

that property," he soliloquized, still re-garding his tablets; "but the money will be well expended, since the tenants will be so much more comfortable than they are at present. Let me see-two, four, and three make seven-"

His calculations were suddenly inter-

rupted. A girlish form, bearing and apron tilled with wild flowers, and having a face wreathed with smiles of mischief, pre-sented itself at an open door behind him, and a long blade of grass, advanced by a delicate hand and arm, touched one of his ears, whereupon he slapped himself vig-orously, uttering an ejaculation, and a

merry peal of laughter succeeded. "Oh, it's you, is it, you little witch ?" exclaimed Sir John, as he sprang to his feet and seized the maiden by the hand. "You are back from your walk already ?" infant in this manner. In short, the whole

She was Amber Courtney, his adopted

daughter. She was about sixteen years of age, and a little awkward and unround- ing gratitude to Sir John as she responded, as so many girls budding into woman-hood are, with a dark complexion, and

one further tinged by daily exposure to the sun, in the gardens, on the adjacent lake, or in the park and meadows. The marked characteristics of her face

were her regular, white teeth, not too

small, and her large, earnest eyes, of a deep dark-gray, shaded by reddish brown lashes. The rare purity and refinement of her soul were evinced by the sweetness of her voice, as she seated herself beside in the love that is borne me by my childher father on a sofa just without the door, and continued :

ren-yours and Ralph's. I love you both alike. I see no difference between the "I have made a couple of calls among child of my blood and the child of my our tenants, as I proposed. I have made a present to Mrs. Jones, and she's going adoption.

to buy a dress with it for each of her "How strange that you did adopt me!" murmured Amber. twin babies. From Mrs. Jones' I went to

"Strange! Not at all. Your winning the Widow Garret's. Her daughter has ways made us love you. Somehow there had a fever, and I took her a little basket of dainties. That is all for to-day; but I is a void in the perental heart that a son have been so well received by everybody can not entirely fill. Ralph was a dear, that my face still burns with excitement. How happy I am? and how beautiful at school, and so we felt the need of a How happy I am? and how beautiful everything is around me. I do not know what I have done to deserve so many blessings!"

When Ralph came home he took a great "Well, that's the right spirit," said Sir Sohn, with the warmest sympathy and ad. fancy to you, and made a pet of you. miration. "I am so glad to see you so And then we took the idea of educating radiant, so happy. The world's sunshine is not so plentiful as to be ignored or dis-ter in law as in love." carded. We must enjoy when we can. The life of a young girl like you, Amber, "But what it haipin should her, timidly. "We have not seen each other for four

"Mine is, I am sure, dear papa," resyears, you know, father. He may-he ponded the maiden. "To-day my soul is overflowing with happiness. The sky seemed full of temples of gold, as I came one else to me." home, and the air vocal with rare melo-How such a day makes one love to live! I wonder if Ralph sees more bewitching else? What if he had learned to love one of the ladies around him? sunshine in Germany ?"

informing the woman that she must prove her relationship to it before she would be allowed to have it. Within an a young man waiting who wants to see would be allowed to have it. Within an hour thereafter, while all eyes were busy with the child, the woman suddenly slipped away from the hall, vanishing as completely as if she had sunk into the earth, and from that hour to this we have never heard or seen anything of her,

never heard or seen anything of her. "And I was that child?" sighed piercing black eyes af the new comer. "Come in, my love," said Sir John' Amber.

"Yes, love. We were satisfied that a grievous wrong had been done, and that you were most respectably connected, and into the apartment, but her dark cheeks were scarlet with embarrassment, and her this was the extent of our knowledge. All our efforts to find the woman were eyes were downcast. She looked really beautiful at that mo fruitless. Neither could we find any wealthy or titled parents who had lost an ment.

