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dreamed of this day for twelve years."

his convalescence, as the river went

one, and mother was reconciled.

but his own, I read the depths of his

THE FLY BURIED THE SPIDER.

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IN THE FAR NORTH. With a bright smile the beautiful

Eskimo girl left us to join the mer- haps worse." ry throng in the ballroom. "Your daughter is a gay butter- street," I said. fly!" I exclaimed, desiring to be very complimentary,

"For my part, I don't think much of this social life!" replied the mother, with sudden vehemence. "The idea of dancing every night till away along in March, and then lying in BYA SPECIALTY a matter!" It was on my tongue to say that

these young people had too much latitude, but I checked myself.

HIS THINK.

He thought he thought great thoughts and thought No other thought a thought: If others ever thought he thought,

come riding down. I even pictured in fancy the gorgeous drawing-room (not our own) or the romantic glen, when a manly voice should repeat nonsense and plead for the boon of my regard. He should plead in right good earnest, too, for it was my privilege to be delightfully cruel once in my life. won to be valued. My lover should fully appreciate the worth of my con-

remark, in his usual terse, practical from yours and if you should want

promoted, Kate, I'm you. Good night."

upon balancing myself. "Yes-hadn't we better take the middle of the street here ?-it means enough for two, if she isn't killing extravagant. I shall go east the first of April. Can you get ready to go with me by that time?'

and the high wind took my breath, "First of May, then ?"

"Good heavens! You don't mean to say that you won't have me, Katie?" Why couldn't he call me Katherine, as I made every one else do, and spell

hought I would ?" "Why, no, I-well-yes, I rather

recalled it afterwards. We were both so occupied in keeping our equilibrium that neither could analyze the mental state of the other. We walked on in upon Fred's sustaining arm more than

I wished that I could tell him me no opportunity. His only further remark being, "What a thundering night!" a striking figurative one, by

my injured fancy, that before I said "Yes" to Fred Moore that easy-going young gentleman should literally go down upon his knees in the most approved manner, and tell me that he worshipped the ground I walked upon. and that his only hope of life was in my smile. I meant that he should do He left me at my door with a quiet "Good-night, Katie," and a moment later I heard the great hall-door of the mansion slam with much energy, and then the well-known light appeared in his own room.

asked, "Why didn't Fred come in?" "I didn't ask him," I returned

"Don't you think you treat Fred rather-well-childishly for a girl of your age? You are not children any more, and yet you tilt and quarrel as

you did ten years ago." "Fred Moore is the most disagree- his window. able young man in town. He is a

"Katherine!" cried mamma, "you plateful of hot rolls. are abusing your most faithful friend. He has been like a brother to you for called, as one by one he fired them years. You owe him too much to say into my hands with the accuracy of

most horrid brother would have bers, it is damp."

skating rink another night. It makes they had a mission, for we should you nervous and cross all the time. I have died of pure misery if we hadn't knew you couldn't stand it.' out my slippered feet to the fire and before nightfall.

meditated. We sat in silence for We slept that night from sheer exnearly half an hour. At the end of haustion, and the next morning lookthat time there was a ring at the ed upon the terrible flood that had door-bell, and when I opened the door wrought such havoc. there stood Fred Moore.

the most approved manner, and he would be fed. We had not yet con- me steadily, although I could feel the would, for he looked so grave and sidered ourselves sufferers. Looking quivering of his fingers. resolute. He stepped into the hall, out at a sound, we saw Fred shove "O, my love, is that true? My blesssaying, "I came over to give the warn- a long plank from his bay-window to ed little girl at last! ing. Rob has just telephoned up to our verandah roof and walk across He closed his eyes for a moment, card, "Ten franc portraits. The get ready for a flood. The river is upon it. Tapping at the window he and then said, as he laid my hands studio has been removed to the fifth on a tear and is rising fast. It will entered, saying: be as bad as it was last year, and per-

It is ever Second now, and rising. such waves that all the lower houses the past few days had been. Every Front and First are six feet under, are carried from their foundations care seemed to roll from my heart, It is coming fast. Pull up your car- we are afraid that yours is not quite and I knew that while Fred lived they pets, there's no time to lose. I will safe. You must come over right could never return. panic, I may not be able to. Hurry quick," bed next day until August 1, or such now," and he vanished into the dark-

taken apart and packed upon the din- some of our treasures. The house and we could have had a reception and ed.

