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hearts of man from Adam down to resigumant that she ussally wore, now. I wanted her near to know she brothers about the happy day wanted to know she loved me. I of her childhood on the old planta Fanted a house with and the color came back to her chief ornament. Falmed and her eyes sparkled at the words, when caution bade me wait. pleasure of old memories, unil I words, when caution bade me wait.
"We drifted apart in the search
thought that I could not blame the
dashing Jack, for stealing her as a for nuts. One by one we returned
to camp. When I got back Luther bride, and rumning away to Texas. to camp. When I got back Luther She had evidently been is her Carsted had returned and was
standing by Unele Milton's chair. He had brought a great sack full of nuts, and had already covered his brother (up with bunches of vines full of rich winter grapes. They were happy as two the same old smile of love was on their faces.
"I added my quota to the store
f booty, and sat down on the ground. Presently Mrs. Hamilton came slowly up the little slope, her apron full of pecaus, her bonnet in her hand and a look of peaceful jor upon her faee.
"Last came Mary with a little load to add to the gathered spoi-s 'Ho! ho!' said Uncle Milton, 'T'n little miss. Have you been look ing at your shadow in the river ing at your shadow in the rive fairy prince shall come ${ }^{f}$ ' was not thinking of a fairy prince 1 kept looking up and all the tree were so big and high, I could not each the nuts, and so did not ge nock away the leaves, and there found such nice ones.'
" 'That, little lassie is the history man would dare almost anything to possess. Not only had she been beautiful in face and graceful in form, but since I heard her talk in the unrestrant of this holiday mood, I discovered that she pos sessed rare and beautiful conver sational powers.
"After a season of recreation i the play ground of youthful mem ories, the minds of the older members of the compay reverted to more serious things, and the brothers conversed of the state and its future and of the affairs of the national government, in a man ner that convinced me that, though sorrow , might have taken away from them the zest of youth, grasp their minds had upon the grasp their miads had upon the
intricate machinery of life and the world's affairs. After a time they fell to discussing the peculiar
characteristics of the people who lived in this country at that time,
and referred to a shiftless fellow and his family who lived above us in the valley, as a type of an un-
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my home news for my first time.
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at Th at Fawcett's Hall Saturday night
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Mr. and Mrs, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rose of Tuff, ro
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and St. Valentine presided at the table Hearts were favorites. The favers were
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ald \& Corkill M:Alinery Store, and Mrs. McDonald is now iust. Lollis purciasing our spriug etoek which
will be more stylish than ever.
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the cemetery fund resulting from the proceeds of the bencit per-
formacee given at Pampells opera Mrs. G. F. Schreiner, Pres. Mrs. Florence Colmand Eggs For Sale.
I have for sale a limited number of eggs for setting purposes, Buff
Cochin, Rhode Island Reds and Partridge Wyandottes. These breeds of chickens are fine layers. dled. Buff Cochin, $\$ 1$ per setting, and the others $\$ 2$ per setting of 15 eggs. Mrs. R. C. San

Miss Etinel Williams entertained the Tuesday Musical Club with ambrosia, whipped cream and
angel food. angel food,
Owing to the illnes of several the members the program was not given, and the meeting a social
one. The program will be carried out
later.

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bride of bandera pass Continued from First Page and taste of childhood's joys. other Christmas.
And so to humor him, we each hung up a stocking by the old fire. place; and the next morning Unele Milton was as happy as any little child in the land, as he drew forth his simple gifts and thanked each one for them.
"I had noticed for some tim that Mrs. Hamiltou was more listless and delicate than usual, but she never complained. About two weeks after Christmas she took violent cold and fever; a docto was called from a neighboring settlement, and he pronounced her malady pneumonia. As he went away he called me aside and told me as a friend of the family, that her vitality was very low, and that only the most careful nursing could save her life
"He thought no one had see bim talking to me, but when I re turned to the house, Mary came in to the kitchen where I was layius down some wood to make believe pose.
pose. We Weldon, be mil aw you thing to the doctor srow mother is very sick, and beg you to tell me what he seid beg you to tell me What he said he told me but I promise yo won't I must know all, so I cal do my best. Won't you tell me that he saidt I will be brue Hou never krow whe mother is to me
mother is to mis rased her great souful grey eye to mine, and 1 could have no mor lied to her than to a holy angh. told her all the doctor had said.
. ' If nursing will save her, sh$\left.\right|_{\text {wo }} ^{\text {sha }}$ would wil suffice in her stead, I The patient had sunk into a deep amoneve it freely." And she stood sleep, but. Mary woold not leave signation to this shadow of the greatest sorrow a child can ever know.
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## ank yon, she said simply

 Naid her hand in mine for an he wi. It was cold as ice. The nd withew her hand, she turned win noiseless tread went back ther mother's bedside.led with dethg weeks we bat n seath, and Mary Hamil thought I had of sleepless vigi hithfolneen had formed an idea of aw a new conception. She had will that put her self away he displayed such self-sacrifice lew mortals ever can possess. ime passed and auxious nights of vigil dragged their weary hours by saw her soul more plainly than on the night 1 first came there nd it disclosed new beauties day day. I would not stoop to tall bher of love in such a time o adness, nor take advantage of he gratitude for the little kindness. 1 ad done, but as the time wore on he seemed to turn to me more and though no word was spoken omething told me that her heart was mine.
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had rnn its course.
"an, young lady," saí a, "you must go to bed, for just your more of this would wrech ouderfully strong
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"ick unless you do."
"If you say I must, I'll go here is no other who could per "We me to leave her
"When she looked up her eyes were full of tears. I took her and, and led her to the door. As " 'Good night!
"I did not fully realize until he had gone, the import of her ords. The patient slept through I sat in the old rawhide bottom aar, beside the little tabe with sparray $f$ medicine bottles, hose grotesque shadows. danced oon the wall, my blood was singing a song of victory over deat nd love.
"The next day 1 slept, and at ight I sat up by myself whit Mary slept. This went on for tw weeks, and then another week and we helped the convalescent invalid
to a chair, and Mary almost dancto a chair, and Mary almost danc-
ed with joy to see the fant color stealing back into her mother s cheeks, and the two brothers Whose love for their sister knew no bounds, and who had each done long struggle with her during her long struggle with looked their joy
spoke little, but look
see her gaining strength
"During all this time no love was spoken between Mar and me, though we were alone
 part in winning her. I was will ing, now, to bide my time, nut the bappy hour when I might of fer her my heart, my life, my al on earth. I would stake the last chip of my existence on the broa gaming table of life and love, and rairly, win or lose the prize

## "One evening when the Apr

 moon was at its full, and healti and joy had been restored to every member of the household, I spoke ther. The evening meal had in order for the night, and I walk ed out to the old well and drew man that I loved apporaching me.(Continued Nest Week.)

the bucket dripping from Candidates and their friends its mail subscriptions for votes trom depths. I took a drink, and as I their home postoffice, but should stood loooking at the silver of the be sure that same bear postmar moonlight on the mountain, $I$ heard and date previous to 6 o'clock to a step, and locking up saw the wo have sane counted. The Expres
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