AFTER YEARS.

'It-seems-to-me, Estelle,' said Ferdirand Essex after a moment or two of grave observation, 'that you're about old encugh to leave off playing with dolls.'

'Playing with delts, indeed!' echoed Este'le, drawing herself up with infinite scorn expressed in the graceful curves of her lissome thape. I playing with dolls ! 'Well, what are you doing then?'

Why. I am dressing fifteen of them for the church fair !' and Estel e held up one completed fairy, gorgeous in pink crepe and spangles, with a floating sash and ends of gauze ribbon.

·The church fair !' said Major Essex, curling his lips, 'ot all absurd nonsense, devised to stir up quarrels among the womankind and rob the men by wholesale,

that is the most ridiculous!' 'But you are going, Major Essex?' 'Going ! No, I should rather think not.'

'Why P' 'Haven't I just told you? Because I dis-

approve of the who'e thing ' Major Essex,' said Estelle, her voice quivering wi h indignation and two vivid scarlet spots starting out upon her cheeks, 'I do believe it is just as Aunt Marion says!' 'And what does Aunt Marion say?' de-

manded Essex, rather smused. She says that you are getting to be a selfi h, narrow minded old bachelor!" 'I can't be so very old. I am not thirty

until the new year,' pleaded Essex. 'I call that very old indeed,' said Estelle haughtily. 'And she says you are settling down into a set groove of thought and feel

ing, and unless-Stop, stop,' said the major, whimsically arching his eyebrows. 'Don't give too beavy doses of bitter medicine, Estelle.

I've heard quite enough for the present.' 'I don't suppose Aunt Marion meant that it should be repeated to you,' said Estelle, sewing vigorously away at a doli's skirt and pricking her tapering fingers mercilessly. 'but I believe it's every word of it true.' 'You believe it ?'

'Yes, I do,' nodded Estelle emphatically. 'That's hard on me,' said Major Essex, with an attempt at pathos which was contradicted by the sparkle of his mischievous brown eyes. 'Do you suppose I could retrieve my character if I were to go to the church fair and buy the biggest doll you have been dressing?

Estelle was silent, but the compressed lips and crimsoning cheeks betokened her inward indignation.

'Come,' persisted M jor Essex, half lifting himself from the so'a to get a batter view of the young face in the corner. 'You know I'm going away next week and I shall want some kind of a souvenic to remind me of you when I'm away on the other side of the babitable globe. Shall we say five dollars for that doll ?"

'I woul n'e sell it to you for five hundred dollars' broke out Estelle, with flashing eyes and coloring temples. 'It's just as Aunt Marion says-you are a disagreeable, cross, tormenting old bachelor !'

'Why, Stella, I thought we used to be such good friends!'

'So we used,' said Estelle, 'but not since you have begun to tease and torment me. The major watched her with languid, halt clesed eyes.

Estelle, I be lieve you are crying.' 'I am not crying !' flished Estelle, and to hide the bright, gathering drops she caught up all the pile of dolls, satin, tarlatan and glittering ribbon into her frock and daried out of the room like an arrow.

'The little fire fly,' laughed Major Essex. But I'll make it up with her yet. Stella and I mustn't part unreconciled. As for Aunt Marion, who has such a very derogatory opinion of me, its hardly worth my while to attempt to deceive her.'

And Major Essex dragged the chintz cushions into a heap directly underneath his head and composed himself for a comfortable nap before dinner.

When the next week came he packed his valise as nonchalantly as if he were going to Bal imore or Philadelphia and started for Calcutts, and when he returned the south had passed through the terrible pangs of war. He went to the old Dayton place. The velvet lawn was ploughed up and planted with rice. The orange grove, where the mocking birds used to sing their merry roundelays, lay leveled to the ground, and only a ruinous chimney balt overgrown with rank poison vine remained of the hospitable old mansion.

For a moment Essex gave way to natural emotions. He sat down on the doorstep and wept. And then he went back to Baltimore, where his home was to be for the future, all efforts to discover any trace of the Dayton family having proved futile and vain.

By Jove, I wish I had staid in Calcutta' he said to himself. 'Home is not home with all there changes around it.'

Mrs. Colonel Changt ley had returned from India in the same vestel with bim-a plump, handsome widow, who had lost her Ismented colonel in a Sepoy mutiny among the jingles and was on the qui vive tor a successor to him-and Mrs. Colonel Changhley gave Major Essex no peace in his life. He must ride with her. He must escort her bither and yon. He must go with her to select her new pony phaeton. In fact she found herself unable to transact the commonest item in business without Major Essex

So it happened that when she went to buy a set of ermire furs Major Essex was her unwilling companion.

·It't the last time,' thought the major to himself; 'it must be the last time or she will marry me before I know it.'

Mrs. Changhley was very hard to suit in the matter of furs, and when at last they found a set which she liked it proved to be too small around the neck.

