MISS HOBBS.

BY MRS. M. A. DENISON. CHAPTER I.

"My dear, we ought always to economize somewhere. I never should have been worth twenty thousand dollars if I hadn't," and out trotted Aunt Esther Clipps, one of the fixtures of the De Witt fashionable boarding-house, her high-heeled shoes striking against the polished floor like castanets.

tongue," muttered Winifred, the only daughter of the house, a woman of exceedingly juvenile appearance—for thirty. "I declare, she's worse than Ethel Newcomb's old termagant aunt. Any letters for me, mamma?"

wearing the tired look habitual with boarding-house keepers, and gave one. "It is so seldom I have a letter!" said Winifred, tearing open the envelope. "Well, I am surprised!"

"Is it from Robert Templeton?" asked her mother, glancing at the flowing. manly chirography.

said Winifred.

"And pray, who is Miss Hobbs?" her He is really the prince exquisites."

mother asked. "Have you forgotten that tall, bigeyed girl, black as an Indian almost, who was one of Boyden Brothers' clerks? It was, let me see, five years ago she boarded here; she was only twenty then. You let her have a room for almost nothing because she taught me French. Don't you remember young Frank Skye was here then, and he called her "Hobby" Well, it seems she has risen in the world, and now she wants to come and pay us a visit. Shall I say yes? She can room with me-by the way, how Aunt Clipps did hate her! Well, we're not going to be governed by Aunt Clipps in everything,

are we?" "Of course not; if you want Miss Hobbs send for her. You don't have much company-strange, I seem to forget how she looked. Was she pretty?" "I don't know what rest and good

living may have done for her, but she was almost ugly when she was here, in spite of a pair of splendid eyes. guess Aunt Clipps will let her alone, now she is rich.

"Rich!" sighed Mrs. De Witt, wistfully. "One's pocket ought to be lined with money. The way things are going up is enough to make housekeepers wild."

"Oh, never mind, mamma; we shall get along," said Winifred. "If worse comes to worse," she added, resuming her work, with a nervous little laugh, "I'll take the General. It's a standing offer."

"I wonder you didn't jump at it," said Mrs. De Witt, rising; "in your circumstances I'm sure I should," and she left the room at the sound of a bell. "I'd rather have his nephew," said Miss Winifred, under her breath, a rosy color in her cheeks at the sound of a

voice she well knew. "Come in, Elsie," it said, "till I see. Oh, beg pardon, Miss Winifred; I thought the parlor was empty. Is the General in his room, do you know?" "I believe he is, Mr. Templeton,"

"Certainly not," was the answer; "and how do you do, Miss Winifred? Elsie," he added, addressing some one in the hall, "you had better go to his room. It's his laundress, Miss Winifred; she has been sick for some time." "Yes, I remember," said Winifred.

said Winifred. "Shall I see?"

wondering if her blonde bangs were all in place. "How very pretty she is." "Rather," he said, taking a chair." "Her grandmother was a slave in our

family. She's a nice little person, and has seen better days. My uncle has always taken an interest in her welfare. Well, I'm very glad to be home again, after my long absence. I've been away like your brother Bob, my boy-the

nearly seven days." "Did you have a pleasant time? Of course you did," Winifred said; "it was a stag-party.

the ladies had gone along, but the ma- away. jority ruled. Yes, barring that, we had a glorious time," he added, his handis yachting. With a fine boat, a pleas- boarders took their places at the dinner ant party, and a smacking breeze, one table. hardly realizes that he is an inhabitant goes on here interests me."

lady."

'Some friend of yours?' he said. 'Yes; one I have not met for five years. I hope she will prove interest-

your pardon, but what a name!' called her so.

'Is she handsome?' he asked.

have changed.' 'Rich?' he continued, with an amus-

ed smile.

rich, retorted Winifred, laughing. herself cosily in one of the luxurious 'Oh, you men! That seems to be the arm-chairs. whole catechism of the modern young gentleman. Yes; I believe she is rich, you; and as to calling you Minny, or rather, or she wouldn't come here. She Nerva, as I used to, I never can do it told me she would come and see me if ever she got her fortune. By the way,' she added, 'do you like strong-minded women?'

'That depends,' said the young man. 'As far as I have seen, no. Is she one of the sisterhood?'