"Yes, dear papa. I could not stay away from you any longer." affair became a most impenetrable my-stery. All we could do we did, adopting my cousin, Edward Longley ? This gentleman is his son - the Jasper of whom you have often heard. Mr. Longley, alyou as our daughter." low me to present you to my adopted daughter, Miss Amber Courtney." The listener's heart beat fast with lov-

Jasper acknowledged this informal in-

"To you, dear papa, I owe all that I am. You have educated me, have been a dear, ing courage, bowed and smiled. dear father to me, and would now crown "Amber !'' repeated Jasper. You have my life with honors and happiness! Oh, given your daughter a very odd name. if I could repay your goodness, your kindness-"

"You have repaid me a thousand times a smile, drawing the girl to him. "It is over," returned Sir John. "You have been to me a great blessing. How lonely used to be very popular among ladies, and when she ought to be a happy wife and has been borne in the Courtney family for mother." I should have been since my wife's death without you! I am greatly to be envied

a long period. My favorite sister was "Oh, she is not at school now," said

named Amber, and this little girl is her Longley, hastily. "In fact, she left Jasper looked at the young girl more school four years ago, fully accomplished scrutinizingly, yet not in a manner that Being a wandering sort of bachelor, 1 could be at all offensive. Her reddish- could not take charge of her, and she brown hair, her dark, bright tace, and her made the acquaintance of a decayed glorious eyes, all attracted his particular French noblewoman, who took a fancy to her, and who, on the payment of a "I was not aware, Sir John." he said. handsome annual sum, consented to that you had an adopted daughter. She does dot resemble the Courtneys. I can introduce her into the gayest French not trace a Courtney lineament in her society. She has been a great belle in Paris for the last four years, but re-The baronet seemed to be aware of the mains unmarried, and, as far as I know, scrutiny bestowed upon Amber, and unengaged." hastened to reply :

"Ah, those men of the world want "She is not yet a Courtney, Jasper; but she will be. She is the betrothed wife of money as well as beauty," remarked Sir John. "Charms must be gilded to my son." A happy fiush was kindled on the girl's tempt them. I dare say that Blanche cheeks at these words, and her eyes is heartily tired of them all; of the looked like glowing lamps. Jasper made some light remark about them, and their silly small-talk, and hollow kind of life she leads among Ralph's good fortune, and Sir John said: "Tell me how you are getting on in the world, Jasper. Does all go well with you. "I am not rich," replied Longley, with some apparent reluctance, as his white the hall would be all the pleasanter for dies. The clouds above, the sails on the sea, the trees waving to and fro in the wind like banners—all are beautiful!— How such a darmed beautiful!— The idea had never been presented to him in such a way before, and it now struck him with chilling force. The idea had never been presented to him in such a way before, and it now struck him with chilling force. The idea had never been presented to his chair. "You know, Sir John, that my father was not the most prudent of men father was not the most prudent of men "how would you like a young lady What if Ralph should prefer some one in regard to pecuniary matters !" friend to share your sports and rides ?"

"Yes, I know it, Jasper. He ran The idea presented a pleasing novelty through his property very fast, and finally, referred to the baronet's only son, Courtney, who was studying on the hopes and plans be blighted, but Amber, in the army, and went off to India. I up as she answered to the young girl, and her face lighted who had been so carefully taught to love never saw him afterward, as he died there. "Oh, I would like it of all things, the absent son, would be cruelly and ter- I knew that he took you and your sister papa? Do you believe she'd like me?" out with him, and then sent you back "She couldn't help it," said Sir John, But the idea seemed too monstrous to again.' be entertained, and Sir John set it aside, fondly stroking her hair. "Yes, he took us from good schools," returned Jasper, "and we remained two

pressed the concern he felt at such a state

With a princely income of his own, he

of affairs.

tinue."

quietly :

this act touched her ladyship so deeply that she at once took pocsession of it, informing the woman that she must head was thrust in, as she said merrily: "Papa, papa, are you there? There's as earnest in teaching her as you like." Sir John opened a door off the cor-The proud look with which he regard- ridor, and ushered his guest into a

you. He came in a fly, and it's just gone. ed the girl showed that he considered handsome sitting-room, and said : Just fancy Mr. Goss' young man coming her already quite perfect. "This suite of rooms is yours "This suite of rooms is yours while

"There's only one thing more neces-sary to our happiness," continued the room is next, and beyond that is your Connexion is made at Vanceboro with trains of the Maine Central Railway to and from all points West, at Fredericton Junction for Fre-dericton, and at Gibson by branch line, for all baronet. "We must have Blanche over dressing-room. You will find your points North. here before she comes a French woman. trunk in the dressing-room, and un-

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"Not at all, sir," replied Longley. Longley thanked his rela "She is as fair and delicate as a lily, and the baronet withdrew. Longley thanked his relative warmly,

and her hair is as fair as mine is black. A change then came over Jasper's She looks wonderfully like our mother, face. "You have heard me speak, Amber, of while I resemble my father."