'We can have it altered in a minute, ma'am,' said the polite salesman. One of

young women can fix it while you wait. Miss Carson-here-send Estelle to me!'

And a light pretty little figure glided in, dressed in somewhat shabby morning. Major Essex sat by the window, looking absently out into the street, but as the work girl attempted to remove the fur wrapping from Mrs. Colonel Changhley's neck a pin at her wrist caught in the widow's lace collar.

'You awkward, clumsy thing!' almost

screamed Mrs. Colonel Changbley, and then she checked herself abruptly, remembering the presence of Major Essex.

'I am very sorry, ma'am—indeed—in-deed I did not intend it,' faltered a sweet, low voice, which made Essex start as it a finger of fire had smitten his ear. 'Estelle Dayton!'

'Oh, Maj r Essex, is it you?' Estelle colored and then grew pale-the enowy little circlet of tur dropped from her

fingers to the floor. 'Miss Dayton-if you please!' began Mr. Mark of the firm of Mink & Fartail. And Estelle, catching up the ermine collar, murmured a word or two of apology

and escaped from the room. 'So you're acquainted with the young woman !' said Mis. Cclonel Changhley a

little superciliously. 'The young lidy's father,' said Essex coldly, was one of my oldest friends and one of the weal hiest citizens of Florida before this unhappy war desolated all ranks of lite. Mr. Mink, will you oblige

me with Miss Dayton's address ?" And Mrs. Changbley wished she had not insisted on Major Essex's company during

the fur seeking expedition. He went, as soon as he had reason to suppose business hours were over, to the place n med by Mr Mins, and his expedition was in vain. Miss Dayton was not at

'Home,' what a con'rast was this to the cool veranda and wide balls of Dayton's place. Essex's heart sank within him as he looked round at the carpetless floors and rickety stairs of the third rate board

ing house. Half an hour later he was sitting in his private parlor at the De L'Orme hotel smoking a meditative cigar when the waiter knocked at the door and ushered in a slender figure in black. Essex flung his cigar into the fire and sprang up with a

glad countenance. Et lle! I have been to your house to find vou but without success.'

'We worked late to night,' she said quietly, 'and the late hours and constant confinement are killing me. Major Essex, I have a favor to ask of you for the sake of old times.'

He had drawn forward a chair for her, into which she wearly sank.

'It is already granted, Estelle.' 'I wish to beg of you to use your influence to obtain me the situation of companion or seamstress-to-to your wife.'

'To my wite, Estelle? But I am not married.' The rosy scarlet suffused Estelle Day-

ton's cheek. 'That lady in the black silk dress-was

she not your wife?' 'No, nor likely to be, I hope,' Essex answeared with a slight grimance. 'But,

Estelle. though I do not happen to be married, that's no reason why I should not want a campanion and a seamstress. Dear Estelle, will you come to me and be my 'But, Major Essex-'

'I know I am twenty years older than you, but I am not an old man yet, and I believe I have loved you longer than I can remember.

'It is not that -- oh,' sobbed Estelle, 'it is not that! But only I am not good enough tor you, dear friend.'

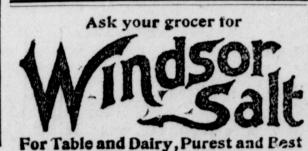
Mrs. Colonel Changhley was highly scandalized at the whole affair and positively declined to attend the wedding or visit the bride, but Mrs. Major Essex somehow has contrived to survive her neglect and has grown fairer than ever in the sunshine of her husband's love and the shadows through which she has passed only added new brightness to her present lite.

A Good Number.

The September number of the Delineator is called the Autumn announcement number, and is always an important one on account of the opening of Autumn styles and tashions. The contents of the number are of a most interesting nature and are suited to every taste. Dr. Grace P. Murray has a timely article on Insomnia, and its Treatment, and Sharlot M. Hall continues hepractical lessons on photography for Amar teurs. The information given under the head of Domestic Subjects is very interesting and suggestive. An entirely new department entitled The Dressmaker, has been added and cannot fail to be of special value to everybody interested in the art of dressmaking, as it embodies all the latest ideas in the trimming and finishing of a garment. Social Observances is an attractive and useful department. There will also be found much bright miscellaneous reading. Order from the local agent for Butterick Patterns, or address The Delineator Publishing Co. of Toronto, Limited, 33 Richmond St. West, Toronto, Ont. Subscription price of the Delineator, \$1.00 per year, single copies, 15 Cents.

No Evidence.

A man was on trial in Weatern America on a charge of catching a certain fish that weighed less than two pounds. The



constable who had made the arrest testfield to catching the prisoner with the fish in his possession.

'Where are the fish,' asked the lawyer for the defendant. ·Why. they wouldn't keep,' answered the officer.

