ierce's The Original leasant LITTLE urgative LIVER remarkable. I could almost believe you far from Vue de l' Eau, a good many years although of course, everything was now the mysteries which it had guarded for Hoetry. to be a mind-reader," he replied dropping ago. They came here in a very destitute faded and covered with dust, and had a so many years. condition, after Mr. Henry Dale's death, look of neglect that was forlorn and Passing out of the little gate he fasthis eyes half guiltily. Then after a moment of thought, he and supported themselves by teaching cheerless. ened it after him, then mounted his ellets Pills. PIANOS continued, excitedly: and sewing." ORCANS There were pretty easy chairs and horse and rode slowly and thoughfully "And yet this old hermit, Robert Dale, "Yes, I may as well confess it-I am madly in love with Gladys Huntress, and had plenty and let them toil for the neces. tempting rockers scattered about; a back to Vue de l'Eau. TO-MORROW. BEWARE OF IMITATIONS. ALWAYS ASK FOR DR. PIERCE'S PELLETS, OR have been for more than a year. I have saries of life," said Everet indignantly. luxurious sofa in one corner, and a hand-(To be continued.) LITTLE SUGAR-COATED PILLS. The woods are bare, vowed that I will win her if it can be ac. "They were his own brother's wife and some table in the centre of the floor. Being entirely vegetable, they op-And the frosty air complished, even though I know that she child, too; but-" began Colonel Map covered with a richly embroidered cloth, A Prominent Merchant in Trouble. erate without disturbance to the system, diet, or occupation. Put up in glass vials, hermeti-Has stolen the summer's treasure, loves this fellow, who has been nothing leson, musingly, while he seemed to be evidently the work of a skillful pair of And our hearts grown cold cally scaled. Always fresh and reliable. As a laxative, alterative, or purgative, these little Pellets give the most perfect ORGANS. but a stumbling block in my path since busied with some memory of the past. hands, and the young man wondered if Old moneybags mopes in his office all day, PIANOS. With a pain untoldthe first day I met him. I am going to "Well mother told me they were bit-Richmond as you surmise, to trace Annie ter enemies, What was the cause of it?" Annie Dale had wrought the beautiful There was a small piero between the clerks know enough to keep out of hi Seem beating in sadder measure. satisfaction. But the fallows will break, thing. There was a small piano between Dale's history from the time of her disap- asked the young man eagerly. SICK HEADACHE, And the echoes will wake, pearance, and I fully believe I shall dis-"Robert and Henry Dale both loved the two front windows, a book case filled Lest the merchant should grumble and We'll bid good-bye to sorrow, I have now on hand a large stock of Pianos, including the cover that this Geoffrey Dale is her son. the same woman when they were young with books by standard authors, in a The grass will spring swear. Bilious Headache, If he is a child of shame. I do not believe men. Henry won her, and Robert hated And the birds will sing; NEW HEINTZWAN AND NEW BELL PIANOS, Even Tabby, the cat, is in fear of a cuff, corner, and at one end there was a love-Dizziness, Constipa-tion, Indigestion, Bilious Attacks, and all that Gladys Huntress will marry him, and him ever afterward ; that is the secret of Oh! life will be glad to-morrow. Or a kick, if she ventures too near; ly writing-desk, containing numerous his leading such a singular life, I suppose,' They all know the master is apt to be rough, I may yet be happy." "Mrs. Mapleson looked deeply troubled explained his father. drawers and pigeon-holes, and every derangements of the stom-The dun clouds fly And his freaks unexpected and queer. ach and bowels, are prompt-GRANDS, SQUARES AND UPRICHTS. Through the dreary sky; convenience for writing. A small workly relieved and permanently cured by the use of Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Purgative Pellets. Everet flushed. over this confession. The vapors o'er life hang thickly; He was thinking of two other young basket, on an elaborate standard, stood What