## Poetry.

## A Leap Year Lament.

The golden year is sped-This year of girlish wooing, And, lo! my hope of love is dead And fate is past undoing! When suitors came in gentle spring And proffered their earesses, Like some coquettish, giddy thing, I spurned their fond addresses.

So Minnie, Maggie, Maud and Belle. Miranda, Jane, and Jessie, Maria, Nannie, Ruth, and Nell And charming blue-eyed Bessie Went wooing other kindlier men Too numerous to mention, And I, by this hegira then, Was left without attention

But, in the sene of autumn, came That sweetest maid of many, With wit aud beauty known to fame-The blithe and winsomal Jennie; And, having wooed as woman can, Protesting she adored me, She wed her father's hired man-And that completely floored me!

O silly bachelor, that spurned The leap-year wooing vernal. How hast thy haughty scorning turned To self-reproach eternal ! I'd give my wealth-my life-my fame-If I could summon to me In this bleak hour those nymphs that came In early spring to woo me

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## CHAPTER XXX.

ENTRAPPED.

"Thief !" hissed the woman, under her breath. "How dare you? Where did you come from ?"

She had not seen Isabel since her enthat she would try it, and that was why would serve to regain the jewels. counter with Brownie, therefore did not she appeared so anxious to get her into know until that moment of her proximity. her rooms. She had come out of her own room just as She stood measuring her strength Miss Douglas entered Isabe!'s, and seeing against Brownie's while these thoughts the door open, glanced in as Brownie had done. She recognized Miss Douglas in passed through her mind, and that same cunning gleam lurked in her eyes as be an instant, and comprehended at once

her object there. "Lord Dunforth !" she repeated. "Do She glided in noiselessly, hoping to come upon her unawares, and wrest the you know him?"

will be.

it beyond her reach."

would drop there, so she said :

"It is Lord Dunforth !"

violent sort of surprise.

swering.

Brownie thought a moment before an- tion.

She walked to the door and rapped "Then why did you come sneaking into this room like a thief to get them? Why upon it. didn't you take the matter into court and "Mrs. Coolidge," she said in cold stern do hope you'll let other folks' trunks and Randal. let the judge decide in your favor?" tones, "if you think to subdue me thus, boxes alone in the future.

sneered the exasperated woman, almost and gain your end, you are very much I begin to wish I'd never touched these losing her self-control again under Brow- mistaken in my character, and I warn jewels-they have given me more trouble course," was the rather subdued reply. nie's coolness, and her refusal to go with you that you are only heaping up wrath than pleasure, Isabel said, gloomily.

for yourself. "I did not sneak into the room like a There was no answer, and Brownie - place, retorted her mother, who was also blame for that, after all. I had a bad thief, madam. I was passing along the nally concluded that the only thing she feeling the stings of conscience pretty cold at that time, and was as deaf as a corridor, the door was open, and glancing could do for the present was to exercise sharply, and could not restrain her irritain. I saw my casket upon the table, I en- abundant patience and wait. bility. tered, and took it, intending to inform She had not a thought of fear, however, Well, well, it is too late now for recri- gave me her name correctly, and I mis-Miss Coolidge of the fact as soon as I had that the wicked woman would dare to minations, but I do wish the next six understood her, and she, having had keep her there long; her whole soul-all weeks were well over with, muttered the trouble with those folks, let it go so.

"You say you can prove your claim. Who is this nobleman who knows so much about these jewels?" asked Mrs. Coolidge with sudden interest. (Who is this nobleman who knows so much about these jewels?" asked Mrs. Coolidge (For her jailer a reckoning full of retribu-(For her jailer a reckoning

ion. When Mrs. Coolidge had accomplished she did not know what to make of it.

in the matter if she could possibly help door was bolted upon her prisoner, she and lovable companion that she missed I reckon you've some, sins on your conit: but she saw that Mrs. Coolidge was sank down upon a chair nearly fainting. her sadly if she were absent an hour. desperate about the jewels, and, perhaps, It was a bold thing to do, and fraught Like as not Helen has set about some poor girl ever thought of," said Lady the power of his name might frighten her with danger, but the deed was done, and task or other, but I'll not have it—she Ruxley, spitefully.