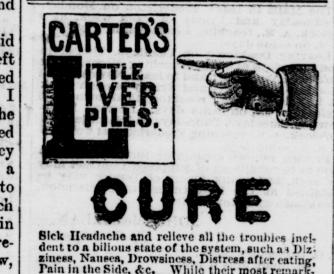
"Indeed ! How old is she ?" Longely hesitated a moment, seem- triumph.

ing to be absorbed in mental calculations, and then replied : "She is twenty-four, being six years

troduction by arising and shaking hands younger than I am. We are very much with the young girl, and Amber, gather- attached to each other, and I run over The great household remedy so popu to Paris frequently to see her.'

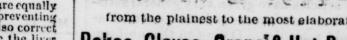
exclaimed the baronet, "Why, Jasper, internal use, curing rheumatism, colds, "Have I?" responded the baronet, with you are not doing right by your sister. sore throat, croup, frost bites, burns,

of the flesh.

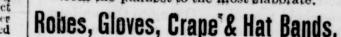


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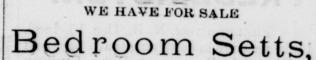
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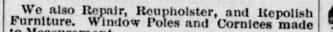




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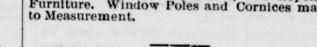


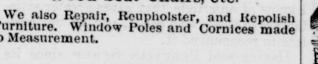


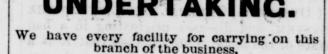








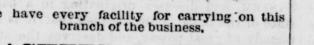


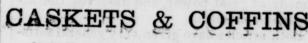


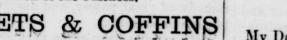


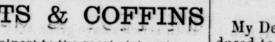


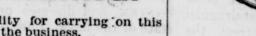


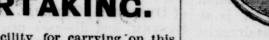








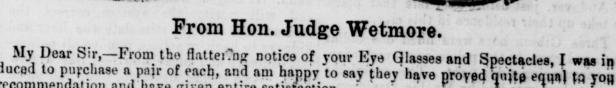




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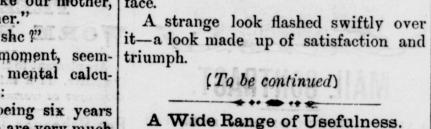
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Ralph Courtney, who was studying on the continent.

Amber flushed again.

"Thinking of Ralph always, Amber," said Sir John, with a fond smile. "That ribly stricken. is as I would have it. I am pleased to see that you are not forgetful of him. You know that he is not your brother; saying, with a smile : but can you magine why I have wished him to remain abroad so long, away from us all ?"

Amber shook her head.

"You are old enough to understand my views fully," continued the baronet, after a minute's reflection. "I have had a little plan of my own in view during the four years of Ralph's absence. He left you a mere child, but he will return to you a mere child, but he will return to find you one of the most charming ladies in existence. He will be delighted and astonished. My long-cherished project will be realized, and you will become Mrs. Dalph Courtney, for which position you Dargheen fondly dreaming.

trained." Amber blushed, and a happy light shone in her clear eyes, but she remained ilent trained." My share has grown ridiculously small, My share has grown ridiculously small, and as for Blanche, every letter I receive full of joy, dear papa, that it is almost a receive from her contains a request for money." The baronet's frank countenance ex-

silent.

"After her ladyship's death, four years ther remarks, and she flitted into the ther remarks, and she flitted into the ago," resumed Sir John, "I sent Ralph abroad, lest he should learn to regard you simply as a sister. Knowing your worth, ished "So good! so pure!" he murmured.

my dear child, I am sure that Ralph, when he returns, will love you as you de-"May Heaven always shower its blessings serve. During his absence I have fostered your affection for him; have taught upon her !" Scarcely a minute had passed when you to look upon him as your future husband; have had his picture hung up in your private rooms; have caused you to She had been a wealthy lady in her read all his glowing, enthusiastic letters; younger days, but misfortune had over-taken her, and she had accepted a home and have done everything else in my power to make you love him. Tell me, with Lady Courtney as housekeeper, a Amber, have I succeeded? Will Ralph post she had filled ever since. She was

ind a loving bride awaiting him?" getting past the prime of life, but still The happy flush on the maiden's cheeks find a loving bride awaiting him ?" the quivering of her sensitive lips, and the emotion with which she hid her face was as genial as good-tempered. Her the emotion with which she hid her face was as genial as good-tempered. Her the emotion with which she hid her face the face was as genial as good-tempered. Her the traits were devotion to Sir John and for the same reason, and also because I

in his bosom, were sufficient answers to Amber, and pride in the family honors. the baronet, and he clasped her hand warmly.

