SPRING WEATHER.

IS YOUR SYSTEM IN SHAPE TO CARRY YOU SAFELY THROUGH?

The Practice of Taking a Tonic in Spring 1s Descended from Our Wise Forefathers, and Has Good Medical Endorsement-

Few Suggestions Regarding Health. The practice of taking a tonic during the inclement weather of early spring is one that has been bequeathed us by our forefathers, who lived in days when a sturdy constitution and vigorous health meant even more than they do to-day. The custom has the highest medical endorsement, and the healthiest people are those who fol- her child is supposed to have died low it. Thousands, not really ill, need a tonic at this season. Close confinement in badly ventilated houses, offices, shops and school rooms during the winter months, er," thought Mrs. Corliss-but she makes people feel depressed and "out- made no answer. of-sorts." Nature must be assisted in throwing off the poison that has the child, rolling the empty spools to accumulated in the system else peo- and fro with her crutch, "for he pities ance may be." ple fall an easy prey to disease and are me because I am lame." subject to many discomforts from to medical science. These pills make you." rich, red blood and strong nerves. Through their use in springtime, jaded. listless, easily tired men, women and children, are made bright, active and strong. Evidence of the wonderful health restoring virtue of the words died away in her throat. en; "when I tell, you all, promise me these pills is given by Mrs. J. Langme in the face. I had often read of die!' Of course it was only a dream, Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and finally but it makes poor Mr. Hurlhurst cry decided to try them. After I had used three boxes my appetite was much ble agony on the old housekeeper's on that terrible stormy night nearly better, and I felt a little stronger. I face, or that no answer was vouchsaf- seventeen years ago?" continued the use of the pills for three ed her. months when I felt fully cured. When day, he cried. 'To still this wild, I began using the pills I only weigh- fierce throbbing of my heart I must ed 92 pounds, and when I discontinued have that grave opened, and gaze them my weight had increased to 119 pounds. I also gave the pills to my baby, who was pale and sickly, and they made him a bright, rosy, fleshy child. I think there is no weak or sickly person who will not find bene-

It is a waste of money to experiment with other so-called tonics which are all cheap imitations of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Insist upon getting the genuine, and if they are not sold by your dealer send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be mailed post paid, at 50c a box, or six boxes for \$2.50.

fit from Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

The current issue of The Ladies' Journal, published by The Ladies' Journal Co'y., of 73 West Adelaide St., Toronto, Canada, is a special Easter number of great excellence. The fashion review for the month is largely devoted to the Easter hats and illustrated with superb full tone and half-tone engravings.

Rev. Wm. Patterson, of Philadelphia, pastor of the largest Presbyterian Church in the UnitedStates, formerly of Toronto, contributes "An Easter Message, written in that simple, yet impressive style which made him famous as a pulpit orator and caused his name to be suggested as the natural successor to the late D.

L. Moody. Percy M. Button, manager of the Poultry Department of the Dentonia Raising.

"What Can a Woman Do?" seeks to solve the problem of woman's they raised her from the floor. It dicated topics are all of a high stan-

BEFORE IT BURNT OUT.

Hank Bitters, the Blacksmith, Haow de do, Rube? A good mixture of grasses is best

for the lawn.

Rube Glue-How-de-do, Hank? Can't complain. Haow's everything with yew? Haow's yer family? Hank Bitters-Fust rate! Any-

thing I ken dew fer yew, Rube? Rube Glue-Yes, guess yer kin. Sa-

ay Hank? Hank Bitters-Well?

Rube Glue-I kem around tew see ef

yew wouldn't loan mother yer ladder. Our house is on fire!!

too rich or well drained.

Many an orchard is starved to death. Trees must be fed just as any other plant.

ductive or remain unproductive, according to its treatment.

Heiress and Wife.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAP-TERS:-Rex Lyon secretly marries Daisy Brooks. They are separated by force of circumstances on their wedding day. Daisy thinks that Rex has cast her off. He is true but believes that she is dead. According to his mother's dying wish he engages

CHAPTER XXIX .- Continued. "He is thinking of Pluma's moth-

"He likes to talk to me," pursued

"Bless your dear little heart," said boils, eruptions, and similar troubles. Mrs. Corliss, softly stroking the lit-Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale Peo- tle girl's curls; "it is seldom poor mas- tered, fixing her fast-dimming eyes ple are the best tonic medicine known ter takes to any one as he has to strangely upon him.