into letting them go, and the matter nothing remained now but for her to sha'n't be imposed upon, she muttered to carry out her designs with a high hand. herself as she clumped about the room

fall asleep, when she would enter the cell was coming. Then she suddenly remembered, with and steal the jewels from her again. If Presently Minnet came in. a thrill that made her feel faint, Isabel's she could not catch her asleep, she

account of her strange interview with his thought that she and Isabel together lordship at Lady Peasewell's, and she be- might be able to accomplish their designs Minnett retired, was gone another half acrimonious old woman alone after that gan to fear that she was getting beyond by force; for have the jewels and keep hour, while the old lady grew furious at shot. her depth in this matter; and yet this them until after the wedding they the delay, then returned and said Miss very revelation made her more determin. must at all hazards, and if the girl would Dundas could not be found. ed than ever to keep the jewels, at least not promise to keep still about the mat. She was forthwith angrily commanded ed, had absconded, Sir Charles gave

until after Isabel's marriage; for their ter until then, they could keep her shut to go find Miss Dundas, and not return absence would occasion a great hue and up until Isabel was Lady Randal, for she until she did. a while longer. cry, and necessitate such awkward ex- did not believe any one would mistrust Minnett meekly withdrew again, and planations that Sir Charles would mistrust that she was concealed in that place. her ladyship sat another hour fuming and

something wrong, and then all their plans However, she had not much doubt but raging, first against her maid, then at her, he reasoned, and he would give her would be ruined, for he had only that day that she would yield to her terms, and Lady Randal, whom she believed to be at the benefit of the doubt. named the wedding day. Yet, if she re- she smiled derisively when Brownie came the bottom of it all, to serve some pur-About eight o'clock Adrian Dred pose of her own, and lastly her ire turned mond was announced. He had been to the other hand, would instantly take ac. She had lied to her about the passage, upon Brownie herself for allowing herself Lady Ruxley's villa, but upon being tive measures to recover them, and if she for it did not connect with anything that to be detained so long. told that she and her companion were could. as she said, prove through Lord she could discover, and she could not con- Finally her patience completely wearied Dunforth that they were hers, they would ceive what such a dismal place had ever out, she marched down into the drawing. at the Hall, he drove immediately immediately be brought into open dis. been built for-her Yankee curiosity on room, ready to berate the first person she thither.

grace. Whichever way she turned, it that score was still quite lively, and not met. Here she found everybody in a looked dark. Here she found everybody in a likely to be gratified either. She had great state of excitement over the non-He was not sorry either to have it so, for he resolved to introduce Brownie at There was only one way of escape from never thought of putting the place to any appearance of Miss Dundas. this threatening danger, and that was such purpose, until suddenly inspired to The servants had all been closely quesonce as his betrothed, and claim Lady Ruxley's protection for her until he very hazardous; but she had resolved do so by Brownie's cool defiance, and the tioned, but no one had seen her go out or

could make suitable arrangements for from the first, if worse came to worst, thought that only desperate measures come in. They had then been sent forth into different portions of the house and their marriage, which he determined grounds to search for her.

One, two, three hours more passed, and still no light was thrown upon the mys- her return from Lady Ruxley's apart-

tery. Lady Ruxley became nearly dis-tracted, Lady Randal was very much disturbed, while the guests, who had remarkedBrownie's beauty and refinement, be--

I think you might improve some myself, "The very fact of her giving a false name goes against her," persisted Lady

"That was not just the thing, of

FROM THE SON: "28 Cedar St., New York, Oct. 28, 1882. Then she added, as if a new thought "Gentlemen: My father resides at Glover, I told you it would be so in the first struck her : "I believe that I was to Vt. He has been a great sufferer from Scrofula, and the inclosed letter will tell you what a marvelous effect post. I am convinced now that she

"If she never does anything worse than give an assumed name, she'll be She disliked to implicate his lordship her piece of diabolical treachery, and the She was getting so attached to her gentle better than some folks whom I know. science, Helen, blacker than any that

She felt the woman on whose arm she Her plan was to keep Brownie shut up with her cane, glancing first from one was leaning start violently, and could "Lord Dunforth I' she exclaimed, with until overcome with fatigue she should window and then another to see if Brownie she have looked into her face at that moment she would have been frightened for it was perfectly livid, and her lips Minnett, find Miss Dundas, and ask her twitched frightfully. But she let the

Notwithstanding the general belief

should take place as soon as possible.