these, and the parlor furniture was with every wave. carried upstairs. Mamma and I busand cooking utensils up to my room, window in answer to my call, which had a grate, the others being heated by registers. In twenty min-

the debris of a hurricane. Then a husband lay in that very room," and lundred. At about noon that day thin stream of water came under the she waved her hand in a piteous fare- Mr. Moore and Bob paddled up from front hall-door, for our house was low well. I am afraid my own feelings the warehouse where they had watchand old-fashioned. Fred turned to wavered between sentiment and re- ed their goods, and the clergyman mother on the stairs, saying: "Moth- gret for my paintings and my new having already arrived in a boat, the er is anxious to have you come over black silk, just home from the dress- little party gathered round the bed as I over. She does not consider it safe for you to stay here alone, es- with his arms full of goods, and be- ding march outside. pecially as you are so delicate, Mrs. fore he could put his foot upon the

stair, "Oh, no, we shouldn't think of such a thing. We are perfectly safe here, and we have everything we shall

"You will both get sick or lonesome," said Fred, pulling his cap over his eyes, and looking at mamma. "No, we are accustomed to living alone. You had better come

She came, reluctantly, up a step or

help just make a noise. I shall hear

"We shan't disturb you, my dear boy, we are so much indebted to you already." said mother in her sweet voice. "I shall not try to thank you," "I suppose so," I answered, intent and she took both his hands and looked into his face. He blushed like a girl, and dropped his eyes. "Good

night; call me if you need help." When we were alone in the blackness of the night, with the water climbing up the starway and beating against the doors, I could have The suddenness of the suggestion cried out in my longings for the sufficient presence that had been our rewould life be to mother and me with-

> One foot on the parlor floor stood the water, two feet, three! and the piano began to float; the library was bumping around the dining-room. The current had grown swift in the street and all night long came cries for help

whirlpool at the corner lamp-post. We could not sleep, but, like thousands of others, sat by the fire and

ing hours to show that I had loved it, and yet when the worn-out mother learn the best afterward. So I didn't terror lest he should die or be drowned or go away before I could see him foot. There was something awful in for my pains! It was the flood that

Another foot would reach the parlor of lost houses, homes to which some of the inmates were yet clinging as they swept on to destruction. How long before our home would be swept you." from its foundation and swept down the river? Mother looked wistfully at the staunch brick walls only twelve

feet away, but twelve miles would not She busied herself about breakfast with the calm adaptability of her nature. It was hard to think that she

Suddenly she gave a cry of alarm. "We forgot the bread, dear."

idleness, as I curled up my hair. "Did you think of baking powder?" "No. nor soda." "What shall we do?"

"Hello," cried a voice. I ran to the

ished, reappearing with a tempting

"I know he has teased and worried | "Shall call for you to take a walk and scolded me as devotedly as the this morning; don't forget your rubample of the execrable jokes that flew "Katherine, you shall not go to that back and forth during the day; but joked. A slow rain fell most of the I vouchsafed no reply, but stretched day, and the river rose several inches

Our own hastily-gathered supplies you always. I couldn't live without A flash of triumph came over me. began to fail, and we hailed the news

fices that the relief boat is making happiness as great as the sorrow of

We tired to think of the most im- second trip, trembling over the plank, now. You have done your part." portant things to do, but found our- clinging to the strong arm of our selves with trembling, uncertain rescuer. How good the Moores had haste, doing the least necessary. Fred always been to us. When Fred put returned very soon with two or three his arm around me to help me in at business-like directions, preparations sorry and ashamed I was for my "Well, well, I've always expected it, True, replied the benedict, but not fothers ever thought he thought, They thought he hoisted into wooden chairs, the library helped me down and hurried back for didn't you settle it all before this flood when the preliminary task is finish-

ing-table, the carpets were piled upon was rocking plainly now-it swayed everything else-but now-the parlor paper is ruined-and, oh, dear, I can't "Oh! Fred, Fred, come back; it is think of it all. But you are sick, and ied ourselves in carrying provisions not safe," I called. He came to the sick folks must be humored." My trousseau consisted of a cash-

"Dear old home," moaned mamma, mere wrapper that I wore and a white "I was married there, and my child- apron, but Fred said we would be utes the cozy sitting-room looked like ren were born and died there, and select and we shouldn't have over a

Fred stepped out upon the roof a wife, while the river played a wedplank the house gave a lunge and a Mother was about to accept the invi- groan, and, careening upon the side. swept out toward the street. I shut my eyes and screamed, while Mrs.