'What did you do with them?' 'Oh I disposed of them., 'What did you do with them?' 'Well I knew they wouldn't keep, so

I-I-disposed of them. 'But what did you do with them?' 'My wife cooked them.' 'And you ate them? 'Yes.'

'Your Honor, I ask that this case be dismissed.' 'Charge dismissed and defendant diacharged,' ruled the justice of the peace, 'on the ground that arresting officer ate

the evidence. Doubly Fatal.

The extravagance of expression common to certain young ladies of anemphatic habit leads them into queer statements. For instance, here is the record of a con versation petween two girls:

'I was just dying to see it.' Yes. and when I saw it it was perfecty



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BORN.

Russia, July 15, to wife of A. S. White, a son. Parrsboro, Aug. 19, to wife of Henry Morse, a son. Springhill, Aug. 23, to wife of James Dunn, a sor. Windsor, Aug. 18, to wife of Rev. Henry Dickie, a

Halifax, Aug. 26 to wife of Michael J. Sullivan, a Port Greville, Aug. 17 to wife of Erastus Parsons, a

Cumberland, Aug. 18 to wife of John Greeno, a Wolfville, Aug. 15, to wife of W. S. Wallace, Steam Mill. Aug. 13 to wife of Wm. B. Gould, a Richibucto, Aug. 18, to wife of Nichalas Chivari,

Roxbury Mass, Aug. 10 to wife of John Fraser, a Prospect, Aug. 8 to wife Samuel Durling, a daugh-Truro, Aug. 20, to wife of W. M. Stevens, a daugh-Canning, Aug. 15, to wife of Harry Rand, a daugh-Berwick, Aug. 15 to Dr. and Mrs. March, a daugh-

Ball's Creek, Aug. 14, to wife of Duncan Gouthro, Billtown, Aug. 16, to wife of Rav. A. J. Vincen, Truro, Aug. 22, to wife of Clarence Patton.

Parrsboro. Aug. 10, to wife of W. P. Schurman, Wolville, Aug. 20, to wife of Charles [Paine,

Windermere, Aug. 9, to wife of Robert Palmer, a Springhill gug 22 to wife of A. Michelson, daughter. Wolfville, Aug. 21, to wife of P. E. Gough,

Pubnico Head, Aug. 21, to wife of Fred Murphy, s Parrsboro Aug. 1, to wife of Archibald Alexander, Parrsbore, Aug. 5, to wife of Capt W. W. Graham, a daughter.

Bear River, Aug. 25, to wife of Mr. J. Harold Lovitt. a son. Richibucto, Aug. 20, to wife of Mr. Bernard Duc-Baccaro, Aug. 16, to Mr. and Mrs. William Chetwynd, a son.

West New Glasgow, Aug. 12, to Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Parker, a daughter. Morien, Aug. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Hennigar, Ritchie, a daughter.

South Waterville, Aug 20, to Mr. and Mrs. George Foster twin daughters. Three Mile Plains. Aug. 4, to wife of Walter Dill, twins-son and daughter.

MARRIED.

Boston, July 3, Hugh McDonald to Mary Bryden. Mu quodoboit, Marca 27, Edward Logan to Janet Avonport, Aug. 10, Mr. Geo. Pye to Miss Martha

Everett, Wash., Aug. 20, Norris B. Allen, to Bose C. Mathey. Florenceville, Car. Co., N. B., Mr. Wm Turner to Miss Emma Jenson.

Boularderie, Aug. 18, by Rev. D. D. ummond, Jas. Cann to Maggle Grieg. St. John, Aug. 27, by Rev. S. A. Baker, Wm. Fos-ter to Louisa Cameron. Halifax, Aug. 18, by Rev. A. E. I. Wilis, P. Hubley to Mana B. Hubley,

Boston, Aug. 17, by Rev. Fr. Clarke, Ella McCarthy to A. E. Geel. Millville, Aug. 17, by Rev. J. W. Fraser, George Carson to Christy McKay. Ottawa, by Rev. J. M. Snowdon, Mrs. Veinon Smith to Mr. C. D. Roper. Halitax, Aug. 18, by Rev. Dr. Heartz, Richard Conroy to Lucy Withrow. Stewiacke, March 4, by Rev. Hugh Graham, R. J.

Smith to Cathe ine Dualap Everett, Mass., by Rev. Chas. M. Hall. Harry S. Jacobs to Carrie M. Burris. Boston, July 19, by Rev. A. D. McKinnon, Wm, Y. Macdonald to Emma Smith. Middleton, N. S. Aug. 11, by Rev. H. S. Baker, Jas. Lynch to Lilian Burney. Bridgetown, Aug. 23. by Rev. H. How, Florence Williams to Reginald Moore.

Stanburne, Aug. 17, by Rev. C. P. Mellor, Rosie Veinot to Simeon Barkhouse. Musquodoboit, Mar. 20 by Rev. John Sprott, J. B. Archibald to Mary McCallum.



