Graham had been in a fit of the same time thinking to make some advan-Mabel, who was assisting her in the lesson sulks ever since the morning of Mrs. Liv- ces, he hitched a little nearer, and taking speaking encouragingly, and patiently ingstone's call, and now, though she had hold of the strip of embroidery on which helping her through all the difficult not seen her husband for several days, she was engaged, he said, 'Now, du tell, places. Mabel's health was improved since first we saw her, and though she was still plain—ugly, many would say—there question in a low, quiet kind of a much-in-this makin' holes for the sake of sewin' has eligaged, he said, her head, meantime, and replying to his question in a low, quiet kind of a much-in-this makin' holes for the sake of sewin'

"Father's suggestion was a good one," she did at that moment, as he watched thought Durward, when he had retired to rest. "'Lena is too beautiful to be alone At last the lesson was finished, and ris. in the world. I will propose to her at where scarcely a day passed without some domestic storm? No, his home should be full of sunlight, of music and flowers, where no angry word or darkening frown could ever find entrance, and thus dream-With a gay laugh they shook him off, ing of a blissful future, when 'Lena should and 'Lena, leading him to the sofa, sat be his bride, he fell asleep.

CHAPTER XXI.

In this chapter it may not be out of accord, and he had sworn never to inquire place to introduce an individual who, for her. So he sat gazing dreamily upon though not a very important personage, her piano, the chair she used to occupy, and the books she used to read, until 'Lena, either dividing his thoughts, or fancying he would wish to know, said, "We've not heard from Nellie since she 'We've not heard from Nellie since she sembled in the parlor. John Jr. had re-"You didn't oxpect to, so soon, I suppose," was John's indifferent reply. turned, and purposely telling his mother and Carrie whom he had left with 'Lena, "Why, no, not unless they chanced to had succeeded in putting them both into had committed in suffering 'Lena to stay

In the midst of their conversation, the A heavy tread upon the piazza, a loud door-bell rang; and a moment after, Dur- ring of the bell, and Carrie straightened ward was ushered into the parlor. "He up, thinking it might possibly be Durward was in town on business," he said, "and who had called on his way home, but the voice was strange, and rather impatiently

Does Mr. Livingftone live here ?" ask 'Yes, sir,' answered the servant, eyeing

'And is old Miss Nichols and Helleny The negro grinned, answering in the af-

"Wall, guess I will," said he, advancing a few steps toward the parlor door. Then self for the distrust which he felt rising suddenly halting, he added, more to himself than to the negro, 'Darned if I don't

book which lay near, he pretended to be reading, while all the time his thoughts embossed card, and bending his knee for a table, he wrote with sundry flourishes, 'Mr. Joel Slocum, Esq., Slocumville, Mas-

'There, hand that to your boss," said he, 'and tell him I'm out in the entry." At the same time he stepped before the hat-stand, rubbing up his oily hair, and thinking 'Mr. Joel Slocum would make

an impression anywhere.' 'Who is it Ben?' whispered Carrie. 'Dunno, miss,' said the negro, passing the card to his master, and waiting in si-

lence for his orders. 'Mr, Joel Slocum, Esq., Slocumville, Massachusetts,' slowly read Mr. Living-

stone, wondering where he had heard that 'Who?' simultaneously asked Carrie and Anna, while their mother looked wonderingly up.

While Ben is showing him in, we will introduce him more fully to our readers, So during the entire lesson, Mr. Gra. promising that the picture is not over- saying she would see that he had some. ham stood there, his eyes fixed upon drawn, but such as we saw it in our native class of Yankees with which we some. over. times, though not often meet. Brought he was almost wholly ignorant of what really belonged to good manners, fancyat those of his acquaintance who, being of thought he--"I mean to put him to the a more quiet turn of mind, were content to settle down in the home of their fath-

"I never knew he was fond of music," ers, caring little or nothing for the world without. But as for him, "he was bound." cellent pianist, to favor him with one of he said, 'to see the elephant, and if his

Recollections of 'Lena, his early, and, as Durward bit his lim while Mabel, in carefully by in his trunk until he reached berfect con humour, dashed off into a Lexington, where he intended stopping for a time, hanging out a flaming sign,

which announced his presence and capget possession, finding thereon the name, with a sense of his consequence, and men-"Helena Nichols," to which was added tally styling them all 'Know Nothings,' because they did not seem to be more afsed out. It would seem as if both father fected, he one afternoon donned his best and son were determined each to outstay suit and started for Mr. Livingstone's and neitner spoke of leaving, although there; for wasn't he as good as anybody? spending the night;" "and if so," said to feel proud of such a guest, and wouldn't he, with a meaning in his manner, "where 'Lena stare when she saw him so much improved from what he was when they pick.