Lady Randal met him in the hall on

She greeted him cordially, and then

taking his arm, led him into the draw-

loud acclamation, for he was a favorite

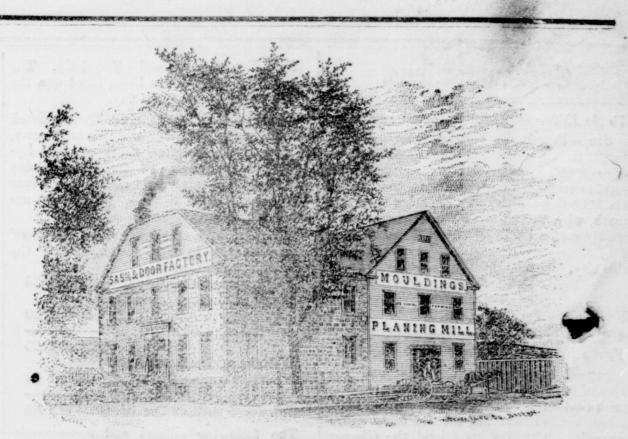
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has had in his case. I think his blood must

have contained the humor for at least ten years; but it did not show, except in the form

of a scrofulous sore on the wrist, until about five years ago. From a few spots which ap-

peared at that time, it gradually spread so as

to cover his entire body. I assure you he was

terribly afflicted, and an object of pity, when

he began using your medicine. Now, there are

few men of his age who enjoy as good health

as he has. I could easily name fifty persons

FROM THE FATHER: "It is both a pleasure and

Yourstruly, W. M. PHILLIPS."

who would testify to the facts in his case.

a terrible humor and scrofulous sores. The humor caused an incessant and intolerable itching, and the skin cracked so as to cause the blood to flow in many places whenever I moved. My sufferings were great, and my life a burden. I commenced the use of the SARSAPARILLA in April last, and have used it regularly since that time. My condition began to improve at once. The sores have all healed, and I feel perfectly well in every respect - being now able to do a good day's work, although 73 years of age. Many inquire what has wrought such a cure in my case, and I tell them, as I have here tried to tell you, AVER'S SARSAPARILLA. Glover, Vt., Oct.

casket from her without much trouble, but the girl turned in season to confront

Brownie herself grew pale at this unexpected encounter, but clutching her recovered property firmly in her hands, she held herself proudly at bay.

"You are the thief, madam-you and your daughter," she said, haughtily.

"Liar! Put that box down !"

"I shall not, madam !"

Then I will ring and have you arrested. I know not how you happen to be here-I devoutly hoped you would never cross our path again; but fate seems to decree you can then make whatever explahation that you turn up as a marplot wherever regarding the absence of these gems you with her myself just a little while before,' we go. Will you put that box down, or may see fit. But if you persist in giving Isabel exclaimed, angrily. shall I ring ? and the angry woman grasp-

ed the bell-pull vigorously. Brownie never relaxed a muscle, except that the proud lips curled into a scornful

smile. "You can ring the bell if you choose, Mrs. Coolidge.'

Have you no fear of the consequences ? her enemy asked, eying her wonderingly, and her lips twitching with wrath.

"None! "But you will have to face the whole household."

"Gather the whole household here if you will, and have the facts regarding this property brought to light; also the way in which you became possessed of it. Methinks Sir Charles Randal would not

be pleased to know that his betrothed wife entered the room of another, made a Paul Pry of berself, and purloined such things as these.'

Mrs. Coolidge winced at her words, and she could have trampled her under foot for her scorn and fearlessness.

