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of that Job did not know of. At all events he did not know of Him as we said. know of Him.

to do His part. Our wronged God is on hand and in time to be reconciled. But deposited a \$20 note within the same. where are you? Ah! the blessed day of All right, he soliloquized, as old gentlegracious opportunity is going by, and men are so fond of doing. Come, that's you are here with your wretched ex-cuses pleading for delay. But this can-gratulatory fashion. not go on. The time will come when there will be no Daysman to plead for us, no God waiting to be gracious unto us, no opportunity for Salvation. Justice will seize us by the throat, and swift Doom will overtake us. Oh then while it is to-day, let us avail ourselves of the offers of the mighty Daysman. The day stretched towards us. What an op- tending rightly to each petitioner. portunity! Where are you? Are you God be merciful to me a sinner?

But, No Daysman! No Daysman! Mercy withdrawn! Hope gone! Awful darkness shadowing the soul! Swift Doom coming! Your soul lost! What a word for Job, what a word for you! 'Neither is there any daysman betwixt day, please? asked a somewhat thmid voice us that he might lay His hand upon us

# Our Story.

(Continued.) It is not necessary that we inform our readers precisely how the little woman did invest her money. Sufficient it is to say that the kitchen, the dairy the parlor and bed-rooms all shared in the benefits from it, and that John was more than satisfied. He got into a habit of handing to her various small sums at convenient times, and found that he still had as much money to spend for farm improvements and general expenses as before, while the household and kitchen departments showed decided improvements in many GOLD PEN & PENCILS ways. He saw that under her prudent management, labors were lightened and comforts multiplied, and at the same time he was relieved of much worry about little things. She provided herself with needed help in seasons when the work pressed heavily, and he was never asked to pay for it; and soon her improved won't you? and Elsie signed that Miss health and good looks gratified him more than all else.

> with the little sums of which she had control, to form a small capital of her own, which gradually grew into such stock as made a mistake, and prepared nearly chickens, pigs, bees, etc., from the profits twice the number of crumpets that will be of which she had at length as much spend- wanted by anybody. Isn't it absurd of ing money as her moderate ambition me? You won't mind-no, I'm sure you called for. All this came about so quietly won't, Miss Josephine, helping me out of with such good sense and gentle obedience on her part, and such generous and just appreciation on his, that the sponse. Then came-ahl so bravely, for true harmony of their lives, as two and it is ever difficult to tell the plain truth yet one, and as one and yet two, was never in such matters-I can't. It's quite imdisturbed, but rather increased.

> only need like opportunities to prove themselves wise and faithful partners in Why, it's a favor I'm asking of you; don't the firm of 'Farmer & Wife.'

How many prosperous farmers are for certain, and would befriend me. It's

And a registered envelope, also, he

Again she had fulfilled his request. Ihank you, and without more ado ne

Then came aloud, questioningly:

In the letter box?-or shall I leave it with you?

You can leave it here, sir, answered Elsie quietly.

Others were now coming in fast, demanding this and that, and in adopting a s not yet gone. His hand is still out calm exterior lay her only chance of at-

Janet Liele was also unusually busy on your knees? Is it your voice I hear, that afternoon. Miss Veal, the richest old lady in the parish, gave a large tea party that very evening, and muffins and crumpets were accordingly being sent off in startlingly large quantities.

Is there any letter waiting for me toa few minutes later on.

No, Miss Josephine, nothing. I am sorry. Disappointing-is it

Yes, very; I'm sorry, too.

Not at all, Miss Josephine.

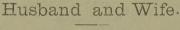
Janet Lisle nodded in assent.

The last named was already moving

Auntie, she whispered, take my place

Do come in here an instant with me,

between them.



and also thoughtfully in earnest. Only that the assistant postmistress appeared full of brightness and life, and the girl tired of life already. I will look in again tomorrow, if my doing so will not trouble you too much. away to make room for some one else. Elsie Falconbridge had, however, not yet completed her business with the late lawyer's daughter. here for a moment.

Josephine should accompany her into the cosy back parlor, where all was now in But in a few years Mary had contrived readiness for tea. The fact is, Miss Josephine, I've done the most stupid thing imaginable today--

my trouble?

Mary Graham has many sisters who understand?

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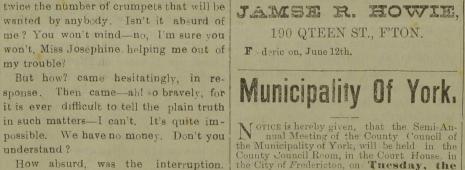
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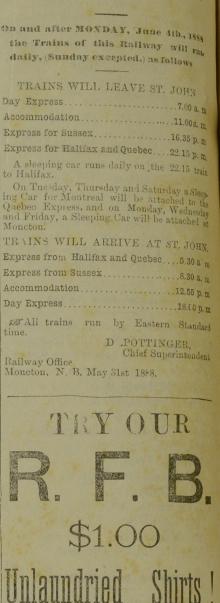
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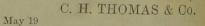
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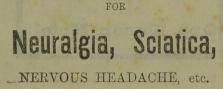
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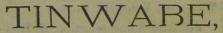
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## The Village Postmistress

Muffins and crumpets made to order. Thus ran the written notice, penned, too, in characters nearly approaching half- you've done me. text, stuck up in one of the few principal shops facing the main street.

The unimportant village of 'Lammertown, and therefore did a fair amount of speak, she had disappeared, steady going business on its own account. Foremost of all ranked the repository. or store, rented by Janet Lisle, in which she sold stationery, news papers, the magazines for me. At any rate, the registered letters of the day, if duly ordered in time, besides a variety of useful odds and ends She was also the village postmistress, and carried out the duties of her office with marked promptitude. In each of these penning a dozen words or more upon a pursuits, bowever, she was aided by her large sheet of letter paper, and the folpretty and also winsome niece, Elsie Fal conbridge.

In all reality, Elsie was more mistress of the postal department than Janet Lisle herself. It was she who ordinarily undertook the dispatch of that twice a-day letter bag bestowing upon each missive previously the due official postmark, "Janet Lisle's right hand, in fact,' as every one said. She, too, it was who made the muffins and crumpets-muffins and crumpets which were so popular in the village that no one dreamt of having a tea party without also having 'muffins and crumpets'

Oblige me with a two-cent stamp, Miss Falconbridge, won't you? and a somewhat elderly man at that moment stared self. She only knew that the lawyer's her full in the face-this necessarily, however-through the gap made in the wire network marking off the space allotted to the postoffice department. She handed him what he required

there who, like John Graham, only need only that I want you, if you don't mind know in a hurry. So there they are, Miss Josephine, all hot and ready buttered, for I don't think you would know how to do it yourself. You had better go out this way by the side door, and then no one will be the wiser for the favor

you see? I knew you would be in today,

For one brief instant her worn, palefaced companion had bent down impulsively and laid her own soft cheek against ton' lay somewhat far away from any Elsie's, and the next, wholly unable to

> A rather heavier mail-bag tonight than usual, wasn't it Elsie?

> Yes, aunt. Thank you for doing it up did not occupy you a long while. No, child.

Meanwhile Elsie had been engaged in lowing morning, side by side with the well-known 'muffin and crumpet' statement appeared the following:

'A young lady, clever and well educated, desires at once a good morning or daily engagement as governess. Terms moderate. Excellent references. Apply for particulars within.

Miss Josphine had, in a most inexplicable way, won the woman's entire sympathy, and also admiration, of Elsie. And yet the latter never seemed to forget the difference in station that she considered still existed between her favorite and herdaughter was a very model of sweet patience, and that she and all at home were as poor as any church mouse.

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