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resolve, to settle it in your own minds, that you will be as you are and have been no longer. It may cost you a fierce struggle with yourself. It may be one of the hardest experiences you ever passed through, and you may shrink from it. But come to it. It is the only thing for you. And it is not half as hard as you think it is. With Heaven rejoicing over you, with angels beckoning you, with all that is good and gracious inviting you, with the Spirit helping you, it is not hard. Let it now be settled right here, settled once for all, that you will go home, that you will go to your Heavenly Father, and all that that means. Oh! do I hear you saying, as the prodigal son said, "I will arise and go to my father?" That was the turningpoint with him, and let it be with you.
Once more, the predigal's resolve

carried out and his reception at home. "And he arose, and came to his father."

When he was in the mood to go home, he went home. He did not delay an hour. If he had delayed, he might have changed his mind, he might have lost his mood. So he did not give his tears time to dry, nor his resolution time to waver, nor his mind time to change. He set out for home. He did not know how he was to get there, but at all events he made a start. And when the start was once made, he was impatient to get on. Step by step, mile after mile, he pressed forward, and his strength seemed to grow as he proceeded.

And. my hearer, if to-night you have a longing for home, a mood to be a christian, a mind to come to God and be His, delay not, but come at once. If you do not, your mood will change, and the opportunity will be lost, and all will be lost. Decide, and let your decision take practical shape, unless it take practical shape a decision is no good. How many times have we resolved, but it came to nothing, because it did not take practical shape. You left yourself a hole to crawl out of, and you crawled out of it. Break down the bridge behind you, so that retreat is impossible. Take a step that means you cannot go back. Nothing else will save you. To hesitate here means to be lost. God help you to say: "I will arise and go to my father," and do it. An opportunity offers itself to you to put your resolve into shape, Prices that defy competition and do not hesitate to do it. With God's help come forward and take your place with us next Lord's Day. It may not be very clear to you how you are going to get through, but leave that in the hands of the Lord, for His grace is sufficient, and do your duty. Make a start; take a stand. Great is the mercy of our God, and He will not fail you.

I have not time to dwell on the prodigal's reception at home But he did not faint nor fail by the way. And he was not rejected at his father's door. No. On the contrary his father came and met him, and he took him in his arms, and kissed him, and called him his long lost, and made a feast for him. It was a grand reception he was granted.

And, if like him, you will come and give yourself to the Lord, there will be for you as for him a feast of joy. What a feast we will have on Sabbath, if you will come and be with us! You spoil our joy by your staying away. Come then! Let nothing hinder you. With a resolve that will stand at nothing, that will at once come forward to the fulness of the Father's House, say, and do it : "I will arise and go to my Father."

Our Story.

Heroine of Acadia.

Continued.

She placed herself at the head of her little band, and made so desperate a defense that every foot that Charnissay won in the fort was paved with dead men. It was only when further resistance was unavailing, and for the purpose of saving the lives of her devoted men, that she consented to accept the terms offered by Charnissay and surrender.

These terms, however, were shamefully violated. Charnissay was so much enraged at the havoc that had been made in his ranks that he resolved to wreak his vengeance on the garrison. He caused all the men in the fort to be hanged except one man, to whom he gave his life on condition that he become the executioner of his comrades in arms. Lady Latour would have shared the same fate but for the fear that the court of France would resent such an outrage. But he compelled her to be present at the execution of her soldiers, with a rope around her neck, like a reprieved criminal. Three weeks later she too had passed from earth, but whether she died of a broken heart, or of ill treatment, or of poison, there is no record. But it may safely be said that no braver or truer heart ever beat in human breast than that which was stilled by her death.

It is not often that the truth of history can be made to square with poetic justice, but in this instance something like that took place. Charnissay was drowned five years after Lady Latour's death, and Latour obtained a reversal of all the de-

crees against him and the restoration of all the honors he had lost through his rival's acts. More than that, he married Charnissay's widow and came into possession of his entire property, ending his life in a good old age and prosperous, with numerous children to inherit his name and estates. - Scottish American.