"You are insolent, Miss Douglas," she breathed, in suppressed, wrathful tones. "Insolent or not, I only speak plain truth; and I shall not yield up this casket unless personal violence is used to wrest it from me," Brownie answered,

with calm dignity. "You are cool, truly," sneered the woman exasperated by her manner more than by her words, and as desirous of cre-

ating no disturbance as Brownie herself could be. "Yes, I am cool. This box is mine, I

tell you, and this much I will say, if you persist in disputing my right to it and its contents, I have only to appeal to a certain nobleman of the realm to substantiate my claim and protect me from your abuse," Brownie said, suddenly resolving to appeal to Lord Dunforth if Mrs. Coolidge persisted in her abuse.

"A nobleman of the realm. You." Intense scorn was breathed in these few words

"Yes, madam, I. I have but to tell my story of these jewels to prove that they belong to me, and reveal your wickedness to those whom you do do not care to have know it."

"Pray, why do you not make this appeal in the first place ?" queried Mrs. Coolidge, skeptically.

were living. I have since discovered that

'No, madam ; at least not well enongh to claim his acquaintance and protection, she went to the door, unlocked it, though except in case of stern necessity; but he her hands trembled so that it was with and Alma appeared upon the scene, and The conversation ran in a new chan-

the truth. "Good gracious, mamma, what is the "How would he know it? When did matter? You are as white as a ghost !!

he ever see those jewels before he saw Isabel wear them ?" the woman asked in- she exclaimed, as she entered. "Hush. Come in quick, and lock the quisitively, and burning with a desire to

door again ; then I will tell you." know more about them herself.

sorted to force to keep them, Brownie, on to the door and spoke so decidedly.

"Confound the girl! 1 had a wrangle "Don't, dear, use such language; you

should hear you."

instant involuntarily shivered, they look-ed so evil. "My dear Miss Douglas." she began, be here?" asked Mrs. Coolidge, to whom "My dear Miss Douglas," she began,

temporize in this matter? You know if

awkward for her. Could you not be per- making some judicious inquiries, and it

month?"

make it under the existing circumstances sisted upon taking care of her; and finally seemed so little and small of soul to her. nothing would do but she must have her

them long enough already," was her quiet you that I saw some one at the villa when but scathing reply.

passion that this poor, friendless girl Mabel Dundas, and that deceived me." should dare to thwart her so-that she should dare to stand so proudly, defiantly the least, when we are so anxious to have

scathing sarcasms. She grew white as mother, wearily. the delicate lace at her throat, and her

boded mischief. "Hark" she said, suddenly. "Some-

body is coming. It may be Isabel, and we shall have a scene. Come into my away from her by main force? room and I will let you out through there.

seemingly much disturbed, although admitted, with rather a crest fallen air. Brownie had caught no sound of any one approaching.

She pushed aside some hangings and revealed a narrow door. Brownie wondered that such a narrow.

to conceal the awkward doors. Before opening it, Mrs. Coolidge shoved

"Because I did not know then if he

"Madame," Brownie answered, haught. related all that had transpired during the ily, "I decline answering any more questions. I insist that you let me go quietly last half hour.

me further trouble, I shall immediately

Mrs. Coolidge's eyes flashed, and the

politely, after a moment, "can we not the matter was still a mystery.

suaded for a handsome consideration to seems that instead of going to the Washloan them to her until after her marri- ington Hotel after leaving us, as she told last we saw of her she came this way." over her head.

"No, madam; I think I have loaned for a companion. You know that I told two months ago, when-when--"

we first came here who looked like Miss the face The angry woman's lips twitched ner. Douglas, and I got quite a fright over it

"It is very unfortunate just now, to say

That is so, returned Isabel, with scow-

frightened her daughter.

eyes burned with a lurid light which ling brow. You say she still has the casket in there with her?

CHAPTER XXXI.

"I WILL DARE ANYTHING."

Not long after Mrs. Coolidge heard thing equally romantic.

Why under the sun didn't you take it

Because she was so haughty and defiant

with her, if she is little.

a heavy bolt (another circumstance which

window set high in the stone wall.