"Do I look anything like the little child that died?" questioned Birdie. Corliss's lips, and her face grew ashen white. She tried to speak, but

lois, 659 Lafontain street, Montreal, her," continued Birdie, "and he weeps who says :- "Before I began using Dr. such bitter tears, and has such did not die long years ago, that the The Restoration to Health of Wm. Doeg Williams' Pink Pills I was under the strange dreams about her; Why. terrible secret I have kept so long care of two doctors, who told me my ful, golden-haired young girl came to "Surely her ravings were taking a trouble was developing into consump- him, holding out her arms, and crying strange freak," he thought to himtion. I was very pale and feeble; had softly: 'Look at me, father; I am your self; "yet he would be patient with no appetite and could hardly stand child. I was never laid to rest be- her and humor her strange fancy." on my feet, I was very much discour-er's tomb. Father, I am in sore dis-not leave his face, and she took couraged and thought death was staring tress-come to me, father, or I shall

> so; and what do you think he said?" The child did not notice the terri-

"'My dreams haunt me night and once more upon all that remains of my loved and long-lost bride, sweet Evalia and her little child.' He was

Birdie never finished her sentence. A terrible cry broke from the house-"My God!" she cried, hoarsely, "af-

ter nearly seventeen years the sin of "What is the matter, Mrs. Corliss? Are you ill?" cried the startled child. A low, despairing sob answered her, as Mrs. Corliss arose from her seat,

took a step or two forward, and fell headlong to the floor in a deep and Almost any other child would have

Birdie was not like other children. She saw a pitcher of ice-water on an adjacent table, which she immediately proceeded to sprinkle on the still, white, wrinkled face; but all her efforts failed to bring the fleeting breadth back to the cold, pallid lips. At last the child became fairly "I must go and find Rex or Mr.

crutch, and limping hurriedly out of The door leading to Basil Hurlhurst's apartment stood open- the master of Whitestone Hall sat in his

easy-chair, in morning-gown and slippers, deeply immersed in the columns of his account-books. "Oh. Mr. Hurlhurst." cried Birdie. her little, white scared face peering in at the door, "won't you please come

quick? Mrs. Corliss, the housekeeper, has fainted ever so long ago, and I can't bring her to!" Basil Hurlhurst hurriedly arose and followed the now thoroughly frightened child quickly to the room where

Park Farm, near Toronto, writes the the old housekeeper lay, her hands young mother died." first of a series of articles to be run pressed close to her heart, the look in the Journal on Practical Poultry of frozen horror deepening on her Quickly summoning the servants.

contains many helpful suggestions to fainting fit. The poor old lady had world and fight her own way. The and upon the sharp point of the scisfolks, and the page of opinions on in- tainly a dangerous one. The sur- mad!" he shrieked. geon, who was quickly summoned, shook his head dubiously.

"The wound is of the most serious nature." he said. "She can not possibly recover."

"I regret this sad affair more than liss's whole life almost has been spent at Whitestone Hall. You tell me. doctor, there is no hope. I can scarcely realize it." Every care and attention was shown

ber; but it was long hours before Mrs. Corliss showed signs of returning consciousness, and with her first breath might be sent for at once. He could not understand why she

what I have to say to you." The best available soil should be Wondering a little what she had to

sending them all from the room. side, "what is it? You can speak!

An apple orchard may be made prome truthfully, master, is the wound I had dared to keep, and dared not a fatal one?"

A Common Form of Indigestion

Which cannot be cured by ordinary stomach medicines-The kidneys, liver and bowels become deranged-Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

By far the most important part of recommend them for stomach trouas has been repeatedly shown in cases | could hardly work at my trade. I tried | little child to listen calmly while where the stomach has been removed and the patient has lived and digest- and before I used one box of Dr. ed food without the aid of the Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, I could see

It frequently happens that people who continually dose the stomach for indigestion and use pepsin and various kinds of digestive tablets and powders can obtain no relief from such treatment, because the real

and the kidneys. There is fullness and pains after meals, coated tongue, headache, loss of appetite, pains in the limbs and ment extant for indigestion and dys- eyed babe upon her breast?" in the back and shoulders, flatulency | pepsia. and constipation, frequently alternating with diarrhoea.

ged and sluggish in action, and pois- Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills which | child-wife was dead?' which should be removed by these similar remedy. You may be skep- form, he heard her.