ed checkerberries together? With this comfortable opinion of himfamily, who stared at him in unfeigned antonishment. Nothing daunted, he went dy-do?-Mr. Livingstone, I s'po-e, though "Does she see as I do, or not?' thought it comes more natural to say cousin John,

high, and seems as how you must be related. How is the old lady, and Helleny. too. I kon't see 'em here, though I the intruder from the room, but John

Jr. had no such idea. He liked the fun, and now coming forward, said, 'Mr Slothe pleasure of presenting you to my mother-an i sisters;' at the same time ringing the bell, he ordered a servant to "Ab, ladies, how-dy do? Hope you are

"You know your mother as well as I Joel, bowing low, and shaking out the folds of his red silk handkerchief, strongly perfumed with peppermint. Another silence, and Mr. Graham con- Mrs. Livingstone did not even nod, Carrie

tinued: "You know how groundlessly but slightly, while Anna said, Good evenine, Mr. Slocum.' 'Quickly observing Mrs. Livingstone's silence, Joel to John Jr., saying, Don't believe she heard you—deaf, mebby?' John Jr. nodded, and at that moment you've have spent the afternoon with grandma appeared, in a great flurry to know who wanted to see her.

> but you've got the better of me, for I this don't beat all my first wife's relations.

'Now how you talk,' said Joel. 'If Why, I should have known you if I'd met hinking to himself that "Mabel was a "I wish you would," continued Mr. ice girl after all."

Graham. "I'd willingly give every dollar I'm worth for the privilege of calling on't you remember Joel Slocum, that used to have kind of a snickerin' notion

about that as anything else, for their time ain't nothin' more'n an old settin' hens.' This speech called forth the first loud roar in which John Jr. had indulged since Nellie went away, and now setting back in his chair, he gave vent to his feelings in peals of laughter, in which Joel also joined, thinking he'd said something smart. When at last he'd finished laughing, he thought again of 'Lena, and turning to Mrs. Livingstone, asked where she was, raising his voice to a high key on ac-

count of her supposed deafness.
Did you speak to me? asked the lady with a look which she meant should annihilate him, and in a still louder tone Joel repeated his question, asking Anna, aside, f her mother ever tried 'McAllister's All-Healing Oinment,' for her deafness, saying it had 'nighly cured his grandmother when she was several years older than

Mrs. Livingstone.' 'Much obliged for your prescription, which, fortunately, I do not need,' said Mrs. Livingstone, angrily, while Joel thought, how strange it was that deaf people would always hear in the wrong 'Mother don't seemed inclined to an-

swer your question concerning 'Lena,' said John Jr., 'so I will do it for her. She is in Frankfort, taking music lessons. You used to know her, I belleve. 'Lud, yes! I chased her once with a streaked snake, and if she did't put 'er through, then I'm no judge. Takin' music lessons, is she? I'd give a fo'pence to

'Are you fond of music?' asked John Jr., in hopes of what followed. 'Wall, I wouldn't wonder much if I was,' answered Joel, taking a tuning-fork from his pocket and stringing it upon the table. 'I've kep' singin' school one term, besides leadin' the Methodist choir in Slocumville; so I orto know a little some thin' about it.

'Perhaps you play, and if so, we'd like to hear you,' continued John Jr., in spite of the deprecating glance cast upon him by Carrie.

'Not such a dreadful sight,' answered Joel, sauntering toward the piano and drumming a part of 'Auld Lang Syne.' Not such a dreadful sight, but I guess these girls do. Come, girls, play us a jig,

'Go, Cad, it won't hurt you,' whispered John, but Carrie was immovable, and at last, Anna, who entered more into her brother's spirit, took her seat at the instrument, asking what he would have. 'Oh, give us 'Money Musk,' 'Hail Col umby,' 'Old Zip Coon,' or anything to raise a feller's ideas.'

Fortunately, Anna's forte lay in playing old music, which she preferred to more modern pieces, and Joel was soon beating time to the lively strains of 'Money Musk.' 'Wall, I declare,' said he, when it was ended, 'I don't see but what you Kentucky gals play most as well as they do to hum. I didn't s'pose many on you ever seen a pianner. Come,' turning to Carrie, 'less see what you can do. Mebby you'll beat her al! holler,' and he offered his hand to Carrie, who rather petulantly said she 'must be excused.'

'Oh, git out,' he continued. 'You needn't feel so bashful, for I shan't criticise you very hard. I know how to feel for new beginners. 'Have you been to supper, Mr. Slo-

leringly up.