Isabel's voice in the hall. Hastily rising, In the midst of the excitement, Viola wherever he went

knows all about these jewels, and when I difficulty that she inserted the key in the upon being told that Miss Dundas was nel for a few moments after his entrance told my story he would know that I spoke lock. With her fingers upon her lips, missing, the former asked what sort of but the all-absorbing topic was soon reshe beckoned her daughter to come in. a looking person she was.

sumed, and Brownie's character was Sir Charles immediately gave a very most unmercifully picked to pieces accurate description of Brownie, where- again, while with a terrible sinking at upon both girls exclaimed his heart, Adrian soon learned some-

ments.

gan to whisper of an elopement, or some ing-room, where he was received with

"Why, that is our Miss Douglas, and thing of what had transpired, and it was with great difficulty that he main-Isabel obeyed, and then Mrs. Coolidge we met her just as she was going out. Mrs. Coolidge and Isabel were con- tained his composure, hoping to learn founded at this speech.

They had not thought of such a thing But he could not bear the aspersions as the girls meeting her, and hal fondly cast upon his betrothed, and after a hoped they should not be drawn into terribly scathing remark upon Brownie's make the whole matter public, and doubt. will forget yourself to your sorrow some the matter any more than to wonder, virtue from Isabel, followed by a bitter less you know what the consequences day. What if Sir Charles or Lady Randal with the other guests, what could have defunciation from Mrs. Coolidge, his become of her.

indignation burst forth. "I can't help it, mamma; it does try Now Viola's remark would involve He arose, and, with flushed face and young girl catching their gleam at that my patience so to have her turn up just no end of explanations, which of all blazing eyes, demanded of the latter. "Of whom do I understand you to

be speaking ?" "Of Miss Douglas, Mr. Dredmond-Everybody gathered around the young "Oh, she is that Miss Dundas who is girls at once, eager to hear more. the governess who come to England Isabel ceases suddenly to wear those companion to Lady Ruxley. Since I met "She was with us an hour or more," with us, and who has turned out so sad-

jewels it is going to make matters very her, a couple of hours ago, I have been Viola further explained, "then she said ly," she replied, serenely, and all unconshe must return to the Hall, and the scious of the terrible storm hovering

age, which will be in a little more than a Wilbur she intended to do, she got tip- "And who is 'our Miss Douglas,' "Perhaps you know who is accountped over in front of Lady Randal's town and what connection has she with Lady able for Miss Douglas' misfortunes since Brownie's lips curled with scorn at this house broke her arm and made such an Ruxley's companion !" asked Sir Charles she came abroad ?" he returned, meanproposition. The woman who could impression upon Lady Ruxley that she in- coming forward and looking very grave. ingly, and with a look that made "She was our governess until about Isabel's heart quake, for she knew he had seen Brownie lately, and it was Viola stammered and got very red in possible he, too, knew all the story of their abuse.

Her heart prompted her to stand up But Mrs. Coolidge was, as usual. vously, and her hands were clenched with until Lady Randal told me her name was loyally for the teacher whom she so equal to the occasion.

dearly loved, but she stood somewhat in "Really no. She told me she knew awe of her mother, who was regarding no one in this country," she returned. before her, and ffing out so coolly her everything go smooth," complained her her with sternest displeasure, and with raised eyebrows, and in surprised whose eve she had just caught. tones

"I know something of Miss Douglas, Mrs. Coolidge hastened to the rescue. "What is this you are saying about and that she is undeserving a word of Miss Douglas, Viola !" she asked, in the censure which you have heaped well-assumed surprise, at the same time upon her this evening ; and I demand giving her daughter a warning glance. that you retract every word you have

Viola repeated what she had already said-all of you ?" he said in tones which She walked swiftly across the room, I did not dare touch her, Mrs. Coolidge said, adding some further account of could not be mistaken. what had transpired in the park. There was a sudden hush among the

I know she has a high and mighty way When she had concluded, her mother company, while all eyes were fixed upon 8'4 turned to Sir Charles with a grave and the young man towering so proudly in Yes indeed, she has. You would have his haughty strength before them. sorrowful face. thought her a queen if you could have

"I really fear, Sir Charles, that your "Whew!" whispered one or two seen her look at me, and tell me to call peculiar door should connect two elegant the whole house, and make the matter aunt has been grossly imposed upon. young men under their breath. "The rooms, but she reasoned that this must be public, if I chose. Besides, see told me This Miss Douglas, of whom Viola pretty little governess is making quite a part of the original castle, and that all she should appeal to Lord Dunforth if I speaks, came over with us from America breeze, and has won one brave chamthese elegant hangings had been put up did not let her go quietly; and I knew, as governess to the girls. I began to pion in her defense, at least.