"There are so many frivolous women in the world," he continued, "that Lady Courtney and I conceived the idea of educating our son's wife ourselves; of incul-cating right principles in her mind; of making her a noble, cultivated lady, one able to share Ralph's intellectual pursuits, and yet one with a true woman's heart. We encoded a suitable concerved the idea of edu-the Crown Inn, who has been making all sorts of inquiries, in a cautious way, about you and your family, and particularly about Amber." "A strange woman?" repeated the baronet, starting to his feet and becoming deathly role. "Une crown Inn, who has been making all remembering your kindness to my father and the favor with which you regarded me in my early juvenile days, when you were a young man, I have determined to ap-ply to you for a situation as secretary." "Secretary!" repeated the baronet. We engaged a suitable governess for you, adding our personal exertions, and I am "Yes, Sir John, an old, ill-favored wo- my own letters, except those that Amber adding our personal exertions, and rain proud to say that my highest hopes in re-gard to you are realized, Amber; that you surpass my highest expectations and who is familiar with the story of Amber's "Then if you could recommend me as

adoption, and he has sent one of his sons a tutor in some family-" "But I am so plain-looking !" faltered to give us a hint of her presence and con-

the girl. "So plain-looking !" repeated the bar- you see him ?" "So plain-looking!" repeated the bar-onet, smiling. "What with those eyes, Amber?—those great eyes of yours that shine and glow like stars, and are con-stantly changing expression? Plain! not at all. Besides, you are only a child. There is plenty of time for you to de-velop into a great beauty." "A strange woman !" again repeated Sir John, deeply agitated. "I—I have long been expecting the mystery concern-ing Amber to take a turn of this kind. There is plenty of time for you to de-velop into a great beauty." There is plenty of time for you to de-

"I can guarantee that she would be "No, he will not love any one but you, or three years in India. Our mother your fast friend, Miss Amber," said dear. I have hinted to him repeatedly in then, getting alarmed about our imperfect Jasper, with a singular smile. my letters that I have a wife picked out education, for we were both full-grown, for him, and he has not said nay to my insisted on our being sent back. Blanche decorate her rooms myself. Won't it

be charming if she does come !" Both the baronet and Longley smiled Your father could leave you but little, at the girl's enthusiasm, and the latter King St., - - Fredericton, N. B. said the baronet; "but your mother's Child as she was physically, her heart marriage settlements must have amount. promised that he would use every argu-

ment at his command to induce his So they did, and on her death her pro- sister to visit Courtney Hall,

"And now run and dress for dinner. Amber," said Sir John. "I will show CARRIAGES, WACCONS My share has grown ridiculously small. Jasper to his apartments directly." and as for Blanche, every letter I receive The girl bowed smilingly, and disappeared. The baronet's frank countenance ex-

The baronet was about to offer to conduct his relative to his rooms, when the door again opened and Mrs. George

had never known what it was to be made her appearance. Sir John immediately introduced her cramped or straitened in pecuniary matters, and his benevolent heart was immeand Longley to each other in a manner that showed that the housekeeper's Painting, Trimming and Repairing Carriages, et diately enlisted in Jasper's behalf. "What do you propose to do, Jasper ?" he asked, in his straightforward manner. position in the family had nothing menial in it, but was rather that of an "So young and healthy as you are, you

honored friend. cannot wish such a state of affairs to con-"Sir John," said Mrs. George, as soon There was a slight expression of disas she had courteously greeted Jasper. "Mr. Goss himself has come over to appointment in Longley's eyes as he heard his cousin's question, but he replied see you. I believe he has something particular to tell you. As soon as you "I don't know what to do, Sir John. are at liberty-'

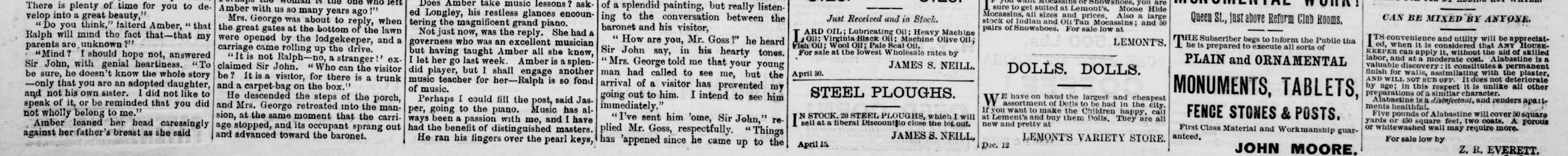
couldn't turn tradesman, if I would, since "Oh Mr. Longley will excuse me a minute," returned the baronet." Where have no taste for a soldier's life. I can't is Mr. Goss?