Brook line, Mass., July 22 by Rev. Dr. Archibald, W. Christie to Lizzie Starfield. Brookline, Mass., July 22 by Rev. Dr. Archibald, A. M. Watson to Julia Brennan. York Co. N. B., Aug. 24 by Rev. W. H. Sherwood George A. Grant to Lorand Hi lm n Kentville, Aug., 24, by the Rev. B. N. Nobles, Mr. H. Leckhart to Miss Ella Barkhonse. North Dakota, Aug. 9, by R. v. John Smithers, R. v. L. B. Crobe to Miss Jessica M. Doty. Halifax, Aug. 17, by Rev. A. J. Simonds, Irene Dickinson Pearm in to James S. Laing. Folleigh Mt. Aug 17, by Rev. J. A. McKenzie Isaac O Field, to Bella J. Flemming. Woods Harbor, July 23 by Rev. Wm. Miller, Mr. J. Gereham to Miss Bernice Nickerson. Milwaukee, Wis., Aug. 1, by Rev. Geo. MeWhorters, Cornelius R. Adams to Allie J. Cottam. Lower Southampton, Aug. 22, by Rev. W. H. Sherwood, Chas Achurman to Arnie Braydon. Buctauche, Aug. 17, by Rev. W. E. Johnston and Rev. C. H. Manaton, Mr. Garson Young to

DIED.

Milton, Aug. 25, Mary M. Jenkins. Sydney, Aug. 18, Mrs. McArthur, 74. Halifax, Aug. 19 John McLell n, 30 Yarmouth, Aug. 20, Geo. R. Smith, 68. Halifax, Aug. 22, Mary Ann Shanks, 15. Springhill, Aug. 22, Itvin &. Lorrimer Boston, Aug. 23, Charlie McDowell, 27. St. John, April 29, James M. Nisbet, 64. Coldbrook, Aug. 28, John Drummond, 51. Shell urne, Aug. 16, Wilbert A. Perry, 25. New Glasgow, Aug. 14, Simon Fraser, 78. Scott's Bay, Auz. 5, Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers. Baccaro, Aug. 18, Mrs. Mary A. Bethell, 62. St. Martins, Aug. 28, Robert D. Murray, 36. Port Tampa, Fla., Aug. 21, Clarence H. Reid. Halls Harbor, Aug. 23, Mr. Asaph Balsor, 74. South Uniacke, Aug. 20, Mrs. Wm. Madill, 32. Esstern Passage, Aug. 21, Berjamin Fulker, 79. North Sydney, Aug. 13, Mrs. Patrick Kelly, 50. Port Hastings, Aug. 12, Hilda Baille, 7 months. Halifax, Aug. 19, Mary, wife of Wm. Bowser, 52. Liverpool, Aug. 12, Ellen, wife of Wm. Mason, 55. Cambridge, Mass., Aug. 26, John D. Cree'm in, 53. Cape Negro Island, Aug 16, Charles H. Swain, 42. Sydney, Aug. 14, William, son of Dougald Camer-

Clark's Harbor, Aug. Il, Annie, wife of Wm. Haliax, Aug. 24, Laura Leprohon, wife of Edmund

St. John, Aug 26, Amy, widow of the late Geo. Gerow, 85 New Glasgow, Aug. 17, John youngest son of Alex McLeod, 15.

Sydney, Aug. 21, George infant son of Capt. and Mrs. Peters. Springbill, Aug. 20, Hugh C. son of Wm. Matheson, 5 months Annapo'is, Aug. 16, Edgar W. son of Mr. and Mrs.

Roslindate, Mass, Aug. 17, Hattie M. wife of Philip E. C. Bower, 41. Milton, Queens, Aug 13, Edward, only son of Robert Burnaby, 27. Port Hood, Aug. 21. Cyril Wilfred, son of Mr. and

Mrs. D. F. McLean, 8. St. John, Aug. 27, Margaret Ann widow of the late William Dunn, 87. St. John, Aug. 23, Millicent, widow of the late Isaac P. Clarke, 72. Beach Meadows, Queens, Aug. 8, Caroline, widow

of Capt. George Creaser, 78. Brigus, Nfl 1., Aug. 15, Edward. son of Mr. and Mrs. Elliot Smith, 5 months. Halifax, Aug. 17, Caroline, infant daughter of Mr. an 1 Mrs. P, ke, 6 montus. Debec, Aug. 15, Marietta McFariane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Crawford, 7.

Dartmouth, Aug. 25, Ida May, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Blakeney, 3. Upper North Sydney, Aug. 13, Peter, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jackson, 8 weeks. Shelburne, Aug 8, Thomas Ray King, only child of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Doane, 11 months. Belmont, Colchester, Aug. 12, James R. infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Robe t Higgins, 7 months.

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