Striking A Match.

Well, Miss Hildeburn, I must say I'm real sorry you and Mr. Sangster have fallen out like that.

Oh, Mrs. Collins, indeed you are mistaken. There has been no falling out between Mr. Sangster and myself. Indeed, I am not on sufficiently sociable terms with any of your gentlemen boarders to have a quarrel.

Saying which, Miss Hildeburn, a slight, delicate-featured girl of eighteen, walked out of the room with even more than her wonted dignity of manner and carriage.

Nevertheless, notwithstanding, resumed Mrs. Collins, taking up her ironing, I do believe there's been a misunderstandin' between those two, and a real pity it is, for he did admire her amazin'ly. He couldn't conceal it. Only they seldom know what is good for 'em, and she's alettin' her pride stand in the way of her happiness now.

Pride, indeed? sneered Miss Jane Humphries, Mrs. Collins' niece and assistant, a tall, red-haired, stylishly-dressed damsel of five and thirty. I like to know what right a girl who earns her livin' by givin' music lessons at fifty cents an hour has to be proud; and as for Mr. Sangster, I don't believe he ever had a serious thought about her.

La, Jane, I don't see where your eyes kin be, if you didn't see how fairly wrapped up in her he was about two weeks ago. He is a splendid young man, anyhow, and I'll try and see if I can't mend matters between 'em.

You'd better be mindin' your own business, I think, Aunt Martha, said Miss Jane with a spiteful laugh.

Never you mind, Jane, persisted the warm-hearted Mrs. Collins; I'll manage in some way. You say she's afraid of ghosts, poor lamb!

The following evening the kind-hearted landlady tapped at the door of the scantily furnished fourth-story room occupied by Lucy Hildeburn, and from which now proceeded a melancholy strain.

Studying your piano at nights again? queried Mrs. Collins reproachfully, when the young girl opened the door.

I am very busy just now, and must put all the time I can into study.

Well, but you mustn't forget what the doctor told you about overworkin' your brain, said Mrs. Collins. However, she added, I won't detain you longer'n I kin help. I'm come to ask a favor. I'm going to the concert this evenin'. So is Jane. Se's everybody in the house, I b'lieve; and the girl has gone to bed with a toothache. So I'm goin' to ask you to give an eye to he furnace I've just put on fresh coal and opened the lower doors; but will you please go down at eight o'clock and close the doors?

Certainly, assented Lucy, upon which Mrs. Collins produced a lantern, saying: Just take this down with you; the cellar's all dark, you know.

Lucy took the lantern, closed the room door and returned to her piano, while Mrs. Collins walked away, chuckling to

That lantern'll go out just five minutes after she sets it down, and she'll find herself all in the dark. And she's afraid of ghosts, poor lamb! But what if somebody who ain't a ghost shou'd happen to be goin' down there about the same time, and he obliged to strike a match to calm her fears?

And even while indulging in this pleasing reflection, Mrs. Collins tapped at a door on the second floor.

Her summons was responded to by pleasant-looking young man, who just now, however wore a very dejected countenance.

La! Mr. Sangster, I didn't expect to find you home this evening. I didn't feel like going out to-night, re-

plied the young man in a weary tone. Well, since you are going to beat home, said Mrs. Collins, would you be so kind as to look after the furnace? I've left the lower doors open but I'll be very much obliged if you go down at about eight o'clock and close 'em. And you needn't take a light. There'll be one down there.

Mr. Sangster readily promised to comply with the request, and Mrs. Collins went away, hoping for what she considered the right results.

Meanwhile, poor Lucy Hildeburn, sitting at her piano, continued to draw forth such melancholy strains that the tears rolled down her cheeks.

I must go away from here, she said half aloud. I can't bear it much longer; indeed, I can't, seeing him day after day, loving him as I do, and knowing that matters can never be adjusted between us He is as proud as I—but, oh, dear! what am I thinking of? It wants just two minutes of eight. I must go down and minutes of eight. close the furnace doors.

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