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and accepted the "flukes," which would night. True, the instrument was somehave discomposed Gilbert, with an alacrity what out of tune, for the tuner had been that was positively discreditable.

side, as in duty bound-consoled and en general ear of the company assembled. couraged, and at length found their sym- Gilbert's voice was equal to drowning any pathies so strongly enlisted for the one so accompaniment, and Emily was almost far behind, that Etta was caught marking | equally independent. stealthily to Hartland a handsome score of her brother's.

Merriment and raillery were the im mediate consequence.

here. There's Hartland for the one, and it was certainly somewhere-he could not Jack Stoneby for the other.")

left-Kant and Cicero could not have casion. held him with cart-ropes,-and to see him scriously, "I do wonder whether any visit. notion of the kind has struck Hardland. should not be one bit surprised if he had water off a duck's back."

and more than enough. On his part he make out their time. You can hardly had never felt less inclined to laugh in his expect them to change their plans all in

Here was a fresh complication with a and quite at home where they are."

him thrt it was to the lady's brother, that his scholarly and refined relative, hitherto respectable well-inclined young women in the personification of pedantry and re- their own sphere of life; but here they sbectability, as to whom there had for- are placed in a completely false position. merly been but one feeling, that of con- If they could only be brought to see this sideration and good will,-it could not be |-if there were any one to put it before to him quite what it was to Gilbert, to them-" see the elderly widower blossom out into new character.

Emily Gilbert during dinner, but that the most laborious and long-winded instructions, the prosings which even Gilbert when on his promotion had surreptitiously yawned beneath, had been, to all appearance, harkened to with the profoundest sympathy and interest by Gilbert's sister. The host had een intelligently questioned at due intel rals. He had been drawn out, and led on, as it had scarcely ever bead of the table." been his fortune to be encouraged hitherto. Beneath such treatment he had expanded and thriven, as no one could have bert do so ?" helped doing.

far sooner than he had ever before been known to quit the comforts of the wellwarmed room and glowing wine-cups. He had made some excuse for doing so certainly, but the excuse had been a slight her laugh." one, and it had been obvious to all present that the attraction of good company had been the soul and flattering canse of the change. He had invited Catherine to join the proposed drive next day. Catherine had been quite in luck, and had seen that it was her interest to be compliant and agreeable; and, in consequence, there had been no more seriousness nor disapprobation from her,-Catherine, as we know, being one ever to fall in with the times, whereas Rosamund would fight to the death for a principle or a prejudice.

But the sight to see had been Rosamund's papa over the music. On Gilbert's proposing music, he had seconded the move not with his usual gentle passive acquiescence, but in a manner unseen before-he had himself stepped across the room with candles, and fumbled with the slides of the

In former times when Lady Caroline, who had supposed herself a musician, had requested to be favoured by some guest, the inevitable response, and that which had been known to suit the petitioner, had been some dreary fugue, or grim uncompromising sonata. Now the old piano scarcely knew itself. Until the two Miss Gilberts came, it had not been opened since the death in the house; but on that first evening after their arrival, in Rosamund's softened mood, she had been glad to consent to anything, and Catharine had

breaks of ten and twelve with satisfaction. known what to expect on the following "I fee! like a new man." ordered away on the occasion of his last The sisters-albeit openly on Frederick's visit; but this did not greatly afflict the

