warm wood fire burned bright, Sat good old Farmer Ketchum, and his wife, one winter night.

The wind without was wailing, with a wild and woeful sound, And the fleecy folds of the drifting snow lay deep upon the ground.

tumult out of doors, For he had foddered the cattle and done in her bosom. the other chores; And snug in the chimney corner in his

But what cared Farmer Ketchum for the

easy chair he sat, Silently smoking his old clay pipe and the opposite side of the room, where a lady like Lady Ruxley to such inconveni. She is very rich, too.

wife rocked to and fro, Humming a hymn and dreaming a dream guide conducted her through a lofty arch servants to order a carriage for me, I will I am told he is a very fine young man, of the long ago. way also concealed by curtains Over the old-time fire place, a rusty musket hung,

settled down.

stowed away,

cradle long laid by.

to me once more,

upon the floor.

the world below.

to fade and go.

leetle girl that died.

in her last repose,

an' han'some boy,

kiss his leetle feet.

beautiful and sweet:

he was snug in bed

commonly well,

ried a city belle.

tions in her head,

her lilly white hands,

loaf of bread;

altogether bad,

under our control,

wherever he may be-

bright and fair,

against the wall,

old folks gave a start.

stranger dark and tall.

moment in surprise,

glad look in his eyes:

been more bright.

wife that winter night.

with a flutter at her heart,

ways, but not a vicious lad:

hands an' aching head.

the hardest o' all to bear.

mother's pride and joy.

tuber rose;

the day,

the cloudless summer air,

her curls o' shinin' hair;

flakes o' the newly fallen snow,

couldn't help but cry;

in a heap,

webs in the garret t'other day,

As they used to lay on the kitchen floor

An' leanin' agin the chimbly there, I

For the faces o' my children came back

" Of all the earthly treasures we prize in

when the boys had gone to sleep.

And a score of strings of apples from the music-room combined, and contained doubtless you discovered yesterday. She abuse of her. smoky ceiling swung; While back in a dingy corner, the tall every comfort and luxury which the hu- will not be crossed in anything, and when That he has been so taken in, Adrian clock ticked away,

fast falling to decay. The knitting fell from the woman's hands, the old man turned about, He took his pipe from his mouth, and he slowly knocked the ashes out,

And after thinking a moment, he said with a solemn air;

ed with richly bound books.

Literature.

CHAPTER XXVI.

A LITTLE MATTER OF BUSINESS.

son, and then grow white as a ghost.

But she quickly recovered herself.

The woman sighed, and then replied, in seated herself in another opposite. sad and faltering tone: "The years have come an' the years have ous contrivance, she had tipped the chair nes. gone, an' we are ag'in alone, An' I have jest been thinkin' of a Christmas long ago.

When the winders were frosted over, an'

When the winders were frosted over, an'

Out twisting her neck; "now I'll tell you wondered what business she could have what I want of you. Three weeks ago I sent away my companion because she with her.

Aunt Ruxley has taken a great shine very proud to introduce you, whom she wall street, New York. the ground was white with snow. When we sot in the chimbly corner, by and I've had no one since to read to me, be willing to remain with her as a com- Don't you think your questions are getthe firelight's cheerful gleam ; When our lives were full o' promise, an'

the future but a dream : When all o' the rest o' our folks had gone away to bed, An' we sot an' looked, an' I listened to lonely old woman's comfort. the whispered words you said,

Till home from Benson's store came rol lickin' brother John, An' a peekin' thru' the winder, saw what more lovable, like Miss Mehetabel. was going on. Then how the neighbors tattled an' talked which although her ladyship was hard of hearing, she had no difficulty in catching liarities. We have tried several during was saying.

She read an nour, in clear, distinct tones what she requires, on account of her pecuharities. We have tried several during was saying.