after what you had told me, that that suspect at the very first that she was Mrs. Coolidge felt by no means as Day Express,..... would never do. No indeed; it is very evident that he not just the person I could desire, but I easy as she appeared; but hers was a struck Brownie as singular), and opening knows too much about the jewels, while put up with her until about two months desperate case, and it would not do to the door, revealed a small, square room we know too little. But how are we going ago, when her very unbecoming conduct relax in the least her vigilance. So she or passage, dimly lighted by a dormer to get out of this muss, anyhow? and made it uccessary that I should dismiss glowered disapprobation and surprise Puliman Car for Montreal will be attached to public to visit his establishment and Isabel looked miserably anxious. her immediately.

The place was perfectly bare, and there was a damp, uncanny feeling in the at-her mother, with a significant nod at the her mother, with a significant nod at the

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he is. Now, as I have no desire to prolong this interview further, I will wish you good day."

Brownie took a step toward the door, but her enemy, rendered desperate by her undaunted bearing, and the fearful consequences which would result, if Isabel should thus suddenly be deprived of wearing the jewels, darted before her, shut the door, locking it, and put the key in her pocket.

"There! we will see who will win in this little game, Miss Douglas," she said. between her teeth, while there was a dangerous gleam in her eye. "You do not leave this room," she added, until you give up that casket. How do you suppose Isabel will account for the disappearance of all her elegant jewels, which have been so much admired ?"

"Madam, truth is a virtue which is safe always to cultivate," Brownie answered, with quiet sarcasm.

Mrs. Coolidge sighed in despair. What should she do with this brave,

proud girl? She utterly baffled her: while she was so cool, so haughty, so beautiful, standing so fearless there, with her jewels closely clasped in her arms, that she became enraged beyond endurance.

"Will you give me that, once for all. I ask you ?" she whispered, hoarsely, with livid face, and a deadly light in her light blue eyes.

"I will not !" and the beautiful brown eyes met hers fearlessly, defiantly. Mrs. Coolidge took a few steps forward

as if impelled by some hidden force, hesitated, bent her head a moment in thought while an evil smile flitted over her hard features. Then assuming a more conciliatory tone, she said :

"Really, Miss Douglas, you are so persistent, and so positive, that you almost persuade me into the belief that the jewels are yours after all.

Brownie made no reply to this concession, but stood quietly regarding her enemy.

Come into my room and let us talk the matter over quietly, the wily woman added, flashing a cunning look at the young girl from her half-closed eyes. I think we can come to a better understanding, and I have a proposition to make to you. Brownie felt somewhat suspicious of den change in Mrs. Coolidge's manner one small window set so high in the wall was only assumed for some hidden pur. that it was impossible to look out .pose; yet she thought it might be better There was no sign of any other door or to temporize with her, and it would, per. mode of egress that she could discover,

haps, save publicity. She could not leave the room, as things There was not an article of furniture in from a swoon, said Isabel shuddering. were, without making a disturbance, for the place, and Brownie groped her way to Don't be a fool child; only let us tide man's pocket, and she knew of no other for she was excited and trembling at find- shall be all right. However, if you say belongings." means of egress, although there were ing herself so cleverly entrapped and shut so, and are willing to run the risk, we will "Shut up, Helen! You are always several arches in the spacious apartment, up from the light of day. hung with draperies, which she thought "I suppose she thinks to frighten me impatiently.

mosphere, as if it had not been opened her mother, with a significant nod at the vailed door. before in a long while. Brownie involuntarily drew back as she reached the door, and again glanced suspiciously at her companion. prey with the intentness of a cat watching a mouse, noticed her hesitation, and, from her, was the whispered reply. with a light laugh, said :

"It isn't a very nice way to take you,

meet you now, with that casket in your one will suspect us in the matter. I tell obliged to make the confession.

we have found it very convenient, I as- of them or her, the proud woman whis- las. sure you. Come on; I'll go forward and pered, in concentrated tones, and with a open the door at the other end of the pas- desperate and reckless air that almost sage, and then you will see better."