> Surely no experience in after life; What a fairy castle we built during can equal the anguish of the next convenient to be limited by facts! foot thick on the very floors, and I could describe a very graceful scene, our windows framed such a scene as as my lover, borne in with drip- Noah must have recognized could he ping locks and pallid face, if left to my return to look. fancy. But to say that he paddled up to the window alone, in Mr. side became as the mud freze and Murray's water-trough, and was so plaster and chimneys fell, the brightcompletely encased in coating of mud er grew our picture for the future.

> so ludicrous that our sobs of joy can- lacking the brusqueness of the old, not be understood. He disdained our and with such a kindness in his tone, open arms and growled, "You women and such love in his eyes, that I Camphor sling be-be condemn- time came we built the home we had

> ed. Get out, I'm freezing on the planned, upon the site of the lost Then, in addition to having mamma thought the dainty Queen Ann cotcrippled with rheumatism, and Mrs. tage almost as nice as the weather-Moore and her servant girl sick with beaten gables of the old house. colds, we knew, in a few hours, that Already two summers have flown Fred, our rock of help, must go down since the flood, but the water marks into the Valley of the Shadow with can yet be traced all over the valley. pneumonia. Soon after his icy bath Will they last while the happiness his fever had risen, and I could hear they brought us lives? his hoarse whisper as I passed in the When it was my turn to go down hall. What if she should die with my into the Valley of the Shadow, it was cruel words yet in his ears! Was it Fred's strong, tender arm that held

whispered over and over again, and I solemn midnight vigils, when he resolved that I would see him before would trust my life in no other hands "O, Kate, is my splendid boy to be brave heart, and knew that a martaken from me?" cried Mrs. Moore, riage bond was knit which neither putting her motherly arm around me. time nor eternity could sever. How could I tell her the truth, that I look up from my paper and ask, "You don't mean to say that you from boatmen who were upset by the I had dared to throw away that good, "Why weren't you as nice before true life, when it was offered to poor you were married as you are now ?" little me? Three agonizing days foilowed in which his life hung by a as he says: "Because I had a theory awaited the worst all that weary thread, and one night every one else that people did too much courting in was worn out and I had to be asked to cheir best clothes. I meant that you It did not take many of those wait- sit by him. How I had longed to do should marry the worst of me and

> left at midnight and I stole into the buy you with compliments and presdim room, I trembled from head to ents and nonsense-and was mittened the sight of the tall, fine form helped me. Higher and higher swept the flood. stretched upon the bed, weak and helpless, the sufficient hands idly moving upon the spread.

> > twice. Then the brown eyes opened and looked at me. "Kate!" "Your mother has gone to get some rest." I explained. After a pause said a naturalist recently. "The fly, "Poor mother!" "Katie, you had better go to bed. I bearing the lifeless body of the spider

He turned his head wearily once or

don't need any one here. It is night, in its feet, flew down on a patch of "Let me stay, Fred. I want to take within a few feet of where I was care of you a little, I am so sorry for standing. It then went about 18

"Fred-" "What is it ?" "I am sorry for what I said the other was excited and I stopped to watch pest that it is to-day.

day or two."

"That's all right, Katie. Don't worry. I had to speak and you had dug half the length of himself he to answer. It is over now-almost." went to where he had left the spider, Clearly the wooing would not be on and apparently took its dimensions. Fred's side. He turned his pale face After going back to the hole he found away with a pathetic quiver of the lip it was not big enough and began digand blinking of the eye that wrung ging again. After taking out a able to the development of the insect. "Make pancakes, then. I brought up bed and touched the limp hand be-

"But, Fred, I am sorry I answered." the busy little fellow had the hole too "No, Katie." He spoke with short deep for him to throw the earth breath and painfully. "I'm sorry, clear out he would go on the bank and too, for something, but upon my hon- force it back with his feet. At last nopolized you for a long time, and have never given other fellows, bet-"O, Fred, we haven't any baking ter ones, perhaps, a chance to know you, and some of the boys were wild the sort of a man you would care for. I see now. Of course, we all know it with fine carth first and finished that you could marry anybody. by placing a tiny piec of cinder on You're the prettiest and sweetest the top. When he had fin. hed the girl in Centreport, and I had no work he flew away, having comple without finding out how you liked me. utes by my watch."