They had snng together and apart, drawing each other on, and inciting to further effort; and at the end of every performance, Mr. Liscard had applauded ("Ay, ay !" thought Gilbert, "ay, ay ! and admired. It had even been drawn is that what you are up to, miss? Lord, from him that once upon a time, before what a joke that would be! Hartland he had become a married man, and when and Etta! Lord, what would the pater he had had nothing else to think of, he say to that! The old gentleman would had himself dabbed with the flute; and not know himself. But I said how it further inquiries had elicited the fact that would be before ever I brought the girls | the said flute was still in existence. Yes, positively say where-and it was many a Before the evening was over, he was year since it had seen the light. But still shorting with laughter over a new idea. -and when Hartland had heard him hesi-"Old Liscard taken with Emily! O tatingly promise to look about among his Lord! O Lord! I shall never get over it! old drawers on the following day, and see If it really is so, it would be the richest if it could be found, and if anything could thing I ever knew in my life. And I'll be done with it-he had felt that although lay any money it is so. I never saw him he had himself heard Lady Julia remark anything like it before, nor, I'll wager, has on the pity it was that the musical proany one else. He was making up to her clivities of her brother-in-law had never the whole of dinner, talking away like a been looked kindly upon heretofore, she perfect parrot, and he would not stop ten | would hardly have cared to have heard minutes in the dinging-room after they them acknowledged on the present oc-

He was certainly taking more notice of over the piano, beating time and wagging | these Gilbert girls than was at all necessary, his old head, -and they say he is to show and more, his doing so was making it mothem all over his library to-morrow moin- mentarily more improbable that they ing, and take them a drive in the after- would fall in with the wishes and hopes noon! Oh, my dear Rosamund, what which were entertained at the Abbey for nuts this will be for you! I should say their speedy vanishing from the scene. she'd be as glad as I, if anything really Was it likely they would want to go, when does come of it. Well, he's not such an all was being made so pleasant for them to old boy neither; and he had a sorry time stay? Mr. Liscard himself, from whom of it with that vixen of a Lady Caroline; no hospitality had ever before been exhe is quite right to chirp up a bit, and pected, and who was generally supposed have a little pleasure in life yet. Em's not to know who was in the house, and the very girl to suit him. To be sure, who out of it-here he had been foremost there are the children; but they are in the task of entertaining! With his young, and I should say the girls would evident approval, Catherine had been soon go off. Catharine is not a patch emancipated for the purpose of rendering upon Rosamund, but she's well enough. the young ladies easy in their minds, and Dolly will be good-looking. Anyhow, there had been rumors of excursions here that's their concern, and I know one thing and there, and driving parties and what I should be uncommonly well pleased. I not which had made the whole air festive. should die of laughing. It would be the There had not been a syllable throughout rummest idea. Now, I wonder," more to intimate any idea of cutting short the

"No, ma'am, I can't say there was," he Hartland is such a moony chap that I was forced to allow, in answer to the next morning's cross-questioning, for Lady seen nothing; if it had all passed off like Julia had retired, as he had meant her to do, ere he had returned home the night Hartland had, however, seen enough, before. "I expect the Miss Gilbert's will a moment, and they seem very happy,

"They are sure to be 'at home' wherever It was not quite the agreeable jest to they are," replied his aunt. "I daresay, indeed I quite believe, they may be very

> "You should ask your brother-in-law to do so," said Hartland, drily.

Now, it was perfectly true that not only "Theodore! Dear me, Hartland, what had Mr. Liscard conversed incessantly with are you thinking of? Poor Theodore never was of the slightest use to any one even in Caroline's days, and now-by the way, does he appear in the evenings? Was he there after dinner last night?" "Very much there."

"And how did it pass? What did you do? How did they behave? "Oh, it passed very well; everybody

was very lively; and Catharine sat at the "Catharine! That child?"

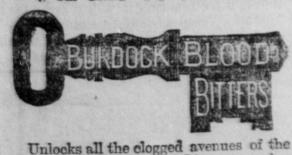
"You would not have had a Miss Gil-

"No, no; you are right. Catharine In the evening, he had joined the ladies was better than no one; and she was at least a daughter of the house, though a mere school girl. But it was a fine chance for Catharine, with my poor Rosamund lying here-"Tell Rosamund; it will make

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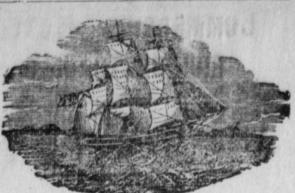
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