makes the old fellow so surly and grim, "Everet," she said, gravely, "I am FIRST-CLASS IN EVERY RESPECT. But the beautiful blue And behave so confoundedly mean? In explanation of the remedial power of these Pellets over so great a variety of diseases, it may truthfully be said that their action upon afraid that you are building upon a false men who loved the same woman one of beside a pretty rocker by one of the low We can see peep through Handsome cases of double Veneered Rosewood, Mahogany. foundation, and your hopes will come to whom hated the other for having won, front windows. It was a dainty affair, There's certainly something the matter with And the mists will be lifted quickly. the system is universal, not a gland or tissue escaping their sanative influence. Sold by druggists, 25 cents a vial. Manufactured at the Chemical Laboratory of WORLD'S DISPENSARY MEDICAL ASSOCIATION, Buffalo, N. Y. naught. If this girl truly loves that where he had failed. lined with crimson satin and garnished Blistered Walnut and French Burl. We will bring a chime Is it stomach, or liver, or spleen? young man, and he is worthy of her, she "What became of the two women?" will marry him, or I am very much mis-taken in my estimate of her character." what became of the two women 7' with rows of ribbon to match; and sion of Annie Dale's disappearance. with rows of ribbon to match; and Everet Mapleson could imagine just how bad, To the weary time All Pianos guaranteed three unisons. In style, beauty, finish, workmanship, grandness, Whose tones of the future borrow, taken in my estimate of her character." | sion of Annie Dale's disappearance. brilliancy and purity of tone and durability they are unequalled. We will cheat dull care "Mrs. Dale died many years ago, and the graceful figure of the fair girl, to His blood is disordered and foul, Everet Mapleson's brow darkened. And baffle despair It's enough to make any one hopelessly mad, "I am going home anyhow," he said, the daughter, I believe, went somewhere whom it had belonged, had looked as ORGANS IN GREAT VARIETY. By the hope of a bright to-morrow. And greet his best friend with a growl. oggedly. "It will be a wild goose chase, I warn it is nearly ten o'clock !" suddenly inter. cate bit of sewing or embroidery. loggedly. The world-wide remedy, Dr. Pierce's Goldyou," returned his mother. "I cannot help it, I shall go mad if I sit idly down, and Gladys is lost to me for. jected Colonel Mapleson, looking at his watch in surprise, "and I promised to meet Major Winterton in town, at a quar. desk, at a guar. idly down, and Gladys is lost to me for. watch in surprise, "and I promised to meet Major Winterton in town, at a quar. desk, at a guar. cate bit of sewing or embroidery. He turned again to the writing desk, as if he instinctively felt that this was desk, tem and build up your flesh and strength. en Medical Discovery, will correct a disord ed liver and purify the blood, tone your s New England Bethoven and Bell Organs, en Medical Discovery, will correct a disorder-Literature. is offered by the manufactured liver and purify the blood, tone your sysers of Dr. Sage's Catarrh Suitable for Churches, Lodge and Concert rooms, and Parlors. Remedy, for a case of Chronic Nasal Catarrh which ever," he retorted, with quivering lips. ter before eleven, to look at his sorrel more likely than anything else to conthey cannot cure. Cases of the best material. Beautifully finished throughout. Tone full, grand, clear and sweet bon't be led astray by faise representations of agents' but come and see for yours. Buying for Cash I am thus enabled to give better value for the money than any other dealer is the Provide. Mrs. Mapleson seemed very unhappy. mare. I am talking of buying her for a she loved her son as she loved no one saddle horse. I must be off at once. Will former occupants of the pretty house. motto. The newest thing is a shop Anything to save time, is New York's SYMPTOMS OF CATARRH.-Dull, **DOUBLE DEALING.