Instantly John Jr., remembered 'Lena's Carrie, and wishing to put an end to the 'No' I hain't, and I'm hungrier than a bear,' answered Joel, whereupon Mrs. Branch Store, Main St., Woodstock. Nichols thinking he was her guest, arose,

drawn, but such as we saw it in our native state. Joel belonged to that extreme room, Mrs. Livingstone's wrath boiled MCMILLAN'S ALMANAC Perfect satisfaction guaranteed wanted with the cord or otherwise. "That's what comes of harboring your morse, all seemed mingled in the expres- up among the New England mountains, relatives,' and she looking indignantly upon her husband, and adding that she

hoped "the insolent fellow did not intend ing that he knew everything, and sneering staying all night, for if he did he couldn't. 'Do you propose turning him into the CORRECT Tables; full lists of Lighthouses; street?' asked Mr. Livingstone, looking Corporate bodies; Government and County

> he won't stay in my house, and you 'I hardly think an invitation is necessary, for I presume he expects to stay,' returned Mr. Livingstone, while John Jr. mother deesn't find him a room, I shall

> take him in with me, besides going to This was enough, for Mrs. Livingstone would do anything rather than have her arrived she ordered Corinda to show him into the east chamber, a room used for her common kind of visitors but which Joel pronounced as neat as a fiddle.

The next morning he announced his intention of visiting Frankfort, proposing to grandma that she should accompany him, and she was about making up her mind to do so, when 'Lena and Mabel both appeared in the yard. They had come out for a ride, they said, and finding the morning so fine had extended their excursion as far as Maple Grove sending separate pieces. their servant back to tell where they were going. With his usual assurance, Joel advanced toward 'Lena greeting her tenderly, and whispering in her ear that he Bells! found she was greatly improved as well as himself, while Lena wondered in what the improvement consisted. She had formerly known him as a great, overgrown good-natured boy, and now she saw him a conceited gawky. Still her manner was friendly toward him for he had come from her old home had breathed the air of her native hills, and she well remembered

her were still growing at her mother's And yet there was something about her which puzzled Joel, who felt that the difference between them was great. He was disappointed, and the declaration which he had fully intended making was left until another time, when, as he thought, "he shouldn't be so confounded shy of her ' His quarters, too, at Maple Grove, were not the most pleasant, for no one noticed him except Grandma and John Jr., and with the conviction that the Kentuckians didn't know what poltieness meant,' he ordered his horse after dinner, and started back to Lexinton, inviting all the family to call and set for

how years ago he had with her planted

and watered the flowers which he told

their picters, saying that seein' 'twas them, hed take em for half price. As he was leaving the pizzza, he turned back, and drawing a large, square case from his pocket, passed it to Lena, saying it was a daguerreotype of her mountain home, which he had taken on purpose for her, forgetting to give it to her until that minute. The look of joy which lighted np 'Lena's face made Joel almost repent of not having said to her what he intended to, but thinking he would wait till next time, he started off, his heart considerably lightened by her warm thanks for his

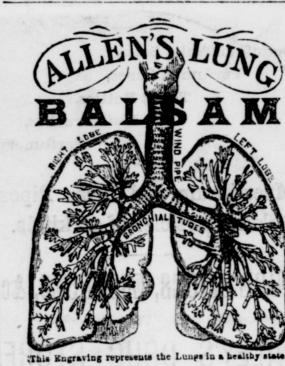
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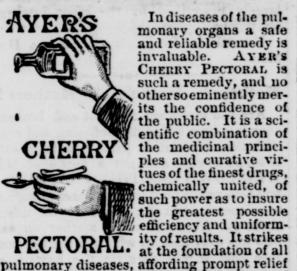
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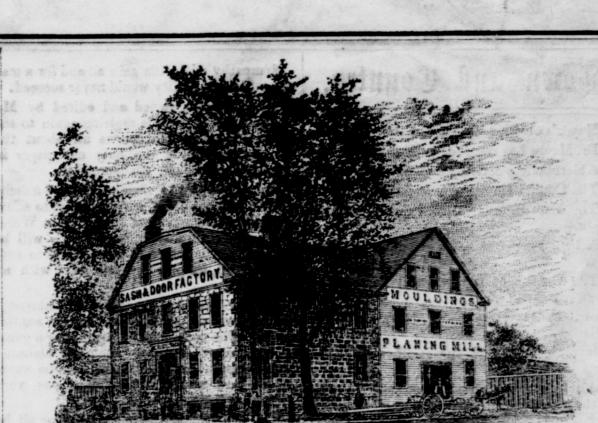
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