Till you an' I was married, an' quietly "While a rummagin' through the cob

"I am not weary; let me read you Your salary would be fifty pounds a year. bending his lips to hers. something else," she answered. I found a pile o' broken toys in a corner An' a lot o' leetle worn out boots a layin' you to sit with me a while longer." "Yes, certainly, if you wish."

call herself such horrid names), "and I do? I looked at the worn out trundle, an' the do get lonely staying by myself all the vidence to reject it were few who were not glad to seek the She had no credentials, and no good he raised the blushing face so that he society of Lady Ruxley. Minnett, my maid, is no company, and I've not been without, and she knew she was likely to maid, is no company, and I've not been fare no better, if as well, if see returned smile.

· An' I almost heerd the patter o' their feet the drawing-room, because they know I'm rad's offer to give her a home dinner as gallantly as to the handsomest offer.

head,' which is more than most young ing her answer. The one we loved most deerly was our people now-a-days do. How is it young Oh, no. I sught to have mentioned wife!" woman-do you like old folks?" Her eyes were blue, an' soft as the hue o'

An' bright as a gleam o' golden light were friend I had in the world since I was a lit- Hall. Do you object to the country? Her thoughtful face was white as the tle baby. She was both father and mother Oh, no, I like it. ward old people for her sake," Brownie ly, for she felt as if she could scarcely en. your poverty ?" Too much o' a leetle saint she was to live replied, the quick tears springing to her dure to live in the same house with this "No!" and the bright head was lifted How calm in her leetle coffin she looked "Is she dead?"

As sweet as the fairest lily, as pure as a An' I can well remember the sadness o' Poor Brownie! it was a hard question, with her servants most of the time.

When my heart was well nigh broken as frame-work of clustering silvery curls.

Menetager's fair, lovely face, set in the pleasant than it has been I shall be very husband because I had lost my wealth." say the least, to this antedeluvian before proudly.

"The eldest o' our children was a proud her. He was his father's brightest hope, an' his

I used to play with his chubby hands an' yours." non-committal answer. An' wonder if ever a babe was born more "Young woman, you are as "wise as a proud minx. serpent, and as harmless as a dove," and

An' many a night by candle light, when I've patched his leetle clothes, with weary "I was named for her," the young girl replied, evasively.

We sent him away to college-he did un-Till he went to live in the city, an' mar-And the queer old lady looked as if she liked the owner of it, too Of all our earthly trials, of all our earthly

to change the subject, and glancing to- admitted to much. The cold neglect o' a thankless child is ward an elegant chess table of ebony inlaid in squares with pearl and gold, His wife is a woman with only high no-"Yes, yes; do you know the game?" rrturned Lady Ruxley, eagerly. She couldn't knit a stockin', nor make a

She plays on the pianner, nor works with should play a game. An' she talks in a foreign lingo that no head contentedly, and then started up to so much inconvenience, and Brownie's —and I warm you it will not dare say ACME CLUB SKATES,

" Please keep your seat, Lady Ruxley, The youngest o' our livin' boys I never and allow me to wait upon you," Brownie be left lying there in the gutter for any. most interested in this matter, and since said, said, rising quickly. He didn't take to larnin' no more'n a fish

He was wayward an' hard to govern, not dextrously arranged the men. Then she drew up her own chair, and disturbed. He was strong an' proud an' set in his the contest began.

Two hours passed rapidly while engaged An' somehow we couldn't keep him quite in this fascinating game,

the third crippled her, and Lady Ruxley entertain her strange employer, who was An' a mother's prayers will go with him, won. "You lost your queen; but if I beat, I

ed her ruse

One has gone to the better land, an' the The next morning, after the servant She did sometimes grow weary, and long who waited upon Brownie had attended for the sight of a young face, but Lady I wonder if up in heaven, where all is to all her wants, and left her, there came Ruxley's library table was covered with a rap upon her door. The next moment all the first-class periodicals of the day; If we will meet our children an' they will a handsome woman of about fifty entered. while she was continually ordering music Brownie arose, bowed courteously, and re- from London for her.