** heavy headache, obstruction of the nasal passages, discharges falling from the head else in the world, and she could not bear you come with me?" It was not locked. Sold on easy terms-Pianos, Organs and Sewing Machines. where men and women may have their into the throat, sometimes profuse, watery, and aerid, at others, thick, tenacious, mucous, to think that he had learned to love un-wisely, and was risking his future happi- about home for to day," the young man He opened it, lying the cover out flat, shoes mended while they wait. Custopurulent, bloody and putrid; the eyes are replied, but feeling somewhat disappoint. and then began pulling out the drawers mers see the latest shoemaking machin-MCCATHERIN Phoenix Square, Fredericton weak, watery, and inflamed; there is ringing in the ears, deafness, hacking or coughing to ness in pursuit of an ignis fatuus. She did not believe he would ever win ec at having their conversation so abrupt. and peering into the various pigeon-holes ery in the window, and behind the ma-CHAPTER XIX. clear the throat, expectoration of offensive matter, together with scabs from ulcers; the FREDERICTON, December 12, 1888 EVERET MAPLESON RETURNS TO VUE DE L'EAU. Gladys Huntress. The young girl's face ly terminated. had haunted her ever since she had seen Colonel Mapleson bade his son good They were all empty—so far, there pare the work for the machines. A and compartments. voice is changed and has a nasal twang; the breath is offensive; smell and taste are im-Everet Mapleson conducted his mother her with her lover, in the museum at morning, and hurried from the room to not been a scrap of paper to tell who, in woman goes in, has her shoes taken off, paired; there is a sensation of dizziness, with mental depression, a hacking cough and gento Sheffield Hall thence, to the Divinity Yale, and she know by the way she had order his horse, while Everet sat musing days gone by, had made use of the con- put on the lasts, trimmed of all tatters eral debility. Only a few of the above-named symptoms are likely to be present in any one Colleges, the Marquand Chapel, and looked up into Geoffrey's eyes, that she upon what he had learned, and wondoring venient and elegant affair-and he shut and shreds, fitted with new heels and Library, and finally to the Peabody loved him with her whole soul, and that what his next step would be to ascertain case. Thousands of cases annually, without no dishonor, save that of his own making, what Annie Dale's fate had been, after them up again with a sigh of impatience soles, put into a sewing or nailing mamanifesting half of the above symptoms, result in consumption, and end in the grave. Museum. and regret, while a feeling of gloom chine, and made good as new almost In this latter place they lingered for would ever alienate her from him. No disease is so common, more deceptive and going to Richmond to seek her fortune. dangerous, or less understood by physicians. By its mild, soothing, and healing properties, began to oppress him; there was some- half as quickly as it has taken to write some time, examining various objects of "Oh, Everet, pray give up this foolish interest Mrs. Mapleson appeared to be infatuation," she pleaded, laying her hand greatly attracted by the valuable collec. beseechingly on his arm. thing very dreary in this house, so com- these words. Patching is the only work Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy cures the worst cases of Catarrh, "cold in the head," Coryza, and Catarrhal Headache. pletely furnished, yet so silent and de- that is done in the old fashioned way. "Foolish infatuation, indeed !" he re-CHAPTER XX. tion of curiosities on exhibition there. old by druggists everywhere; 50 cents. serted Entire new shoes are made to order by torted, with an angry flush. "What can While they were standing before a "Untold Agony from Catarrh." A sensation of guilt, too, began to in- the pair in two hours. cabinet of curious stones, one of Everet's you know about it-you who never knew AN INTERESTING DWELLING. . Prof. W. HAUSNER, the famous mesmerist, trude uncomfortably upon him. It alclassmates came to him and drew him what it was to love a man as I love this of *lthaca*, N. Y., writes: "Some ten years ago I suffered untold agony from chronic nasal Colonel Mapleson received a letter from his wife, a day or two after Everet's re-