Ont., says; "I derived more benefit from the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney Liver Pills than from any other medicinal value. One pill through the dark corridors. A blaze of lightning illumined the hall for one dicine I ever took, and can highly or Edmanson, Bates & Co., Toronto. The dark of thought I saw a wollians to the land, especially those who know how bad Mr. Doeg through the dark corridors. A blaze of lightning illumined the hall for one brief instant, and I can swear I saw munity.

most every kind of medicine and doc- have strength to speak." tors, until I was tired of doctoring, that they were helping me, and af- his great excitement. ter taking a box and a half, found

that I was cured." There has yet to be a remedy discovered that is so prompt and thor- burying his face in the bed-clothes; ough in buring intestinal indigestion "tell me of my child!" as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. And trouble is in the intestines, the liver as this is the most common and severe form of indigestion, it can well be without against the western wingclaimed that Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are the most successful treat- dead, with the pretty, smiling, blue-

It is not unusual for persons who have long been suffering from chrontical, as others have been before you, "As they carried you to their room Mr. Joseph Blackwell, Holmesville, but a single trial of Dr. Chase's Kid- master, I thought I saw a woman's every reader of The Echo, especially

"Yes," he said, sympathetically, "I -I-am afraid it is.' He saw she was making a violent effort to control her emotions. "Do not speak," he said, gently; "it dis-

tresses you. You need perfect rest and quiet." "I shall never rest again until l make atonement for my sin," she daughter by the first marriage of cried, feebly. "Oh, master, you have the master of Whitestone Hall. Mr. have sinned against you beyond all loved better than the first, died and pardon. When you hear what I have to say you will curse me. Oh, how can I tell it! Yet I can not sleep in a my grave with this burden on my

He certainly thought she was delirious this poor, patient, toil-worn not be her, for she was lying beneath not have been for gain, or I should dinner was to be according. When you soul, speaking so incoherently of sin; the sea-waves. It was not a good have heard of it long ago. I did not have a dinner for 11 to get up and the she, so tender-hearted-she could not omen, and I felt sorely afraid and know I had an enemy in the wide girl you have can't be trusted to boil waeven have hurt a sparrow. "I can promise you my full pardon,

Mrs. Corliss," he said, soothingly; "no For a moment she looked at him in-

credulously. "You do not know what you say. You do not understand," she mut-"Do not give yourself any uneasi-

ness upon that score, Mrs. Corliss," he said, gently; "try to think of some-A low, gasping cry broke from Mrs. thing else. Is there anything you would like me to have done for you?" Evidently the Day of Miracles "Yes," she replied, in a voice so hoarse and changed he could scarcely recognize it was her who had spok-"He talks to me a great deal about you will not curse me; for I have sin- STRONG ned against you so bitterly that you will cry out to Heaven asking why I

"Master," she said, clasping her

white, and the lines of pain deepen Mr. Doeg moved from the Township of around his mouth. "That is the most painful of all

know how I have suffered since that Township. He has since made many terrible night," he said, shudderingly. friends, and all who know him speak 'The double loss of my sweet young wife and her little babe has nearly driven me mad. I am a changed man, the weight of the cross I have had part he was stricken with rheumato bear has crushed me. I live on, tism. It gradually grew worse and but my heart is buried in the grave of my sweet, golden-haired Evalia and my silence is about to find me out at her little child. I repeat, it is a has been a confirmed invalid, and as painful subject, still I will listen to a consequence has not been seen in what you have to say. I believe I owe town at all. He has sat night and my life to your careful nursing, when

that awful time." inflict the blow which my words will give you. Oh, master!" she imbeen terrified, and alarmed the house-hold. plored, "I did not know then what I would sometimes move to other parts did was a sin. I feared to tell you of his body. His knees were fearfully life. As time wore on, I grew so deadly frightened I dared not un- for four long years the poor man did you looked upon me in your bitterest, fiercest moments of agony, what I did was for your sake; to save your

bleeding heart one more pang. I der to look back upon that awful have been a good and faithful woman four years, even the thought of it is Hurlhurst," she cried, grasping her all my life, faithful to your interests." "You have indeed," he responded greatly puzzled as to what she could it I do not know, but I thank God possibly mean. bows, but her strength failed her, and

> "Listen, Basil Hurlhurst," she said, fixing her strangely bright eyes upon his noble, care-worn face; "this the secret I have carried in this bosom for nearly seventeen years; 'Your golden-haired young wife died on that ! to Whitestone Hall;' but listen, Basil, 'the child did not!' It was stolen

> > CHAPTER XXX.

