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I offered you my forceps in a spirit of mischief, well knowing you would never undertake the thing yourself. But I can't put them in the hands of an ignorant person. I am too much of a physician not to be aware of the grave results that might follow from injudicious use of them. Yet I hate to refuse you, for I know you are in much misery, and it seems as if I wanted to do it myself. Halsey could not help admiring the brave manner in which this little lady

faced an nupleasant situation. Can you really do it? You don't look strong enough.

I can really do it, and I am strong enough.

You won't hurt me? That I cannot promise. I will not hurt

you unnecessarily. Doubtfully eyeing the doctor, Leonard

took his seat and prepared for the operation which, he persuaded himself, could not be much worse than the misery be was already suffering.

In a few minutes it was over, but so was Halsey, for the sudden revulsion caused him to faint.

In a moment he came to himself to find. soft hands bathing his head. Am I dead? he murmured.

U, no, gaily answered the doctor, dead.

Halsey sat up straight and looked around in bewilderment. Suddenly it all came to him, and he exclaimed:

By Jove! You're a plucky one! The doctor laughed, and seated herself at some little distance, while he recovered

his equilibrium. May I ask you, Mr-Mr.-Halsey, supplemented Leonard.

Thank you. May I ask you, Mr. Halsey, why you dislike women physicians?

Is it on principle? It is madam, though it sounds ungracious in me to say so.

But on what principle, Mr. Halsey? persisted the doctor. Are you acquainted with many of my profession who have proved unworthy the trust placed in them?

Good gracious ! No? I don't know one. Never would become acquainted with them.

Ah, then, I understand, Mr. Halsey. It is prejudice, not principle.

John, touching her tap-bell, get Jerry ready, now. I'm off.

Are you going out such a night as this? exclaimed Halsey, in amazement.

came to him from some little distance away, one good-bye that affected him strangely. Turning to note the owner, he saw a face strangely familiar, curiously unknown. Upon the arm of the young girl leaned a sweet faced, white-haired old lady. Be careful, mother, said the voice he knew, you will fall. But the warning came too late. The old lady tripped and fell directly into Halsey's arms, spread to catch her.

Thank you, sir, oh thank you ! exclaim- WHITE COTTONS, ed the daughter, in a frightened voice. Mother, dear, are you hurt? Not at all, Elaine, but the mother

trembled still with fright. Let me take your mother down stairs, said Halsey, earnestly.

At the sound of his voice the daughter started (she had not looked at him before) and looked at him quickly.

Thank you, Mr. Halsey, she said, with a smile, I shall be glad to have you help

Dr. Middleton! exclaimed Halsey, enlightened at last as to the resemblance and voice which had baffled him.

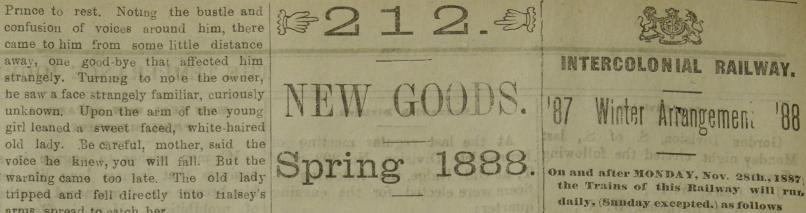
The voyage was a beautiful one, and these three, so strangely thrown together, and knowing no one else, found much to say to each other. The remembrance of Halsey's mother, tenderly loved, and bitterly mourned, when lost two years before, she thought of what her baby boy might have been, had he lived to be strong and tall and tender as this young People don't ask questions when they are man was, drew Halsey and Mrs Middleton closely together.

Many times Halsey wished he could speak of that thoughtless act of his, but innate delicacy prevented, and he felt that unless something extraordinary happened, he must forever go round with that in his mind. Halsey had one peculiarity-a hatred of small obligations-and this made him uncomfortable under the present circumstances.

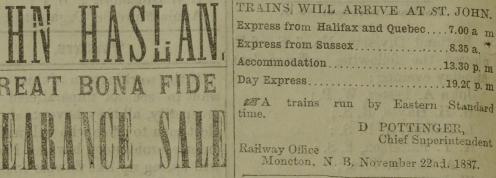
New York, with an earnest invitation heartily accepted by Halsey.