mained standing till she was undressed. There was a rap at the outside door, the apologize to you for any seeming neglect ped by until Lady Randal and her family The woman sprang from her rocking chair in not coming to see you before, but I came down to Vallingham Hall, the adhave a house full of company; but I have vent of which was to open a new era in The door swung widely open, and banged given orders that you should want for Browaie Douglas' life! nothing. I am Lady Randal, and I have And into the farm house kitchen strode a come to have a few moments' conversa-

The woman looked at his bearded face a She seated herself, and motioned for Brownie to do the same, then resumed: She saw a quiver about his mouth, and a "You have had quite a serious accident and I am glad to see you are better. Are And lifting up her hands to heaven, she you quite comfortable, and do the ser- chapters Brownie related in substance to

"Thank you, I have been very kindly | She told him also of that unfortunate | men of mine." That old New England kitchen had never she felt the greatest repugnance toward for her. Than it was to Farmer Ketchum and his of so much wrong.

THE DOUGLAS HEIR. She laughed lightly but disagreeably at to Sir Charles Randal, Adrian said, when wish. That will not be very long to the young girl's words.

saw the young girl first flush a deep crim- room." has passed now," she returned, quietly, light of an intruder.

although a tumult of feeling was raging | It explained to her, too, what she had | Lady Ruxley is a very peculiar woman. Giving her another searching glance, rooms should be connected by archways amused look in his eyes.

her ladyship passed on, and instead of and curtains instead of doors. ed she would do, she proceeded toward dignity, that I shoulld have put an aged self at heart. pooring the purring cat.

While plying her knitting needles, his

set of heavy satin damask curtains hung ence. I laid my plans yesterday to go to suspended from a richly-gilded cornice.

Recomplession and that they considered and remain until Language Brownie supposed that they concealed and remain until I fully recover the use death.

a window, but sweeping them aside, her of my arm. If you will allow one of your I suppose he will. put my plan into execution at once. Passing through this she ushered her No, no, Miss Dundas, that would never Brownie stopped short and colored.

her mind is once made up. you can no finished for her. It is too bad, for Charles Leading from this large room was a more move her than you could one of the really deserves a better fate, he added, And looked like the sagging farm house, smaller one, in which Brownie caught seven hills of Rome. She saw the cab in with a clouded brow. sight of a narrow bed simply draped in which you were, when it was overturned, By the way, and Brownie glanced up from one of the drawing-room windows, mischievously, do you know that that She afterward learned that the strange and immediately hobbled to the door honor was intended for you? old woman, out of the abundant tender- where she ordered James, the butler to I surmised as much from certain cirness of her heart for her in her danger- bring you in. Since then she has paid cumstances which came to my knowledge, ous condition, had given up her own luxu- you a visit every day, although she tells he replied, with a scornful curl of his fine rious chamber to her, and slept upon this small couch in an ante-room.

me that you did not discover it until the day before yesterday, when you awoke he gathered her close in his arms, she "Sit down," said Lady Ruxley, indicat. and found her standing over you. But, will find that there was one who could "Tis Christmas Eve, but the stockings ing by a motion of her head a tempting continued the woman, who had never look beneath the surface. My darling—

neglected me. I suppose it was dull stay- to you, so to speak, she resumed, and has has so abused and maligned, as my wifeing with such an old drybones as I am; commissioned me to ask you if you would when shall it be, my Brownie? or do anything for my amusement. Now, panion? Wait, if you please, until I get ting altogether too pointed and practical, gaging any one in this way, for she says Dredmond. It seemed almost like the old times you have no recommendation or creden Ah, you spoiled that, darling, he said, with her own auntie, only it would have tials beyond your own word. But she reproachfully. appeared more real if Lady Ruxley had has set her heart upon it, and seems to Well, then, Adrian, since I have your not been so blunt and sharp, but a little think you will be willing to remain. It love, I shall never feel lonely again, let is very difficult to get any one of the right come what will, and she lifted her trust She read an hour, in clear, distinct tones sort who is willing to stay and do for her ing eyes to his. every word.

"That was reading worth listening to,' you would like the place, and would exert she said, heaving a sigh of appreciation."

the last two years. Now, if you think you was saying.