But if you'll forgive-" "Don't say that! I don't want anybody else. I love you. Dear Fred, I have loved you all my life, truly I have, and if you will only get well-" "Katie," in a tone of quiet incredulity that sent the not blood up to the

roots of my hair, "I am afraid that your sympathy has made you say something that you will regret some day, and he looked at me eagerly in the dim "O. you are cruel to make me say a discriminating public to climb seven

so much. You know that I have loved pair of stairs?

he third floor."

arrived at the studio designated he

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independent it was more difficult to

In these days, said the yough, a

upon his forehead, "Would you mind floor." When he fell asleep, soon after, I "But it won't come up to Third -"father telephoned up from the of- watched for the dawn in a reaction of

get help for the piano and heavy away. Gather up what you can carry When Mrs. Moore came in the early things if I can, but there's such a and I will come back for more. Be morning, I tried to slip away, but Fred caught my dres and then my

> "I know it, and you can send for guess you won't object then to her sit-

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THE BUFFALO MOTH.

In Europe the insect is not especial ly noted as a household pest, and we are inclined to think that this is owing to the fact that carpets are but little used. In fact, we believe that only where carpets are extensively used are "While strelling about in my garden the other day I was very much intergreat increase of the insect. Carested in the clever and almost human pets once put down are seldom taken manner in which a large but ordiup for a year, and in the meantime nary house fly buried a dead spider," the insect developes uninterruptedly. Where polished floors and rugs are used the rugs are often taken up and beaten, and in the same way woollens and furs are never bare sandy soil and laid its load down allowed to remain undisturbed for an entire year. It is a well-known fact that the carpet habit is a bad inches in another direction from one from other points of view, and where I stood, and from where it had there is little doubt that if carpetsalighted, and commenced digging a were more generally discarded the hole in the ground. My curiosity "buffalo bug" would cease to be the

There is no easy way to keep the

"Well, after the fly had the hole carpet pet beetle in check. When it has once taken possession of a house nothing but the most thorough and ong-continued measures will eradicate it. The practice of annual housecleaning, so often carelessly and hurriedly performed, is peculiarly favorquantity of earth he once more went Two housecleanings would be better to the spider and again took its measbetter to undertake it at midsummer ulrement. He did this eight times than at any other season of the and as often enlarged the hole. When year. Where convenience or conservatism demands an adherence to the to insist upon extreme thoroughness and a slight variation in the customwhen he had the excavation large ary methods. The rooms should be enough for his purpose he went for attended to one or two at a time. The the spider and brought it to the carpets should be taken up, thoroughgrave, for such it proved to be, and ly beaten, sprayed out of doors with benzine, and allowed to air for sev-After he had the body in he covered should be thoroughly swept and dusted, the floors washed down with hot water, the cracks carefully cleaned out, and kerosene or benzine poured into the cracks and sprayed under the business of taking possesison of you the burial in exactly forty-five min- bashbards. The extreme inflammability of benzine, and even its vapor when confined, should be remembered, and fire carefully guarded against. STILL HE CAUGHT CUSTOMERS. Where the floors are poorly construct-A well known portrait painter was ed and the cracks are wide it will not always the receiver of such hand- be a good idea to fill the cracks with some honorariums as are now paid plaster of Paris in a liquid state: him for his portraits. Time was this will afterwards set and lessen when he lived in a common lodging the number of harboring places for the inspect. Before relaying the carhouse, at an altitude of no less than pet tarred roofing paper should be seven stories. Necessity is the mother of invention, but how to induce

> laying a damp cloth smoothly over the suspected spot of the carpet and ironing it with a hot iron. The steam thus generated will pass through the carpet and kill the insects immediatefifth floor was reached, where a new ly beneath it. bill met the inquiring eye. "The ten These strenuous measures if perfranc portraits. The studio has, owsisted in are the only hope of the good ing to rebuilding of the premises, housekeeper, as long as the system of been temporarily removed to the sevheavy carpets covering the entire floor surface is adhered to. Good housekeepers are conservative peo-Having suffered so much the vicple, but we expect eventually to see a tim did not mird suffering once more. more general adoption of the rug or and the aspiring artist got another square carpet, which may at all times be examined and treated if found necessary. Where the floors are bad

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laid upon the floor, at least around the edges, but preferably over the entire surface, and when the carpet is relaid it will be well to tack it rather He put up a placard in the base- lightly, so that it can be occasionalment of the house, "Portraits taken ly lifted at the edges and examined here. Only ten francs. Stuide on for the presence of the insect. Later in the season, if such an examina-When the would be purchaser had tion shows the insect to have made its appearance, a good though somewhat laborious remedy consists in

> the practice of laying straw mattings under the rugs produces a sightly appearance, and, while not as cleanly as a bare floor, affords still fewer harboring places for this insect.