PERSON.

[Concluded.]

CHAPTER III. The government inspection was always one of the events of the year at Little Puddington. It generally took place in the end of August. The inspector was an elderly gentleman, whose proper name was Christopher Wensby; but whose ordinary name among the teachers of his district was "The Walrus," from the fact that his bald forehead, and white moustache pointing downwards in a straight line on each side of his mouth, gave him a decided resemblance to that creature. Report stated that Mr. Wensby and Miss Jordan had had tender, or semitender passages at some remote epoch. At any rate, they were very good friends; and Mr. Wensby always dined at the rectory once a year, when his toils in the little village schoolroom were over. The day came; the inspection was duly performed; and at the end of the day Mr. Wensby sat down at the rector's hospitable table.

'And what do you think of our new mistress?' asked the rector, as he began to carve the joint.

'A very superior person-very superior person indeed,' returned the inspector.

Miss Jordan's chin was lifted a little higher in the air as this answer was given; but the gesture went unnoticed. 'Ah! Glad you think so. We consider her quite an acquisition,' said Mr. Dowthwaite.

'Yes; there seemed an improvement in all directions,' continued Mr. Wens. by; 'but especially in the needlework. Under the former mistress the needle. work was very clumsy; now it is admirable.'

Miss Jordan smiled incredulously. 'I assure you I have received very neat specimens of button-holing,' said the inspector. 'The department cannot fail to be pleased with them. I can show you them after dinner, if you

'I should very much like to see them,' said Miss Jordan dryly. After dinner, accordingly, the speci-

mens were produced, and very neatly executed they were.

'I don't believe our girls ever did that work,' said Miss Jordan solemnly, as she bent over the button-holes. 'But I saw them !' ejaculated Mr. Wensby.

'Saw the stuff in their hands, I dare say,' returned the lady. 'What do gentlemen know about things of that sort? she added contemptuously.

'I have alway to report as to the quality of the needlework,' said the inspector stiffly, and with a slight blush. But if you assure me, from your own friendship, she could see that it was knowledge of the children, that they could not have done this work themselves, it will be my duty to institute further enquiry.'

'I am certain of it,' said Miss Jor-

That evening Mr. Wensby compared notes with his host; and the rector confessed that he was surprised-secretly, he was startled-to find what a large number of "attendances" had been made, even by the most irregular of the village children.

'We have a Board meeting to-morrow,' said Mr. Dowthwaite.

'Then ask Miss Grayling to attend it,' said Mr. Wensby, 'and ask her whether the children actually do the needlework themselves. If she says they did, I will fix a day-I can come over in about three weeks-to see them do some more specimens; and Miss Jordan can be present. If there is a marked discrepancy between the two sets of work-why, of course, I must report accordingly; and you can consider the matter till the next Board meeting.'

All this made the rector feel very uncomfortable. But there was no help for it; and the next day he sent a verbal message to the schoolmistress, requesting her to step over to the rectory, where the School Board was then sitting.

'Miss Grayling,' said the rector, not without embarrassment, 'I believe that her Majesty's inspector will be able to report very favorably of the condition of the school.' Miss Grayling bowed politely. 'There is one point, however, on which I should like to ask you one or two questions. These pieces of sewing, now'-as he produced them from a drawer as he spoke-'seem to me very neat, very creditable; but are you sure that the children whose names are attached to them did them themselves, unaided?'

'Quite sure,' said Miss Grayling tran-

'And the attendances-they seem much larger than they used to be. Are you sure you have kept the register accurately ?" 'Perfectly sure,' said Miss Grayling,

looking the clergyman full in the face. One or two members of the Board moved uneasily in their seats, and Mr. Sowerbutts seemed to be on the point of protesting audibly against these aspersions on Miss Grayling's good faith. The rector felt very uncomfortable.

'Very good, Miss Grayling,' he said 'I am glad to hear you say so. And I think we needn't detain you any long-

The schoolmistress slowly rose, bowed in her usual dignified manner, and withdrew. -

Puddington that Miss Grayling was in eyes, beheld the ex-schoolmistress movdisgrace, or at least in a condition of ing up the aisle on the arm of Mr. suspended favor. Various reasons Sowerbatts! There could be no doubt were given for this, the most popular of what had happened. The curate theory being that the new mistress had received a shock such as he had never been caught stealing the school pence. The matter was discussed in the ale- got herself in her amazement, and houses, at the doors of the cottages, in stared at the bride as it she had been the churchyard after service. Through a ghost. Mr. Sowerbutts tramped it all Miss Grayling went on her way, stolidly on till he reached his own pew, serene as usual, preserving exactly the and then, having duly installed his same manner to every one as if the wife therein, began to say the responses voice of scandal had never mentioned in a louder tone than usual. her name.

A little before six o'clock one evening the Rev. Augustine Cope knocked at the door of the pretty cottage in ed to a cottage which she owned in the which Miss Grayling lived. For some outskirts of Groby; and the schoolmismonths-ever since he had first seen her, in fact—the susceptible curate had its owner, with gentle but firm sway. been under the spell of the young! When Mr. Wensby came to Little lady's sweet brown eyes. He had | Puddington for the next annual inspecstruggled with himself long and man- i tion, he was proceeding to the school-

Children Cry for

AN ATTRACTIVE YOUNG fully. He was not in a position to house in state, bearing Miss Jordan on matter added at once to his love and | whispered something in his friend's his embarrassment. Even now he did ear. not know his own mind. His ostenanother of the same type.