"But, my darling, now that I have found you and won you, I want to rivet

"No, no; I'll not listen to any more to add, that you can do very much until much disappointed." now; but if you do not mind, I'd like your arm gets strong, and we will make every allowance for that. "Nobody cares for an old mummy like coarseness, and felt more like refusing the Lady Ruxley of more consequence than

to her native land, unless she should ac- "But what, dear?" questioned her "They try to be polite," she went on, knowledge she had failed in her great lover, tenderly, as he saw the sensitive garrulously, "to me when I go down into undertaking, and fell back upon Mr. Conlips quivering.

my company. Nobody but Charles cares heart, and if she were treated with proper which I know must come." right angle with my body, and have to well to begin with, and might be a step.

old proverb about 'honoring the hoary most of the year? she asked, before giv. friendless waif like me becoming your that we all leave town in a few weeks for way, but as she asked this question, she Lady Ruxley has a house of her own, pre- with a quiet smile.

"I had a dear aunt, who was all the the noise and confusion of Vallingham Coolidge and her daughter," to me, and I shall always feel tenderly to. This intelligence relieved Brownie great

"Yes; she died the fifth of last Septem first, Lady Randal added, but aunt fre-lack of wealth and position, she considquently pays a visit at the Hall, for she ered herself the equal of the proudest in world, I assure you, if she does live alone the land

remembering so vividly as she dld Miss
Mehetabel's fair, lovely face, set in its and if I can make Lady Ruxley's life more

Were suddenly to change places, would you deem me to be unworthy to be your The comparison was not favorable, to thankful, Brownie said, gravely, yet a little

She did not fancy her visitor's patronig. She flushed with embarrassment as she ing, almost insolent manner, and inwardly kisses. resented her bold, fixed stare.

"All old people grow wrinkled, you Very well, then we will call the matter proud to call you my wife were you the know, and her hair was much whiter than settled, Lady Randal replied, rising, and lowliest-born in all England. But you infinitely relieved that she had been able Lady Ruxley chuckled merrily over this to secure a companion for her troublesomeiaunt, though she thought the girl a station, and it is only an accident which

Can you be happy with such a blunt, "Mabel Dundas. It is a pretty name; cross-grained old woman as I am? asked Lady Ruxley, when she next saw Brownie.

It does not always do to judge people replied, with dignity by their exterior, she replied, smiling, "I am afraid of "Do you play chess?" Brownie asked, and then she blushed, fearing she had naturally shrinks from bringing con-What do you mean by that? and the you know the ways of the world, keen eyes searched her.

I mean that though you have a blunt "I used to play with aunt some; per-have a very kind heart underneath it all, have a very kind heart underneath it all, haps it would pass away an hour if we else you would never have befriended a ever it dropped from her lips. poor stray waif like me in the way you "You never can bring contempt upon Her ladyship chuckled and nodded her did. I am sorry you should have been to me. The world may say what it pleases

"Pshaw! child, you were to pretty to very much-you and I are the parties body to pick up and carry off I suppose I am of age, and capable of choosing For sale at Lowest Pieces. She wheeled the little table close to her Helen ran on about the inconvenience of my own wife, I think we will call no ladyship's chair with her right hand, and the thing, and she was a fool to tell you one else into the consultation," he said Fredericton, Nev 19, 1844 about it, the old lady answered, somewhat decisively.

A month later they were settled in that gem of a villa, near Vallingham Hall. Brownie had fully recovered, and her Brownie cheekmated her opponent the arm was getting stronger every day, so darling," he added, a moment after; But I know he had a tender heart, an' a first two games, but losing (?) her queen that she ventured now to use it daily to "you have given yourself to me?" very fond of music.