aside, for a moment of private conversa. peerless girl?" tion. He then turned to his mother and excused himself, saying that he was wanted her neck; her lips quivered painfully, and friends.

elsewhere upon a matter of class business, hot tears rushed to her eyes. but would shortly return to her.

"Yes,"

His face flamed angrily.

"Very well," she replied. "I will look about by myself until you come back, and judgment of me, Everet? Surely, what-about by myself until you come back, and ever else you may say of me, you cannot be without an escort, which marred her

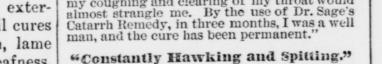
"I tell you, you cannot understand !"

most seemed as if the former occupants Mrs. Mapleson crimsoned to her brow, turn to Vue de l'Eau begging him to of this home, although perhaps long

then grew white as the snowy lace about come to Newport to join herself and since dead and passed beyond all things

A Boon and a Blessing.

catarrh. My family physician gave me up as incurable, and said I must die. My case was such a bad one, that every day, towards sun-A boon and a blessing to mankind is



et, my voice would become so hoarse I could not tears rushed to her eyes. "Are you not somewhat harsh in your udgment of me, Everet? Surely, what-wery kind, she felt rather embarrassed to wery kind, she felt rather embarrassed to

you will find me here.

She wandered lessurely from case to son," she said, sadly and tremulously. case, looking over their contents, until "Forgive me, mother," he pleaded, suddenly her attention was attracted by a conscience smitten, "but, indeed, it nearpeculiarly pleasant voice, and, glancing ly drives me distracted to think that I have his wife's holiday spoiled, decided one of them, caught his eye. up, she saw her son's "double" standing may not be able to win Gladys; while he, that he would gratify her, packed his Something like an electric near her, with a beautiful girl leaning that beggar without even a name, has portmanteau and started off at once. won her without an effort." upon his arm. "Has won? They are engaged?"

She knew that it was Geoffrey Huntress from some trifling difference in his dress, although, even from her keen mother's wise distinguish him from her son. But after a passing glance at him, her scornfully, and with a flashing eye.

attention was rivited upon the exquisitely beautiful girl at his side, whose face was aglow with health and happiness.

were of all save each other. "I wonder never allow him to triumph where I have ferred to several times. who the young girl is? How graceful failed." she is in every movement! how animated! He strode from the room with these was a boy, and had almost forgotten how and I have rarely seen such a lovely com- words, and that night he left Newport for the place looked, though he used to row

plexion, or such beautiful, expressive Vue de l'Eau, where he arrived three upon the pond, and play about the dila-eyes !'' upon the pond, and play about the dila-days later, and found his father at home pidated wheel, which once had turned the He s

She stood beside one of the cabinets, partially shielded by it, watched the young couple all the time they remained in the room, and would gladly have fol-lowed them as they passed on to another, so interested did she become in them, if she had not promised that she would re-main where she was until Everet returned. When at length he did come back to her, his face was pale and lowering. He had passed Gladys and Geoffrey on his

had passed Gladys and Geoffrey on his way, and the sight of them together had wrought him up to the highest pitch of lessly, "and somehow I had a peculiar on every hand made the woods ring with passion and suffering.

passion and suffering. "What is the matter, Everet?" his Mother rebelled at being left, but I pro-buzzed lazily about; the beetles hummed "I mother asked. "Are you in trouble ?" mised to send you on to take my place." among the bushes, and gaily painted but- regret that I have

added: "Have you seen enough here ?" some time; I have only been waiting for attendance upon his fashtonable wife, al. tering from some gnarled and moss grown you. I have been quite interested in a though he was proud of her beauty and trunk, and dart across the path or along uprovided for. My poor lit

young girl. Perhaps you met them ?" "Yes; I passed them as 1 came in." "Who is she?"

his coffee cup to be filled for the third clamorous mate. "She is the daughter of the man who adopted him; her name is Gladys Hunt-ress." time, for they were at breakfast. "Surely you would enjoy the trip then," Everet replied. "Newport has changed the tender blue of the sky above and the the tender blue of the sky above and the

"Gladys? What an appropriate name! greatly; it has become, literally an island waves of golden light, that streamed soft. I want you to remain in She is a veritable sunbeam. Do you of palaces. You ought to run up there ly on him between the interlacing your home for the future know her "Yes; I have met her a great many "Well, I'll think about it; but you will enjoyed his solitary ride, and the lazy,

times in New York society," the young be lonely if I run off just as you have peaceful life of bird and insect all about man returned, but with a face so pale and come home." pained that his mother could not fail to "Never mind me; mother needs and By and by he heard the rushing of the notice it.

love with her yourself !" she said, in a be quiet for a while," the young man re- where as a boy he had often played and I have a right to care for you startled tone. marked, carelessly.

"Well, he has a charming daughter, my way. I'd like you to win a pretty ed, quietly." the heart, and had come to conceal it. "That is a new freak, isn't it?" he ask-ing, black from age and neglect, but picwealthy man."

accuse me of lacking in affection for my enjoyment very much; if he could not come she should return home.

colonel feeling that it would be too bad to when a scrap of paper, wedged in beside Something like an electric shock ran along his nerves at this discovery.