"My God!" cried Basil Hurlhurst starting to his feet, pale as death, his but nothing seemed able to give me sphere in the business world and was something more than a mere eyes fairly burning, and the veins standing out on his forehead like the young woman who has to face the fallen face downward on the floor, cords, "you do not know what you say, woman! My little child-Eva- ing that dreadful pain behind me. prize original short stories, the sors she had been using, which had lia's child and mine-not dead, but usual departments pertaining to the entered her body in close proximity household, the page for the little to her heart. The wound was cer-

'It is true, master," she moaned, "true as Heaven." "You knew my child, for whom grieved for seventeen long years, was stolen-not dead-and dared to keep menced. I noticed an improvement the knowledge from me?" he cried, and kept on, and look at me now." I can find words to express," said passionately, beside himself with rage, Mr. Doeg certainly doesn't look like Basil Hurlhurst, gravely. "Mrs. Cor- agony and fear. "Tell me quickly, then, where I shall find my child!' he cried, breathlessly.

For a few moments Basil Hurlhurst strode up and down the room like a man bereft of reason.

she begged that Basil Hurlhurst tremulous voice from the bed; "I have your promise.' "I can not understand how Heaven

shrunk from him, refusing his prof- could let your lips remain silenced all do so, for I want every person sufthese long, agonizing years, if your fering as I was with rheumatism to "Tell them all to leave the room," story be true. Why, yourself told me she whispered. "No one must know my wife and child had both died on that never-to-be-forgotten night, cure them, and I do hope that my and were buried in one grave. How statement will be read by all such selected for the orchard; it cannot be | say to him, he humored her wishes, | could you dare steep your lips with a unfortunates. lie so foul and black? Heaven could "Now, Mrs. Corliss," he said, kindly have struck you dead while the false drawing his chair up close by the bed- words were yet warm on your lips!"

"I dared not tell you, master," out without reserve; we are all alone." moaned the feeble voice, "lest the "Is it true that I can not live?" she shock would kill you; then, after you asked, eagerly scanning his face. "Tell recovered, I grew afraid of the secret

"And yet you know that somewhere in this cruel world my little chil was living-my tender, little fairhaired child-while I, her father, was wearing my life out with the grief of that terrible double loss. Oh, woman, woman, may God forgive you, for I never can, if your words b

"I feared such anger as this; that is why I dared not tell you," she whispered, faintly. "I appeal your respect for me in the past hear me, to your promise of forgivedigestion takes place in the intestines, bles. I was in a terrible state and ness to shield me, to your love for the

He saw she was right. His head seemed on fire, and his heart seemed bursting with the acute intensity of He must listen while she

strength to tell him of his child. "You remember the terrible storm master, how the trees mcaned, and

where your beautiful young wife lay "Yes, yes-go on-you are driving me mad!" he groaned.

"You remember how you fell down In cases of intestinal indigestion the ic indigestion, biljousness and con- senseless by her bedside when we told liver and kidneys usually become clog- stipation to be thoroughly cured by you the terrible news-the young onous impurities are left in the blood, have by far the largest sale of any She knew, by the quivering of his

OR BLACK.

The Favorite Tea of Britain and her Colonies.

GROWN BY BRITISH PLANTERS. at the Rankin Home. Amusing to see foreign teas advertised as clean.

Is it not filth that colors them?

Gylon Teas are sold in sealed lead packets only, never in bulk. Black, Mixed or uncolored Ceylon Green. Samples on application. Address "SALADA." Toronto.

it one could not easily forget.'

youth!

learn her fate?"

She shook her head.

He scarcely dared hope that he

frantically wringing his hands.

Hastily he touched the bell-rope.

"You couldn't possibly make the

"I tell vou vou must make it!" cried

Basil Hurlhurst. "Go and do as I

To Be Continued.

SPITTING SHOULD STOP.