God keep him safe an' bring him home in want to beat!" she said, sharply, although old lady when she became better acquaint there was a kindly gleam in her eyes ed with her, and found her, with all her her closer. which belied her harsh words, and Brownie oddities, a much more congenial compan-"I miss our children's voices, for all gone smiled to see how quickly she had detection than either Mrs. Coolidge or Isabel

She read a great deal, and practiced "Miss Dundas," the lady said, "I must several hours a day, so that the time slip- the river beneath them and the beating

CHAPTER XXVII.

"AND YOU WILL BE MY WIFE!" vants attend you properly?" and she Adrian, as they sat together upon the mission, I will see Lady Ruxley im-And bowed her white head lovingly on put up her eye-glasses to inspect the rock where he had first discovered who mediately, after which I shall wish to

ning, cruel expression about her hand- of anything so wicked as this. It is all all over with now, however - you shall sacred that she felt unwilling to im-She was just the kind of a woman to have your property back again, and Miss ruin the life of any one who stood in her Isabel shall suffer for her supercilious. ness. I suppose you know she is engaged

she had concluded. "Oh, I do not claim any merit whatever Sir Chas. Randal. No, replied Brownie high and mighty ones in counse," he regarding your comfort or necessities.

My house was full, and at first I thought

What! you have been an inmate of the ever-ready co'or into her cheeks it would be impossible to take you in, but their family so long, and not know of this

strong enough to walk! Go back and sit own chamber for your accommodation, I was at their house in London. I was which she wou'd receive from Lord and down," commanded Lady Ruxley, as she she sleeping meanwhile in her maid's with Lady Ruxley constantly, and scarcely Lady Dunforth! went out until we came down to West Brownie's fair face grew scarlet as she Malling, which we did a month before the listened to this, and was made to feel, by family at the family at the Hall; and we "Thank you, but I am perfectly able to the indelicate explanation, that Lady have not seen much of them since, but go; I was dizzy for a moment, though it Randal, at least, had regarded her in the live very quietly and pleasantly at the

at first considered singular — that the Do you not find her so? Adrian asked, an bowels, the liver, the kidneys, the skin Yes; and yet there are very few people and imparting health and vigor. going out at the door, as Brownie expect. I regret exceedingly, she returned, with who really know her. She is kindness it

and I am so sorry that—that companion into the sunniest pleasantest, do at all, and Aunt Ruxley would berate She was about to say she regretted his me soundly if she knew I had told you engagement to Isabel, but she would not It was a sort of parlor, library, and this. She is a very queer woman, as speak against her, notwithstanding all her

chair standing near a marble table cover- once taken her eyes from the fair young my darling--my pure little pearl! what face before her, and had read its every is she compared with you? Brownie obeyed, while her ladyship expression with a boldness which made And yet, it may be, that beneath all her

too severely, Brownie said, gently. back so that she could look at her with. She paused a moment, and Brownie Little charity, Adrian replied, tender-

can arrange to give you the situat on other calamity befall you," he said, Of course we do not expect, she hastened "But—but Lady Ruxley will be very

I thought o' their happy voices, an' the leetle prayers they said,

| Thought o' their happy voices, an' the leetle prayers they said, | She was convinced that, with all her leccentricities, Lady Ruxley was kind at leetle prayers they said, | She was convinced that, with all her leccentricities, Lady Ruxley was kind at lected first as last—I shrink from the ordeal

Of all the beautiful children that came to belle in the kingdom. He believes in the most of the year? she asked, before giv.

"Who informed you that I was heir She had run on in a rambling sort of our country seat, in Kent County, where to such great expectations," he asked, turned to Brownie, and eyed her keenly. ferring to live alone rather than endure "It was spoken of often by Mrs.

worthy to be my wife on account of proudly now, the lovely eyes glowed "It may be a little lonely for you at with a fire which told that, despite her

"No? I should be proud-" He stopped her lips with tender

She left her with a cool good-morning, to be. A man often misses his expec-I'm of the opinion that your aunt might and the young girl seemed to breathe tations, and I am only plain Adrian have thought considerable of you. What freer the moment the door closed after Dredmond as yet; surely you are not afraid of me, if you are of those whom you chasse to term my high-born kins-

"I am afraid of no one, yet one tempt upon one whom one loves, and

tling the matter. "You have not answered me yet.