'I think so. She used to write poetry, talk philosophy, read theology, and retary of the Woman's Educational-'

· held up both hands with a gesture of horror. I am fully prepared to shun bute so hugely towards comfort and her, though she were beautiful as an aned aunt this morning?'

less her work fell from her hands and thread, and wanted to drown it, myself she looked up expectantly.

'Well, then, if I said I saw her dancing in an express locomotive going at | forty at the least !' the rate of sixty miles an hour-' 'Nonsense,' laughed Winifred, show-

ing two very pretty dimples, "she hates the very sight of the steam-cars. 'Or holding forth to the rabble on a molasses-hogshead.'

Winifred, taking up her work agair.

'Well, that was not it exactly. I met her in the horse-car; it was crowded as "I wish she'd economize in her usual, and she took up her position by the conductor. Occasionally she addressed him; but the comedy part was when she dropped her fan-a shockingly acquaintance-you don't know Jack Roundell-no? It was he who picked Mrs. DeWitt came slowly forward, it up. The way he held it between his thumb and finger was inimitable. What do you think? She acknowledged the politeness, took the fan, and offered

him a dime for the service.' 'What did he do?' asked Winifred. laughing, though her cheeks grew red. 'Pocketed the insult, but not the money. Mad? he was that, clear "Dear me, no; it's from Miss Hobbs," through to his boots. To appreciate the scene, one should know Roundell.

> 'Miss Winny,' said a servant, looking in at the door, 'your ma wants you.' Miss Winifred rose, bowed gracefully and went from the room. Just as she left it, General Templeton came in. He was a bluff, loud-voiced, handsome old man; his beard white, long, and flowing; his features clearly cut; one's ideal of an old-time gentleman.

"Ah, Bob, my dear boy! didn't know you were back; didn'd expect you till to. morrow. Had a good time, I hopeno discount, eh?'

'A glorious time, sir,' said the young man, as the other laid his hand affectionately on his shoulder. 'By the way I suppose you saw little Elsie. I sent her up. She is not looking well.'

'No, poor little thing!' and a shadow crossed the fine face. 'She's not long for this country, my boy; she'll go just as her mother did.'

' Do ye really think her so ill, uncle?' asked the young man, anxiously. 'I do, indeed; and when I think of

her sad luck, poor girl, I could curse-'Uncle!' and the young fellow caught at his hand, while his face grew paler. "Bob !" the two stood looking at each other for the space of a moment. "Hang my temper; you're right, my boy, always right," he said; curses, like chickens, come home to roost, and

well, the poor child-she must go-and on the whole, it will be best.' "I have thought, uncle," said young Templeton, respectfully, "that perhaps she had better not come to the house. The little thing is so very pretty, causes so much comment, and Miss Clipps DRIVES, PARTIES,

it's not Christian of course-but-well,

may take it into her head-" "Confound Miss Clipps!" exclaimed the General, his face growing red. 'What can she say? I'm willing to tell her the story, if she wants it. I tell you I will help that poor child till she goes into her grave, and her misery is buried with her. I'll do by her as I did by her mother, hang me if I don't."

"Dear, dear uncle! not so loud," said his nephew. "Of course it is all right; I know how thoroughly unselfish and noble you are, but this is not the place to discuss such matters. There is always a great deal of scandal affoat

in a boarding-house.' "Scandal! my name is above reproach, thank heaven," said the General, hotly. "Thank God! none my name have ever been disgraced. If you were to be guilty of such treachery

-I-I think I could shoot you." Young Templeton turned round without speaking, and looked his uncle full in the face.

"Yes, yes, it's an honest countenance," said the General. "You're very same high sense of honor-Ah! my poor dear boy!