"Excuse me, Sir John, for troubling be a lawyer or clergyman for similar rea-"He is just outside, Sir John, on the you," she said, with deep agitation, "but sons. I have a good education, and front steps. I sent him there. thinking vou'd see him a moment.' "Right, Mrs. George. Send him into the corridor, if you please. Jasper, be kind enough to excuse me a moment." He followed the housekeeper from the

drawing-room into the corridor. "How excited he looked when she

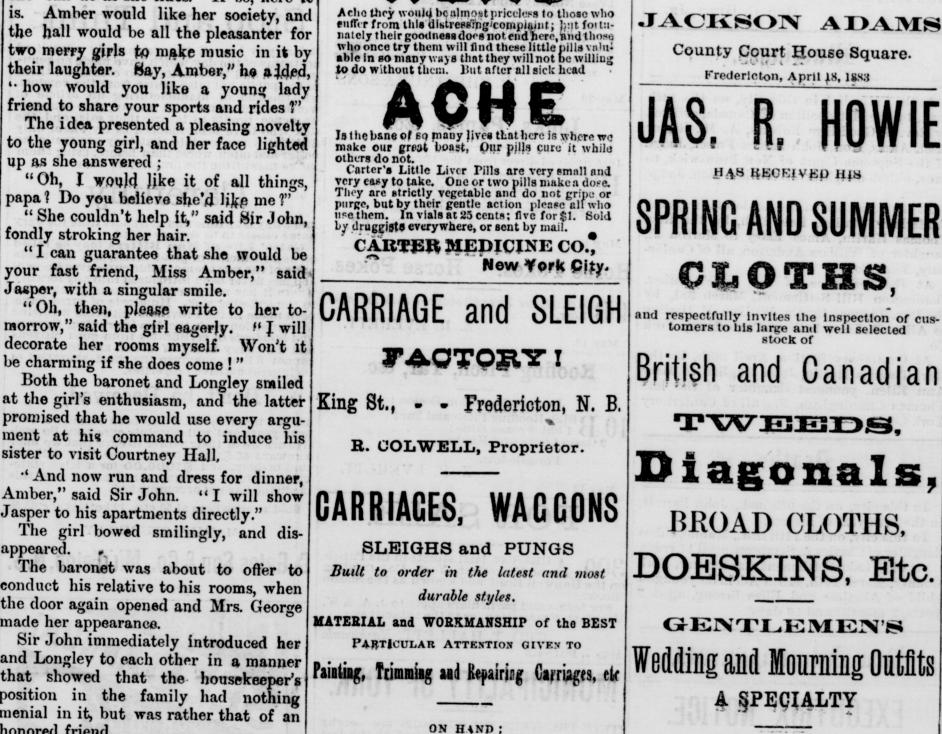
mentioned Mr. Goss," thought Jasper when he found himself alone. "Who is Mr. Goss? What does he want? His

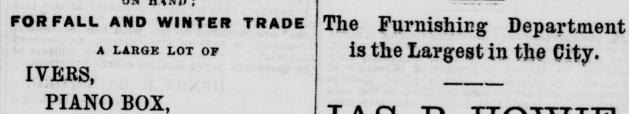
Mr. Goss? What does he want? His manner seemed to show that there was some secret in the affair, which, as a member of the family, it may be well for me to know." He crossed the floor softly cently and the floor softly cently the floor softly cently the floor softly cently and the floor softly cently the floor softly A tutor ! Oh, dear, no, Jasper. Why be- member of the family, it may be well duct. The young man is here now. Will sides Amber and Ralph, you and Blanche for me to know. you see him?"



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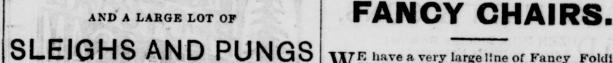




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