She half crossed the dimly lighted space, and Brownie followed considerably there so long?

though even then she thought it strange that all your bright prospects should be the companion. that the door should have been bolted it sacrificed. Just so sure as we let her out, the passage was "so convenient." Suddenly Mrs. Coolidge stopped with a be ruined.

startled look. "Did you not hear some one at the door ?" she whispered. "No; I heard nothing," Brownie re-

plied, yet bending her head to listen. "There is surely some one there," per. ill and not able to go; then I can easily sisted Mrs. Coolidge. "I forgot to un-

lock Isabel's door, and the key is in my be the wiser for it." pocket. Wait just a moment while I go and unfasten it." She glided swiftly by the young girl, make a fuss? holding her breath and watching her

narrowly with her basilisk eyes, passed through the narrow door, drew it hastily after her, and shoved the bolt, leaving the thick, and with those heavy curtains astonished and dismayed girl a close pri- drooped over it, no one could ever hear

soner in that dismal cell. All too late Brownie saw how she had make any disturbance-she is too proud. What if she die in there, mamma. been fooled and entrapped, and berated

The two plotting women looked at each herself soundly for having trusted the other with whitening faces for a moment. faithless woman for an instant. After the first surprise was over, she Mrs. Coolidge was the first to recover herself, however. looked about her to measure the dimen.

Pshaw! what a foolish notion, Isabel. sions of her prison. It could not have been more than eight this smooth talk, and feared that the sud- feet by six, and was lighted only by that food every day, and we can make her a will do well enough.

only the bare damp walls of solid stone.

must conceal entrances to some other portion of the house. "I do not know what better under-"I do not know what better under-Skates. JAMES S. NEILL, Diamond and other Gem Rings, November 24, 1884 standing you may wish for," she replied, she has 'reckoned without her host,' for would never forgive the wrong we have away in some underhanded manner. I coldly. "Your daughter took this box from my room, and I have told you re-precious jewels away from me again. Oh fond of him. I believe it would upset superannuated, and I shall not rest ACME CLUB SKATES, points North. Elegant New Lamps. Just to hand, a fine lot of lickets for sale in Fredericton at New Bruns peatedly that it and its contents belong auntie," she added, a moment after, me entirely if anything should happen to until I know more of this matter," and wick Rallway Ticket Office. I HAVE just received a fine assortment of New Library Lamps, some of them or-namented with Decorated Shades and Cut Glass Prisms. Fourteen different styles, suitable for Passengers for points north of Grand Falls to me, and you know as well as I, Mrs. "you little knew what a troublesome le-Coolidge, that any judge would decide in gacy you were giving me; were they not be a better woman after I am married, the crusty old lady actually shed tears IMPERIAL CLUB SKATES. will have to remain over at Grand Falls until WOODEN SKATES, AND next morning. my favor should the case be brought into sacred to me on your account they are Isabel returned, nervously, and with very over the absence of the patient, gentle SKATE PARTS. E. R. BURPEE. Parlor, Hall or Dining Room. Prices moderate. For sale at Lowest Prices. SHARKEY'S BLOCK. N. T. GREATHEAD, court. But we can talk it over here as not worth all this trouble and contention. crimson cheeks, as if ashamed of the con- girl, to whom she was becoming deeply Gen'l Manager. Gen'! Pass. and Ticket Agent. JAS. G. MCNALLY. Z. R. EVERETT. well as anywhere." But they shall not have them now." attached fession. QUEEN STREET, FREDERICTON. November 12, 1884 S., John, N. B., October 18, 1884 Fredericton, Nov 19, 1881 The second second second second

dreadful " Lady Randal, who began to be afraid "Really, I am very sorry to be drawn of a quarrel, "I am sorry to see you so Well suppose she will not yield at all? She must sleep at all events; and if we into this very disagreeable matter thus. excited over this unfortunate affair. I cannot catch her in a natural sleep, there I dislike to say anything derogatory to know you are very philanthropic, but I Day Express, ..... Mrs. Coolidge, who was watching her are things that will make her unconscious any one, but since you ask, I will say am afraid you are allowing yourself to mer All Trains are run by Eastern Standard and then we can take the jewels away that she took things which did not be- become quixotic regarding this very

long to her, and made herself offensively singular young person." But she will be missed meanwhile. Well, we must wonder with the rest free with my son, who is now in Ger- His fine lips curled, and he turned