One of the worst and most unclean-

ly habits indulged in by some people

is spitting. Many people spit any-

this habit were only filthy it would

not be so objectionable, but it is one of

the most prolific means of propagat-

ing disease in every community. Spit-

ting in public places should stop. The

National Sanitarium Association in its

sumption, tuberculosis, claims that

expectoration on the sidewalks for

ladies' dresses to wipe up and carry

into their homes or to dry into dust

and float into the air: expectoration

in public halls, conveyances, places of

amusement, on floors, carpets and in

dark corners of hotels and private

dwellings, must cease if we ever hope

to check this terrible disease which

is responsible for so many deaths and

so much suffering. Ladies should wear

shorter skirts, and those who must

expectorate should use paper hand-

kerchiefs, which should be burned af-

ter using. There are three important

facts about tuberculosis which should

1. It is a communicable disease and

2. It is acquired by the direct trans-

mission of the tubercle bacilli from the

sick to the well, usually by means of

3. It can be largely prevented by

The Corn Fed Philosopher.

corn fed philosopher by way of closing the

Manifestations of Gray Matter.

"Am I as intelligent as your other

"Well, you quote more poetry than he

Evolution Again.

nature," said Uncle Eben. "A hen's busi-

ness is layin aigs, an ev'y time she com-

Wholesale Slaughter.

"That popular song is being sung to

"I should say so. Nearly every place

you go you hear somebody murdering it."

Apprehensive.

"Father, a few thousand dollars will

"Yes, but how do I know that I won't

It Was Surely "Courting."

"Decidedly so. The threat of court

proceedings was what finally landed

Easily Explained.

Wiston-So Hiller is married again. I

can remember when he was courting his

"Was it a real courtship?"

"Advertisin is one er de fus' laws of

be kept in mind:-

is distinctly preventable.

as dust in the air : and

cleanliness and disinfection.

discussion.-Indianapolis Press.

young man, Dolly?"

cackle."-Washington Star.

-Philadelphia Bulletin.

start me in business."

him."-Chicago Post.

death."

where, everywhere and always.

should find her, if ever.

should yet find her-where or how he falsetto. When she came back to the

"Oh, God! if you had only told me

woman's face-a white, mocking, gloriously beautiful face -strangely to the room from which they had car- face?" he asked, thoughtfully. ried you-there lay your fair young matter on what grounds the griev- wife with a smile on her lips-but the breast was gone."

is Not Yet Over.

Who Had Not Left His Room in Years Rheumatism of the Worst Kind Completely Cared.

(Sundridge Echo.) investigate the circumstances and hands nervously together, "would it can wouch for the truth of the follow-

ticular. lives at all!" Almost everyone in this neighbor-She saw his care-worn face grow hood knows Mr. Wm. Doeg. In 1878 Osprey, in Grey County, to lot 19 in subjects to me," he said, slowly. "You the thirteenth concession of Strong of him in the highest terms.

Some time after he came to this worse till for the last four years he I was stricken with the brain fever day in his chair, unable to move or walk a step for months. The pain "It would have been better if I had never left him. It commenced in let you die then, rather than live to his back, and the torture he had to bear was terrible. From his back it lest the shock might cost you your painful at times. The truth is, that do the mischief my silence had not have a single moment's respite wrought. Remember, master, when from the racking of this dreadful

Mr. Doeg says: "It makes me shuddreadful. How I ever lived through that he has at last restored me to She tried to raise herself on her el- health and strength with nothing of the rheumatism left but the memory she sunk back exhausted on the pil-

Mr. Doeg is a changed man. Hale and hearty he now enjoys every mo-

ment of his new life to the full. How did the change come about? This is the question which Dr. Doeg terrible stormy night you brought her is most delighted to answer. He had tried the treatment of several physifrom our midst on the night the fair cians and had used almost every medicine known as a cure for rheu-

matism, but he got no relief. "I gave them all a fair chance, too," said Mr. Doeg, to The Echo, even temporary relief. I grew despondent and despaired of ever leav-

"One day I read in a newspaper the testimonials of some who said they had been cured of rheumatism by campaign to check the spread of con-Dodd's Kidney Pills. I hand't much faith in anything by this time, but I sent for one box of the pills and coman invalid now, and it is hard for one who had not seen him in his sick

"I do not know, master," she moan- room to believe that six months ago he couldn't walk. "Have you any objections to making and signing a written statement "You will not curse me," wailed the of the whole thing for publication in The Echo?" was asked Mr. Doeg. None whatever, I will be glad to know that Dodd's Kidney Pills will