Everet accompanied him to the station, and gave a sigh of relief as he watched He tried to dislodge the paper, but it out of sight the train that bore his father was very firmly caught, while the ragged "What folly, Everet? I would respect northward, for he felt that he could now edges did not protrude sufficiently to eye, it was almost impossible to other. myself to much to cry after a girl who was pursue the investigations he was contem. allow him to grasp it with his fingers.

already pledged," said Mrs. Mapleson, plating independently, and without fear He drew forth his knife, and, workof criticism. ing very carefully, finally succeeded in With his thoughts full of this purpose, he turned his horse's head again toward

detaching it from its position. he cried. "At all events, whether I win home, but on his way he made a detour, Upon examining it he found it to be "They are lovers," Mrs. Mapleson said or not, I will do my utmost to separate taking a road which would lead him a portion of a letter that had probably to herself, as she saw how oblivious they them. I detest him so thoroughly I will around by the old mill that has been re- been caught sometime when the slide

was being pushed in, and the other part He had not traversed this way since he had been hastily torn away, doubtless by someone trying to remove it from the

He smoothed it out with an eager, She stood beside one of the cabinets, keeping bachelor's hall in fine style, with mill, while he had followed the stream trembling hand, while his face grew that fed it for miles, in search of the pretty white from the excitement of the mo-

> "Can it be possible that I have found clew at last?" he muttered, in a retrees with their luxuriant foliage made a pressed tone. "I am afraid it will perfect arch above his head, and afforded prove but a faint one, but it may be a delightful shade, through which the sun. something to begin upon.'

The following is what he read from that torn sheet of paper, which had been torn lengthwise in a very irregular man-

"MY DEAR AN "No," he answered, briefly, and then Col. Mapleson shrugged his shoulders. terflies fluttered among the many-hued your mother. Of cour added: "Have you seen enough here?" He was not particularly found of gay "Yes; I have been ready to go for society, and was never anxious to dance and then a squirrel would spring out chat-for life only, must now cea young couple who have just gone out— the admiration and attention she receiv-your 'double,' as you call him, and a lovely ed wherever she went. the zigzag Virginia fence on either hand, nothing to comfort you, for I kno while occasionally a nut-brown partridge cold words are at such a ti

"I have not been in Newport for a good startled from its covert, darted deeper heart is with you. I sorrow with many years," he remarked, as he passed into the forest, followed by its timid and sible I would come to you you in this sad hour. But

for a little change during mother's stay." branches over his head, Everet thoroughly past. It is yours without "You must not, however, stay there not be safe, and I want you to

panion; some one older tha wants you, and I have been in so much brook that fed the pond farther en, and be a sort of protector to you. "Everet, I believe you have fallen in excitement of late that I shall be glad to presently he came to the shallow ford expense, Annie, for you know Inclosed you will find che "It would not be a very difficult thing This was such a strange desire on the He rode his horse into the middle of your present necessities, and for any man to do, would it?" he asked, trying to smile yet with a ring of pain in his voice. The firequent all the gay resorts during the summer holidays, while, too, he was look. The firequent all the gay resorts during the summer holidays, while, too, he was look.

"Is the family a good one?" "They stand well; they are received in the best society in New York, and I have been told that Mr. Huntress is a "Is the family a good one?" "In the best society in New York, and I have been told that Mr. Huntress is a

several times, his face growing whiter, graver, and more thoughtful with each

back, sore throat, croup, deatness, He put up the cover and was pushing cramps, contracted cords and lameness. Everet urged his father to go, and the in the little side rests that had held it, Procure it of your druggist.

A jeweller of New York city has just finished for a fashionable lady a pair of garter buckles that are valued at \$300 and spitting, and for the last eight months could not breathe through the nostrils. I thought nothing could be done for me. Luck-ily, I was advised to try Dr. Sage's Catarrh Remedy, and I am now a well man. I believe it to be the only sure remedy for catarrh now manufactured, and one has only to give it a