Really, he said to himself, I must go 15 down and see the dear old lady soon. And soon proved too be at the end of a week. 25 Fine Worsted Suits, \$7.00-regular Week followed week, and with it, every Wednesday evening with unfailing regularity, was Halsey found at Middletons, visiting the old lady. Elaine flitted in and out and paid no particular attention to him. But her mother noticed with a smile that lately, on Wednesdays, Elaine seemed in somewhat of a hurry, and managed to get through with her regular visits earlier in the day, so as to give the evenings only to casuals.

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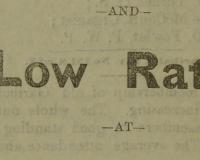
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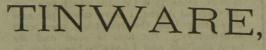
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Well, but I thought women only kind of half did these things. I never half do anything 1 undertake,

or I should perhaps have left half your tooth in, she replied with dignity. And now I must also wholly dismiss

you, as there is a sick baby waiting me two miles away. Bewildered Halsey went over to the

hotel. But soon weariness overcame his bewilderment, and sleep soon had possession of him.

Whirling away to Boston next day, Halsey was suddenly struck with an idea that caused him to crimson, and strike his knee vigorously.

By Jove! he exciaimed aloud, regardless of surroundings. I never offered the woman a cent for what she did. What must she think of me! The idea of going into a doctor's office, abusing her whole tribe, and after she did her level best for me, never mentioning money to her. Well, what must she think of me! And the thought of Elizabeth Middle-

ton's mirth-filled eyes, as she no doubt enjoyed the situation, was almost as hard to bear as the toothache had been. I'll send it to her as soon as I get to

Boston, he muttered.

quandary. He had nothing but a five dollar gold piece and a twenty dollar bill. Besides he did not know what her charges were. To offer her too much, looked like charity. To offer her too little, was shameful. Further, if he sent it by mail, he would never know whether she received it, unless he asked her to acknowledge it; and if he did that, asking a woman to acknowledge the receipt of a dollar bill, he would look mean.

Altogether, he found himself caring for the opinion of this much to be-despised she laid her head against him: I am tired woman-doctor, although he told himself he didn't care a red cent what she would not have acknowledged it before, she thought.

specially and see her and pay his bill in the course of three or four days and be and even now you have a perfect right, if you

business took him to Europe, and the annoying matter was swallowed up in matters of greater importance. After three months of hard work he

Dr. Middleton, said be, bravely, looking at her with his honest eyes, I owe you a debt. Wait! as she was about to interrupthim. A year ago to-night, and just such a night, I came here for your services. Well, no, he corrected himself with a laugh, not exactly that, for your father's services. I have never settled the debt Iowe you.

Mr. Halsey! she exclaimed, with a hurt look that pretty nearly distracted him.

And to-night I am determined to pay it. An offer of money from you now, Mr. Halsey, I regard as an insult, and one which I never expected to receive at the hands of one whom I had grown to regard as a dear friend. And tears trembled in her voice, showing how deep was the wound in her heart.

Miss Middleton, exclaimed Halsey, with an intonation that made her tremble, while the blood drifted slowly away from her face, though she would not meet his eyes, I did not intend to offer you money, I intended to offer myself. Not, he added hypocritically, that I consider myselfanything like an equivalent for the sum due you.,

Elaine looked up and laughed; she could not help it. The abject humility of this last was too much for her. I know Sitting down in his room to send the it is very improper to laugh on such ocdesired money, he found himself in a casions, but it cannot be denied that she laughed.

You see, he continued. I want to pay my debt with interest, nay more than interest, vith love!

But you forget, Mr. Halsey, that I am a woman doctor, and you hate us all. O, no, not all, my darling! seeing no denial in her face, for I love you. Come! And he held

ut his arms to her. A second's hesitation and she went swiftly forward into the shelter of his arms, saying, as Leonard, and you always rest me so! though I

added 10guishly. But don't it strike you as a He settled it that he would go down rather conceited way of paying a debt. I admit it, he assented with much humility,

But before he had a chance, important perfer-and his hand sought his pocket-book. No, never mind, she replied, laughing. A fair exchange is no robbery.

To think that I should have sold myself for a HENIX SQUARE, F'TON, sat down upon- the deck of the British dollar, exclaimed Halsey, dolefully.