Miss Douglas, but it saves going through what has become of her. I am confident many," replied Mrs. Coolidge, with and bowed slightly, as he replied the corridor, and I would not have Isabel no one saw her come in here, and so no every appearance of sorrow that she was "If it is quixotic to defend a pure

and lovely girl in her absence from such hands, for the world. My room is at the you, Isabel, we have a desperate game to "You'll have to be older than you abuse as you have heaped upon her end of this passage, and we use it when play now, or you will lose Sir Charles.— we want to run back and forth. I do not Those jewels we must have, for their abthink it can have been used much of late sence will occasion endless inquiry and tered the old lady, indignantly, in an charge. I met Miss Douglas several years, for it is so damp and full of cob. remark. If she won't yield, we must keep under tone, as she eyed Isabel and her months ago in the United States. webs; but I discovered it while gratify- her shut up until after the wedding .- mother suspiciously, while Viola and know that she is as well-born as most of ing my Yankee curiosity to find out what When that is over, and you are sure of Alma looked the daggers they dare not you in this room, and few possesses the was underneath all these hangings, and your position, I do not care what becomes use to defend their beloved Miss Doug- cultivation and accomplishments which

she is mistress of. At the time of which Everybody was intensely interested I speak she was believed to be the in these new developments, and the heiress of more than a million, and Mamma, would you dare keep her in matter was talked over until every one moved in circles equal to our own, but

was satisfied that the disgraced gover- sudden misfortune reduced her to the time, which is 36 minutes slower than reassured by her fluent explanation, al. Yes, I will dare anything, rather than ness was none other than Miss Dundas, necessity of becoming a governess." "Why, Adrian, I am astonished ! 1 The date of her accident and advent did not suppose that you knew aught COMMENCING OCTOBER 18th, 1851, Trains

she will reveal everything, and we shall into Lady Randal's house was identical concerning Miss Douglas," replied Lady But you know we are all to go to Paris with that of her leaving Mrs. Coolidge, Randal, beginning to regard the comnext week, to be gone a fortnight, and their description of her was the same, panion rather more leniently.

"Nor I, that he was so interested in attend to my trousseau. and Isabel recalled to Sir Charles the I know it was so arranged, but you and evening of their ramble, when they had the poor but misguided girl," added Lady Randal will have to go-I shali be seen her at the villa, and she had ques- Mrs. Coolidge, with sarcastic commiserlook after our prisoner, and no one will tioned him regarding the companion. ation

Every one was convinced now of She had never forgiven Adrian's pre-"But is there no danger that she will Brownie's unworthiness, and believed ference for the beautiful governess that be heard if she should scream, or cry, or that she had taken herself out of the night at the opera, and could not now way because she feared an exposure on conceal her spite.

Not the least in the world. The place the part of Mrs. Coolidge, and dare not He wheeled upon her in an instant. seems to be made of solid masonry ! it meet it, or that she had eloped, but who has no other door but this, which is very with was the question.

All but Lady Ruxley. her. Besides, I have no fear that she will Her confidence was unshaken yet.

"I don't believe a word of it," she I could say much more, but"-with a said to lady Randal, as she assisted her glance from Isabel to Sir Charles-

to her room. be silent. "But, aunt, it must be so. Mrs. Coolidge's word is indisputable. " Maybe you think so," retorted her

She is strong and well, and there is no ladyship, irritably,

comfortable bed from our own, and she sumed her niece, unheeding her remark. "I have feared from the first that you "But, mamma, the bare possibility of were being imposed upon. That's althe thing gives me a dreadful feeling. I ways the way with these girls who have am as weak as if I had just recovered no recommendation-they are all advenblood, liver and kidneys. turesses. I only hope you won't find



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"The evidence is so clear, too," re-

the door was locked, the key in the wo- the wall, leaning against it for support, the next four or five weeks over, and we that she has helped herself from your

let her out now, returned Mrs. Coolidge, ready to believe the worst of everybody.

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