"Yes, Adrian, I am proud to give nyself to you? "And you will be my wife ?" drawing

She lifted her eyes again to read his, but their light dazzled her, and with her own lashes drooping shyly upon her crimson cheeks, she murmured "Whenever you will, dear." There was a silence of several minutes, during which only the dashing of

ed. Brownie felt trustfully, peacefully happy, and that the trials and struggles to which she had been subjected during the past six months were over, while Advain's manly heart beat with pride and joy over the lovely bride he had 2,000 lbs. Buckwheat Kennel,

At length he whispered: "Then, my Brownie, with your per-

own happiness yet. Let it rest until stove, and if it does not give satisfaction as a backer, or for general cooking purposes, I will

Her joy was something so now and

"Very well, darling, let it be as you wait, and meantime I shall call the wiser now, and knows that

Lady Ruxley, who is very eccentric and wilful, insisted upon it, and gave up her Law but very little of the family while law again.

He was so confident of the welcome while law but very little of the family while law but very little of the famil

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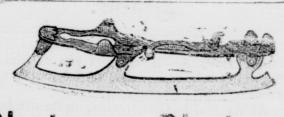
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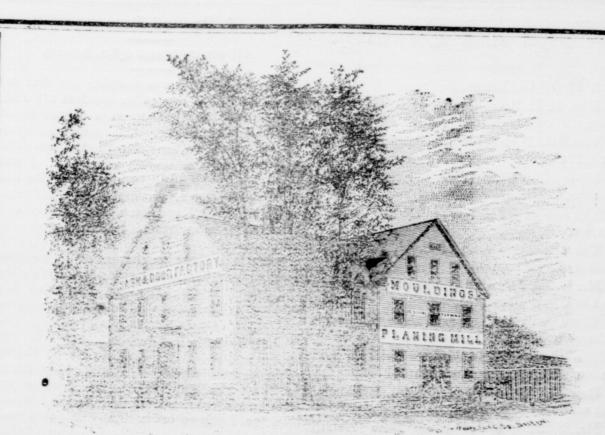
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She had a cold, false eye, and a cure regarding the jewels, but I never dream | girl, earnestly

her odious, "I did not come to tell you cruelty and hardnesss she has a heart sus-"There," she said, when, by an ingenithis-I came upon a little matter of busiceptible to good; we will not judge her

if you want something to do won't you through, Miss Dundas, before you decide, considering the length of our acquaintplease read me something from that Eng, she said, as Brownie looked up in sur- ance? she retorted, a mischievous, happy prise, and she went on, as if she sup- gleam in her eye, but with a face that was "With pleasure," Brownie replied, her posed the young girl was possessed of no feeling or delicacy: I do not approve of But, dear, you are so alone in the world. thought of contributin thus to the poor the plan myself; I never believed in en- No, I am no longer alone, Ad-Mr.

"Now put the book aside, and rest a your lack of credentials, and I think we the bonds which unite us, lest some

"I presume so; I should be some-Brownie was disgusted with the woman's what surprised if she was not. But is me," (how Brownie wished she would not offer than accepting it, but what could she some one else whom you know?" the

As they used to gather 'round me when 'twas time to go to bed.

my company. Nobody but Charles cares per respect and consideration, she believed and as good as gold, He never pokes funded by the she would not prove a hard mistress, gravely.

"What ordeal?" he asked, very gravely. because I am so unfortunate as to form a and fifty pounds a year would do very "I have heard that you are allied to twist my neck like a turtle in its shell ping stone to a larger salary in the future a noble house—that you are some time when I want to see anybody. He's always | So, after thinking the matter over care to inherit great possessions and a title, The ones we love the fondest are the first civil, and would give me his arm out to fully, she decided to accept Lady Randal's though just what that title is I know

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"What then? Suppose you and I

"And I, my darting, should be are not : you are my equal in birth and has placed you where any one is liable

Brownie nestled closer to him as she

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