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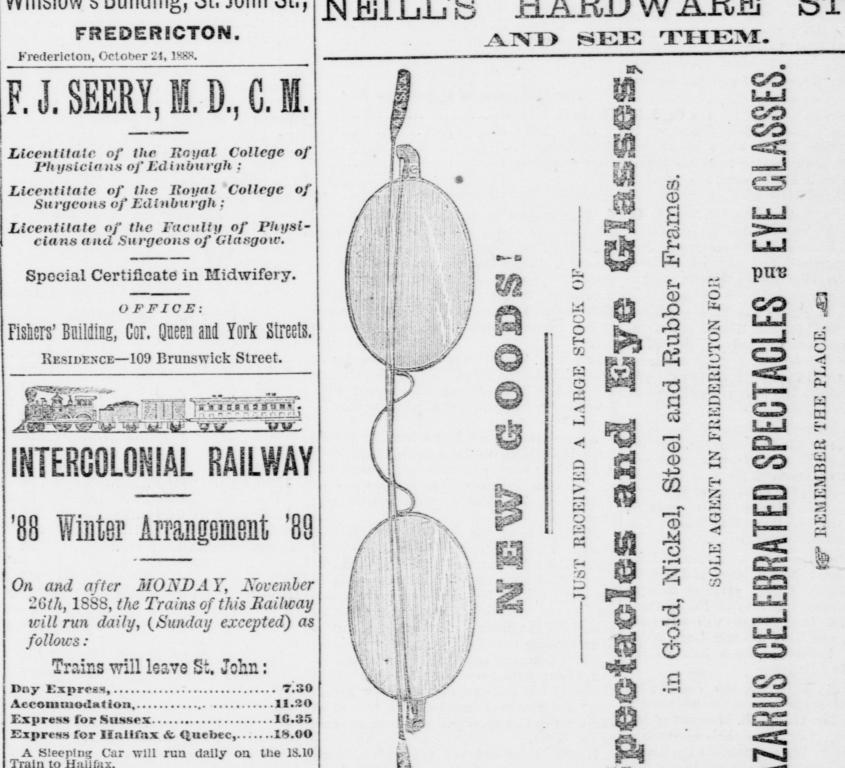
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Mrs. Mapleson, wistfully.

ter smile, as he thought of how he had improve my opportunity now to my heart's and there among the foliage. have some packing to attend to yet."

Mrs. Mapleson signified her rediness to my roamings I may like to visit it." go, and they passed out of the museum and repaired to Everet's rooms.

fashionable resort, where she expected to lived a regular hermit's life for nearly a vines, and kept the place from falling to meet some friends, who were also coming quarter of a century. The house is still ruin. standing about ten miles from here, in a from the South.

But Everet had other plans for himself. lonely spot surrounded by a dense growth with green blinds, and a neat fence sur-He attended his mother to Newport, of pines. He kept one servant-Uncle saw her comfortably and pleasantly set- Jake, he was called-who was housekeeper and ironing, taking care of their one horse was going home to Virginia

She was amazed at this information, and and cow, and the chickens. He also attended to all the marketing and errands. protested indignantly against his deand his master was rarely seen." parture.

"How did Mr. Dale occupy his time ?" "Why, I am a total stranger here, Everet inquired, Everet," she said, "and it is too bad of "With reading and writing. He had a you to desert me in this unceremonious choice library, the only luxury of which fashion."

"But the Amslies and Worthingtons he was guilty; and he left piles of manu-will be here in a day or two, and then you scripts, some of which were quite valuable will have plenty of company," he told treating chiefly upon geology and ornithology. He had always been a great stuher. "But I want you for an escort. I do dent of those subjects." "What became of his library and manu-

not like to be left alone." scripts ?" "Then I'll try and persuade father to

"One of the trustees of Richmond Colcome on, if he is at home when I reach Vue de l'Eau," Everet returned, but lege claimed that they had been promised without relenting in the least from his to that institution, and although there was no writing of any kind found after "But what is your object? It seems his death to veryify that claim, the books

inexpilicable to me. I supposed, of and papers were all made over to the col- the house. course, you were going to remain with lege. "What of his servant, Uncle Jake ?"

me," his mother said, searching his face curiously, and with some anxiety as well.

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"I have an object, but-" "But you do not wish to tell me what it is," she interposed. "Everet, you shall ! I suspect it is some love affair."

He colored crimson, and then was en. buried there in the woods, the house was opened. raged at himself for doing so. shut up, and has remained so ever since." "Well, and what if it is ?" he demanded,

"This Robert Dale was a relative of somewhat defiantly. "Who is there at home in whom you are yours, wasn't he, father ?"

"Well, yes, I suppose he was, though so deeply interested ?" "No one; I am going to trace out that the relationship is very distant. He was

Annie Dale's history, if you must know. | own cousin to my Uncle Jabez, who was I believe Geoffrey Dale Huntress in some my father's half brother, if you can make way connected with her, and," he burst that out," said Colonel Mapleson, laughout excitedly, "I am going to know !" ing.