This is Mr. Doeg's written state-

For four years I suffered excruciating torture, during which time I was scarcely an hour free from pain. The trouble commenced in my back, where it often remained stationary for months, and so intense was the pain that I could not lie down or take rest, but had to sit night and day in a chair. The pain would then remove to other parts of my body, and when in my knees I was unable to | ties."-Chicago Record. walk, and confined constantly to my room. I was treated for rheumatism by several doctors and also tried many medicines without receiving any benefit. Almost in despair I feared I would never again experience the pleasure of being free from

Last spring my attention was directed to some remarkable cures of rheumatism effected by Dodd's Kidney Pills, recorded in the public "Go on-go on!" he cried, hoarsely, prints. I procured a box, and soon found that they were doing me good, so I kept on, till now I can say I am a new man entirely free from pain, have to pay out all I'm worth to stop and have continued so for over six you?"-Chicago Record. months, being able to attend to my daily duties on the farm and feel strong and abie for work.

I verily believe this great change has been effected by the use of Dodd's Kidney Pills, and I think it my duty to make this statement public for the benefit of anyone afflicted as I was. Wm. Doeg, Sundridge. This is a plain unvarnished state-

first wife. He really believed there never ment of fact, as we found it, and was another woman like her. Turner-And-after he was married to her he was sure of it. That may account for his making a second venture.-Boston Transcript.

SEARCHING FOR ABOY

QUITE A COMMOTION.

Everybody at the Family Reunion Joined In the Hunt, and For a Time There Was Great Excitement

Archibald had been distinctly naught; all the morning. As Mrs. Rankin, hi mother, explained to Cousin Martha there were some days when the young one just got a mean streak, and then there was no doing the first living thing with him. This, apparently, was one of

There was a sort of family reunion at the Rankin homestead, which made it all the more aggravating. Pa and Ma this years ago," cried the unhappy Conklin were there, and Uncle Alonzo like the face of your first wife, mas- father. "Have you any idea who and his family and Bert and Minnie ter, Pluma's mother. I knew it could could have taken the child? It could Beebe, as well as Cousin Martha, and the greatly troubled. When I returned | world. You say you saw a woman's | ter without burning it, you may be excused for becoming somewhat flustrated. "It was the ghost of your first Mrs. Rankin owned herself to be in that wife," asserted the old housekeeper, condition. She told Archibald that if he tiny babe that had slumbered on her astutely. "I never saw her face but didn't behave himself and if she heard once; but there was something about another word out of him she would pad dle him good. She said it as if she meant Basil Hurlhurst was not a super- it, and Archibald believed it. At this Unstitious man, yet he felt a strange, cle 'Lonzo felt in his coattail pocket and unaccountable dread stealing over produced something like a wooden trumhim at the bare mention of such a pet, which he said was a bubble blower. thing. It was more than he could "I should have thought that you would endure to hear the name of the wife know better than to give him a thing like he had loved, and the wife who slept | that," said Mrs. Rankin. "He'll want to beneath the wild sea-waves, coupled blow bubbles now, and I just won't have

in one breath-the fair young wife he kim in the kitchen under my feet." had idolized, and the dark, sparkling | "Let him blow them in here," suggestface of the wife who had brought up- ed Cousin Martha. on him such wretched folly in his "And then have him slopping suds all over the carpet?" "Have you not some clew to give "He won't do that," said Uncle Alonzo me?" he cried out in agony-"some "He'll be careful. Won't you, Archi-

way by which I can trace her and bald?" "No," answered the boy, who had no notion of committing himself. "This is unbearable!" he cried, The end of it was that he had a bowl pacing up and down the room like one of soapsuds, which he was cautioned unwho had received an unexpected der penalty of skinning not to spill, and death-blow. "I am bewildered! he became so quiet that for the next half Merciful Heaven! which way shall I hour he was almost forgotten. Then he turn? This accounts for my restless- tried to climb on to the chair on which ness all these years, when I thought the bowl had been placed in order to fanciful dreams! I thought her quietly sleeping on Evalia's breast. Nobody was looking at the time, and, bepain you to speak of the sweet, gold- ing interesting story in its every par- the darling has suffered, or in what he concluded that it was a good time for ing a bright child for his age, 3 years, part of the world she lives, or if she disappearing and forthwith disappeared. Presently somebody inquired, "Where's Ir ha d been just one hour since Archibald?" But there was no imme-Basil Hurlhurst had entered that diate uneasiness. Half an hour later, room, a placid-faced, gray-haired When he left it his hair was then Cousin Martha began a search. She however, the inquiry was repeated, and as white as snow from the terrible went up stairs and called, and she went ordeal through which he had just into the kitchen and outdoors to the