'Miss Grayling,' began the curate, as he seated himself in the little parlor, 'this cannot be true!'

'What is not true, Mr. Cope?' 'These shameful accusations, these her days.

'Of course not; and I did not think New that you, Mr. Cope, would pay any attention to them.' said the schoolmistress, with quiet dignity.

the curate; 'I believe in you as I would in a saint! Dear Miss Grayling-Laura-I may call you Laura ?-I find it difficult to say how I feel for you-and how much I long to shield you from the calumnies and troubles of the world in the shelter of an honest man's love.'

As he spoke, the curate took Miss Grayling's white and well-formed fingers between his own.

'I offer you my heart and all I have,' he continued, his eyes searching her down-cast face. 'Alas, that is so little! I know well we cannot marry on my present stipend; but I have youth and strength on my side. Sooner or later I must get a living; and then-and -Oh, Laura! say that you love

'Mr. Cope, I feel honored and flattered more than I can say; and my heart

She paused, and the tones of the church clock striking fell on her ear. 'Mr. Cope!' she exclaimed, withdrawing her fingers as she spoke, 'you are more than generous; but I cannot trust myself to give you an answer now. I must not be rash, or unjust to you. Leave me now—leave me, I beg you. I will write to you tomorrow.'

Somewhat surprised at this sudden dismissal, the agitated curate took his hat and stick and departed. Next day he received a daintily

scented note from Miss Grayling, in which she said that, much as she honored him and highly as she valued his not for his interest to marry a dowerless girl, and she, therefore, declined his proposal. Her decision, she added, was quite 'irevocable.' There was but one 'r' in 'irrevocable,' and, somehow, this circumstance did something towards mitigating the grief with

which Mr. Cope received his letter of The testing examination, which was to confirm or overthrow Miss Grayling's reputation, was fixed for a Friday afternoon. The School Board meeting happened to fall on the

following day, Saturday. At three o'clock on Friday Mr. Wensby arrived; and Mr. Dowthwaite and Miss Jordan went with him to the schoolhouse. The children were all there, with clean pinafores and shining faces! but Miss Grayling was absent. Miss Jordan's face wore a peculiar smile as one of the older girls informed the rector that Miss Grayling had not

been at home for three days. Miss Jordan soon set the children to work: and in five minutes the inspector was convinced, by clearest evidence, that not one the school girls could make even a decent button-hole, much less one like those contained in the specimens.

'You had better get rid of your superior young person as soon as you can,' he said to Mr. Dowthwaite, as they

went back to the rectory. Next morning, however, [when the School Board met, they found a letter awaiting them from Miss Grayling, in which she said that, in consequence of the undeserved aspersions which had been thrown upon her management of the school, she felt that the course most consistent with her dignity was to resign the post which she had had the honor of holding.

The rector was indignant, and moved that Miss Grayling's resignation be not accepted; but that in consequence of the revelations that had been made, she be summarily dismissed. Mr. Sowerbutts was not present; but the other members of the Board, who had but a very limited idea of the heinousness of Miss Gravlin's offence murmured at the severity of the sentence; and at last the rector was persuaded to

let the resignation be accepted. The following day was Sunday. It was the curate's turn to preach, the rector's to read prayers. The choir and the school children were in their places; and Miss Jordan scanned the congregation with an approving glance

from the rectory pew. 'Dearly beloved brethren, the Scripture moveth us,' begun the rector.

At that moment an unwonted rustle was heard at the door, a subdued murmur ran through the assembled wor-Before long it got abread in Little shippers, and the rector, lifting his before experienced. Miss Jordan for-

The bride, in a dainty Parisian bon-

net, looked very pretty. Her triumph was complete. Miss Sowerbutts retirtress reigned over the Mount Farm and

Pitcher's Castoria.

marry; and Miss Grayling was not a his arm, and escorted by the rector, suitable match for him. He knew all | when the party met a pony-carriage, in that very well. He did not like to which was seated a pretty and beautithink of what his aunts. Miss Cope and | fully dressed woman. The lady bowed Miss Georgina Cope, would say, on graciously to Mr. Wensby, and he, not being presented with a village school- remembering the circumstances under mistress for a niece. But then, he had which he had last seen that attractive not looked on the face of any other smile, returned the salute. Mrs. woman who could be called a lady- Sowerbutts glanced at Miss Jordan and save Miss Jordan's-for nearly eight | smiled maliciously. Miss Jordan dropmonths. He was in love; he could | ped her hand from her companion's not help it; and now this unpleasant arm; and the rector, stepping forward.

'Good gracious!' exclaimed the insible object was to exchange one of the | spector; 'that woman! I hadn't an harmless novels, with which he now idea who she was, I assure you. kept Miss Grayling well supplied, for Thought I knew the face-that was

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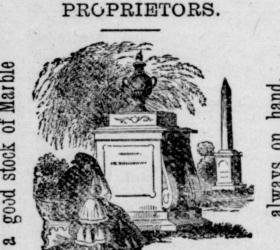
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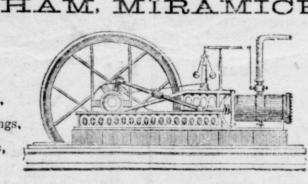
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