"Nonsense! What good will it do you? "Humph! There was another family Everet," she added, as a sudden thought of Dales, who lived somewhere in this recame to her, "you are in love with that gion, if I remember right; that is, I regirl, Gladys Huntress, and you are jealous | member hearing something about them," of him." Everet remarked, after another pause. " Well ?" Colonel Mapleson bent a look of ques-

"You have conceived the idea that tioning surprise on his son. Annie Dale disappeared because of some "It appears to me that you manifest an wrong that she had done, and that this unusual interest in the Dales this morn-

girl like that for a wife, Everet," said "You can call it so if you like; but I turesque withal, for it was almost covered perusal.

him.

"Yes; Robert Dale, a distant cousin, ple wisteria.

"He died only a few months after his

master. He lived on at the Hermitage in

the same way, refusing to leave the place,

and was found dead in his bed one day

by some sportsmen who stopped there to

sailed his miniature boats.

have been working pretty hard this last with a luxuriant growth of glossy, dark "At last !" he cried, striking his "I assure you it would give me a great deal of pleasure to gratify you, ma chere," he responded, his hps curling with a bit-he responded he r tried and failed; then he abruptly chang-ed the subject: "But time is flying, and If we are to be in New York to night, we If we are to be in New York to night, we must be thinking about trains, while I ity, where a relative of ours, who was a upon a small cottage fairly embowered in tinued, with curling lips. "He 'sorsort of recluse, used to live? In some of vines, and brilliant with great clusters of rows with her,' and would have come to

the scarlet trumpet-honeysuckle and pur- her 'had it been possible.' He evidently wanted her to remain here after her Corn, That evening they were en route to the pose your mother has been telling, you there was no sign of life anywhere about mother died until he could come. Mean- Tomatoes, This also appeared to be deserted, and great metropolis, whence they were to go about him; she always invested him with a great deal of romance," his father re- other buildings which he had passed, and tector, and does not wish her to 'mind Peas,

Mrs. Mapleson had arranged to spend plied, with a slight smile of amusement. it looked as if, from time to time, some the expense,' because he has a 'right to Baked Beans, the greater portion of the season at this "He was a queer old codger, too, and careful hand had trained and pruned the care' for her, and encloses a cheque as Corn Beef.

substantial evidence of the fact." "Why didn't she stay here, I won-

It had originally been painted white, der ?" he pursued, musingly. "Why did Condensed Milk, rounded the spacious garden; but time she go to Richmond to look for a situaand the elements had robbed it of its once tion as governess, or was that only a tled there, and then informed her that he and steward all in one-cooking, washing spotless coat, and but for the vines it blind to cover her flight-to deceive him. would have looked naked and forlorn. There is a mystery about it. Can it be Everet rode up to the hitching post, dismounted and tied his horse to it, un. possible-

He sprang to his feet with the sentence fastened the low gate and walked up the grass-grown path to the broad veranda unfinished on his lips, and began pacing the floor with clouded brow, and his that ran entirely around the house. Every window was curtained, and every mouth drawn into a stern, resolute line.

curtain was down, the front door securely "She is dead though, if she was Geoffrey Dale Huntress' mother-and I'm The young man stood irresolute a moas certain of that as I am the heir of S.

"It cannot be that anyone lives here," | Vue de l'Eau-for that woman, Margery he muttered; I am quite sure that this said that he could not realize his loss must be the Dale cottage, and yet it looks when she died. But who was his father ? as if it were inhabited. -why was he named Geoffrey Dale? by He walked slowly around the veranda. whom and why was he abandoned in the trying to peer in at the side of the cur. tains as he passed the windows, but not a streets of New York ? There is some glimpse of the interior could he obtain. dark secret connected with Annie Dale's There was another door at the back of life and her disappearance from Rich-

mond, and I shall never rest until I He tried this also, but it was evidently know the whole story from beginning to bolted on the inside for he could hear the

bolt rattle in its socket. He continued his pacings and mutter-He shook it gently back and forth a few times in an impatient way, for he was ings for a long while growing more and very anxious to know what was behind all more excited over the matter. His face those closely drawn curtains, when to his wore a dark and troubled look, as ever fill their canteens with water. He was surprise the door suddenly yielded and and anon he raised that scrap of paper

which he still held in his hand and The iron had rattled from its place. scanned those disjointed lines. Stepping within, he found himself in At last he folded it very carefully and what appeared to be a kitchen, for there was a cooking stove under the mantel; a put it safely away in his wallet.