> In the corridor he passed groups of cocting a "floating island," she looked maidens, but he neither saw nor worried. "Where do you suppose that young heard them. He was thinking of the child that had been stolen from him

kitchen, where Mrs. Rankin was con-

one can have got to?" she asked of his in her infancy-the sweet little babe | mother. "Why, isn't he in the sitting room?" with the large blue eyes and shining "No, and nobody has seen anything of

him for an hour.' He saw Pluma and Rex greeting Mrs. Rankin laid down the fork with some new arrivals out on the flowerwhich she was beating eggs and, with bordered terrace, but he did not stop until he had reached his own apart- a hasty direction to Hilda to look after things, hurried into the sitting room. The He did not send for Pluma to di- inverted bowl that had held the soapvulge the wonderful discovery he had suds was on the floor, but no other trace made. There was little sympathy or of the child. Mrs. Rankin, followed by confidence between the father and Cousin Martha, next went to the back of the house, where the stone foundation I had fallen down, and stooping shouted have some clew to my child!" he cried, into the darkness that Archibald had better come out of that if he knew what

"Mason," he said to the servant who answered the summons, "pack my Uncle Alonzo now came up and was valise at once. I am going to take dispatched to the haymow, and Rufus, the first train to Baltimore. You have the long legged, gangling hired man, was sent to the chicken house. Just ther He did not hear the man's ejacula- Ma Conklin ran up at a surprising pace tion of surprise as his eyes fell on for a woman of her age and informed the face of the master who stood be- them, with a great deal of agitation, that fore him with his hair white as snow there was a board off the cistern. -so utterly changed in one short!

"Oh!" exclaimed Mrs. Rankin and pressed her hand to her side. For one moment she looked as if she would fall. next train, sir; it leaves in a few and Cousin Martha put her arm around her. The next minute she was running toward the cistern, screaming as she went. When she got there, she began bid you at once! Don't stand there frantically to tear the covering boards moments. Fly at once, I tell you!" away, and Rufus and Uncle Alonzo ran jumping in. Rufus ran back to the barn

for a rope, and the rest crowded around close to the house, or planted in the cistern and peered down. Rufus now came up with a length of rope, and the men lowered him down into the cistern so hurriedly that he splashed into the water and disappeared. He rose gasping and told them to pull on the rope a little, as he could touch bottom and keep his mouth clear by holding the rope. not be placed any deeper in the They hauled taut and then fastened the ground than it stood in the nursery rope to a board laid across the mouth of row. the cistern, and the hired man began working to and fro, feeling with his feet.

hollowly from below. "Thank God!" ejaculated Uncle Alonzo. "Wait a minute. I've- Ah, here he buyers.

The men groaned, and Mrs. Rankin fell unconscious into Cousin Martha's arms. At the same moment a window in the second story of the house was thrown open, and Hilda, the hired girl, leaned out and screamed to them. "He's here!" she cried. "I've found him. He was in my room, down behind a trunk, hiding. He said that he had

spilled the suds an his maw was going to lick him. Here he is!" There was a rush to the house, and in another moment the cause of the trouble was being hugged and kissed and shaken that of the parallelogram, three or and scolded and blessed as he never was four times longer than wide-and esbefore in the whole course of his exist- pecially when the horse is to be used. ence. He was howling his disapprobation when his mother revived, and then he had cause to howl, for in the joy of her

dried and pulverized sputum floating spanked him vigorously. At last-in the course of an hour, perhaps-quiet and order were restored, and simple and easily applied measures of Mrs. Rankin, between smiles and tears, with the restored Archibald pressed close to her matronly bosom, said she guessed their dinner was spoiled now sure enough. "A woman is not so much interested in "Don't worry about that, my dear," knowing where her husband is of nights said Ma Conklin; "just think how much as in knowing where he isn't," said the

worse it might ha' bin.' "By the way," said Uncle Aleazo, "what's come of Rufus?" They all looked at each other blankly until Pa Conklin voiced the general thought. "I guess," he said, starting up,
"that Rufus is up to his chin in the cistern waitin for some of us to come an pull
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