"We were twins," said young Templeton, quietly, but in a strange under-"Now, Miss Winifred, spare me; I tone. He bit his lip and frowned at BRILLIANT should have been only too delighted if | the same time, then turned abruptly

CHAPTER II. thing I do enjoy more than another, it troductions were made general, as the circular white light, excelled only by

The young lady sat next to Winifred. of this toiling earth. What is the her luminous, magnetic eyes, clear, news? You know that everything that | rich brunette complexion, and faintly crimsoned cheeks contrasting superbly "There is nothing new, Mr. Temple- | with Winifred's childish pink and white ton. Oh, yes, there is. Do you see this prettiness. Young Templeton's glances letter? I am to have a visitor-a young | wandered that way too often for Miss

De Witt's peace of mind. Hitherto he had been very attentive to her. "A remarkably fine-looking girl, that 3500 Miss Hobbs, sir," said the General to ing, we have so few young ladies here. his nephew, as they left the table. Her name is Hobbs-Mary Ann Hobbs.' "Eh, oh! Hobbs! Well, one is quite 900 'Heavens!' he exclaimed; 'I beg as nice as the other. I knew a Hobbs once; he was a butcher by trade, and 'It isn't very pretty,' said Winifred, that reminds me that the sweetbreads her eyes twinkling. 'She always in- were particularly fine to-day. Now, do sisted on being cailed Minerva, so I | you know I have a prejudice against

butchers ?" "Let us go by ourselves," whispered 'She was not particularly good-look. Miss Hobbs, as with Miss Winifred she LOWEST PRICES WHOLESALE, ing when she was here, but she may entered the parlor; so they went to small side-room, where the gas burned

"And so you really think me im-'First, is she handsome, then, is she proved?" said Miss Hobbs, seating

"I do, indeed; I'd never have known in the world."

"If you don't, I'll go home," was the answer, with a calm smile. "Yes, I know I'm changed. I have given myself leisure, you see; have been busy cultivating the graces for the last year. You can't have an idea what a difference money makes. I don't indulge in sentimentalism any more, or go into compose music. I believe she has pub- heroics over poverty. When I was here lished a book, and was at one time sec- before I was pinched, pale, and poorthe three p's that have been the bane 'Spare me!' and young Templeton of my existence. Now I am rich, rosy, and rugged-the three r's that contrienjoyment. The mere luxury of being gel and rich as Croesus. By the way, well dressed is indescribable. You rewhere do you think I saw your respect- member that old thread-bare black cashmere? I studied in it, worked in 'You can tell me nothing that will it, and grew bitter in it; scolded and astonish me, said Winifred. Neverthe- cried in it, till I got sick of every tion to business to win a share of public patron-

seems such an age; I ought to look

"You used to be cross in it, sometimes,' laughed Miss De Witt. "particularly when I took my lessons. "Oh, yes, in execrable French!

hope you have unlearned it," said Miss Hobbs, echoing the laugh. "Oh, I'm 'Oh, she is quite capable of that,' said never cross, now! I fairly revel in dry goods; I adore millinery, and as for laces, I go wild over them. Fancy feeling yourself able to walk into Stewart's and say 'Twenty yards of this satin, thirty of that silk; what! only ten dollars a yard for that lace? How very reasonable!' I assure you battered article, and an exquisite of my it is a luxury. You shall go with me some time and choose the prettiest things you see.'

"Thanks; you are very kind,' said Winifred, conscious that her cashmere had been twice made over; and then it flashed through her mind that she might enjoy the same pleasure if she would only marry the General. [Continued next week.]



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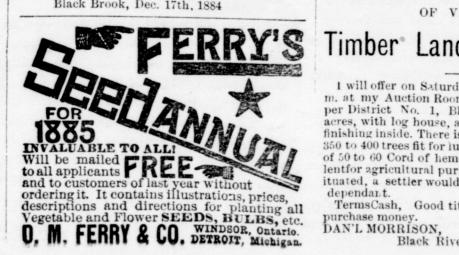
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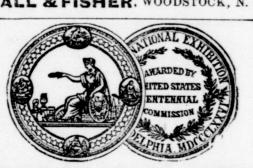
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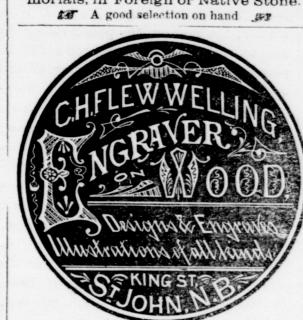
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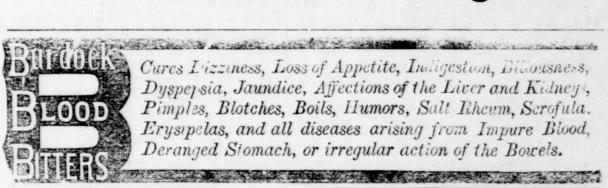
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