"It may come handy some day, even dresser filled with dishes stood on the east side, and there was a small table if the other half is wanting," he said, an with one or two chairs opposite. There evil smile curling his 1 ps. was a door on his left. Then he set about finishing the ex-

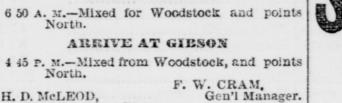
Crossing the floor, which was covered with dust and showed the print of every ploration of the little cottage.

step, he passed into a small bedroom. There was a little hall leading from A faded carpet lay upon the floor. A one end of the parlor and a flight of bed, covered with a canopy of musquito stairs conducted to the second story. netting, which once had been blue but Ascending these Everet found two was now faded and discolored with age comfortably furnished chambers above, and dust stood in one corner. Pretty lace draperies fell over the window shades one of which had evidently been used for

and were looped back with broad satin a servant's room. ribbons, which were also blue. A cherry Retracing his steps, he came to the



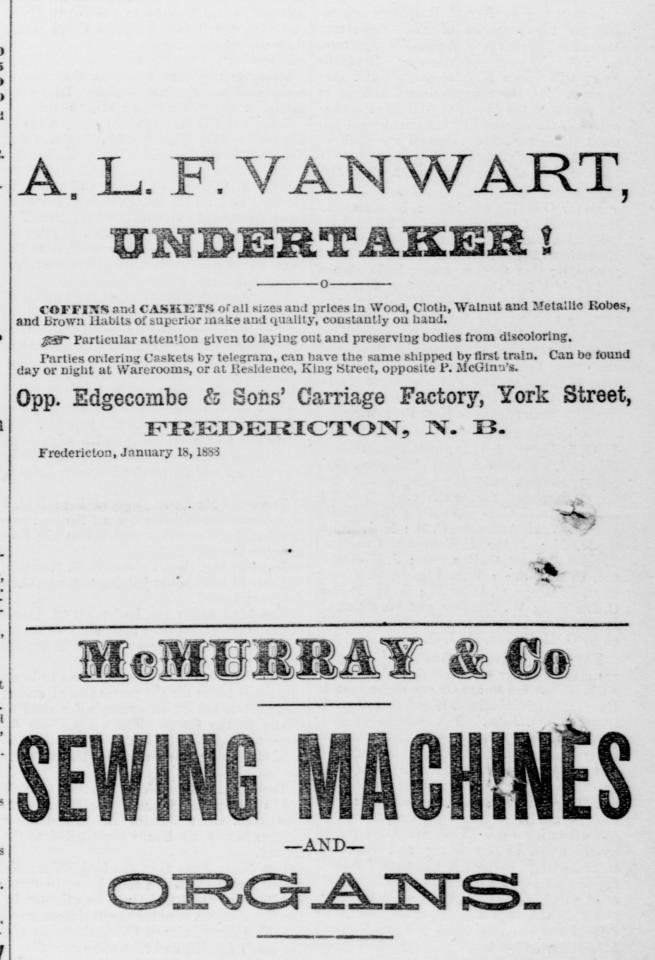
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Geoffrey Huntress may be her child, and ing," Colonel Mapleson said; "what has table a couple of wicker chairs completed front door which he found fastened with not of honorable birth. You believe, if roused it? I did not suppose you were the furnishing of the apartment. a spring lock. He then went back to you can prove this, that Miss Huntress even aware of their existence." will never marry him, and you will then "Mother related something of ther his-A second door led into another room the kitchen where he securely bolted the be able to win her." Mrs. Mapleson had said this looking straight into her son's eye, and seeming to read his soul like an open book. "Wother wour protect at least, there was a widow and "Mother wour protect at least, there was a widow and "Mother wour protect at his interview of the work of the wor "Mother your penetration is something her daughter, who lived in a cottage not been both richly and tastefully furnished, vigorous protest at his intrusion upon

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