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who can boast of a great-grand-But the mater married at eighteen, and her mother at seventeen, and this, so to speak, matrimonial preencity has dowered me with quite a respectable set of living ancestors.

Naturally, you would picture greatgrandmothers as withered and antique, with a cracked voice and a perpetual

bright, and, as for hearing, she can able ninnnes! certainly give me points, which is saying a good deal

In short she happens to be the raclest old lady in the country, with a ing about your new car, and she stood the pursuit from sheer lack of breath. heart of gold, and an immense reputation for saying smart things.

She manages the Priory and a pack any other form of sport." of domestics with as much case as if the "servant problem" never even existed, and when the various general grave tions for which she is responsible take it in turns to look her up, she wants and begged to know what was to beneither advice nor assistance.

daughter and in consequence, a supreme favorite with the old lady

more frequently than any other mem- present ber of my family I may as well confess that there was, with interest another reason besides mere ancestral

struther-High ever since I was seven, that makes my heart loap and the of helplessness At eight I applied to the Colonel for blood course through my veins as it her hand and was refused

I have never been very clear as to like'

in this respect. I don't think he ever fly off Rattler's left ear exactly disliked me, I can't (pardon me; see how he could, I'm so inof- the most self-opinionated pig-headed planks. fensive, passably good-looking, and old martinet in the kingdom' When more than passably rich

dosk) that once in prehistoric ages, face he proposed to great-grandmother and

It may be so The miniature was mother as anybody else, but, at all he's been awfullyevents, it was very paltry of him to

Certainly the relations between my us ancient relative and the gallant (loloquarreled untiringly when they were between them might be together and tried to score off one an-

complished the acoring and went off wats wise to wate a red flag before a aving the Colonel spluttering and purple to be salmed down I spoke serious.) to Aldine about it obliged to give way

Once or twice

It must be such a strain on them."

soothingly you don't understand It's merged to greet us, rubbing his experience, and the third time, when a kind of antedliudian flirtation. Deat hunds. He was evidently on excellent we were flinning down Brickworth old things. They both really enjoy it, terms with himself, but when he saw Hill, he shouted "No". He shouted you know'"

It was early one Spring I had run down from town for a visit to the

Great-grandmamma, being essential- say " ly up-to-date was deeply interested in the name out with a very red Hollow and across the Fosseway, just to chat it over, he suddenly found to that he never really had any objection that very afternoon, and explain all alight the mechanism

different speeds

Easy? lexclaimed thoughtlessly, peared to be really enjoying herself for I was full of the enthusiast's pride it was'

logue that a mere baby could drive turn around the park. It's really very and endeavored to point out its exhibarating" superiority over every other car on the At this point | presume-my back market Great-grandmamma was duly was turned, so I couldn't see—she impressed, and listened with quite flat- moved into the driver's place, as if to some suggestive comments on Mr. tering attention

Her affection for the Simplex inhouse and her horses to the groom to such a miserable puppet of myself!"

instead of eighty always came back declaring that she kind of things infatuated young men is concerned, only very rich people felt ten times more invigorated than do whisper at such times. after any amount of drives behind her high-stepping greys.

The Colonel and Aldine were away from home the first half of my visit, softly, "if vou're so violent about it I, The day after they came back I met shall really begin to think that you're Aldine by chance in the small county town that lay between our respective

places of abode She was cycling, and I was on horseback, riding one of great-grandmam-

"How's the Colonel" I asked rathcouldn't help feeling resentful about on his knees glaring at vacancy. his absurd doggedness

"Rather pleased with himself," said made my head swim. "He thinks thin, but still capable fingers were steeplechase rider.

I whistied 'Another sparring match?' I inquir

"And I ve never seen either of them

more excited " What was the bone of contention this time?

"Motors I whistled again. Aldine proceeded.

"We dined at the Priory just before bath-chair, probably even an ear- versation veered round to modern pastimes, and uncle, who's never by

"Yen?"
"Well, that set Mrs. Foyle off. She'd had a letter from you that very morn-got many yards. I was forced to stop the leper of to-day is regarded.

"And the Colonel?

"He was horribly umpleasant, Dick, toddle themselves about in overgrown can we do?" perambula ors At last the whole marriage I was found at the Priory rival merits of young men past and on its own account!

Well, it was a sort of a dead-heat. devotion which drew me constantly to lincle said some abominably rude things about this generation, and Mrs. Five miles off stood Radcombs Hall, Fox le capped them with a few clever and Radcombe Hall was owned by cuts concerning the last, and, finally, chanced to be the sweetest and best table, and finished off by saying, out Well, madam when you can give me used to do, begad' with a hot scent I has e been refused at decent in- and a piece of mettle between my can make any terms with me you hour

the reason of the ('olonei's obstinacy| We both laughed then I flicked a

you're twenty-one you'll marry ma, She bent down also, and twisted her

handle-bars this way and that. "I don't know, Dick," she said. "Of And then she broke off suddenly, pale and trembling.

cling to revenge after half a century or because some wretched interloping ac-

The Colonel had asked us to lunchact were peculiar not to say bewilder- great grandmamms and me The two to the stables ang They sought each other's com- old people never omitted these little

Great grandmamma insisted that we humble other in the most astonishing way should run over in the Simplex I Later in the afternoon the old lady Certainly great grandmother acet .d not afford to throw away an Four sake I frightened him, and I opportunity of seeing Aldine I was

We covered the distance in no time, and arrived very carly glided up the all the furies were after us I asked drive and stood throbbing and pant- him three times if he'd ever, even in have to convert it into pounds, she answered ing before the front door The Colonel the hunting field, had a more exciting shillings and pence." our mode of conveyance he stood several other things as well, but I

I jumped down, and ran up the steps 'it seems very easy, she remarked to greet Aldine leaving great-grandas I gave her a demonstration of the mamma to smile sminbly into the old syllables more of opposition did we rendered quite as innocuous as if it p3 State Starochester. gentleman's indignant face She ap hear from Colonel Anstruther-Blyth.

to this new toy "I should just think nel." she said, with dangerous sweet, juvenile unions. Everything ought to be given ness

make room for the Colonel creased I stayed three weeks, and grunted, with unnecessary energy; Gray, stated that the best type of she left her carriage in the coach "but I'd be jiggered before I'd make American social system is found in the

exercise. and abandoned herself to motoring as if she'd been eighteen The Simplex puffed and fizzed traditions of sense and simplicity still invitingly, and I, oblivious of all else, command respect even among the If I couldn't take her myself she gazed longingly into Aldine's speed- rich." The writer, arguing from this went for a run with my chauffeur, and well eyes, and whispered-well, the text, thinks that, so far as New York

"Why, Colonel," she murmurred body that is companionable."

and was just in time to catch a look his first season of opera, and making Aldine, leaning on her bicycle and of reckless mischief in great-grand- grand opera a permanent institution looking up at me with a smile that mamma's aged eye, and to see that her in London. He is also an expert

with her foot. My heart leaped wildly in my breast. "Grannie!" I cried. and rushed down the steps two at a time. But I was too late. There was an extra loud puff and a demoniaçai

and then shot off down the drive like a meteor. Great-grandmamma had literally absconded with the Colonel! ton of his voice, and I started after

to catch a rocket. They were out of the lodge gate up for them right and left. Said they so I slunk nervously back and met

ashen with fright. "Oh, Dick," she cried; catching at Aldine giggled and then looked my arm, "that hateful, wretched, de tagious under the ordinary conditions them sit there alone, dear old souls? at least, is held by specialists in discome of the hard cross-country rider if it's all our faults for being so en-I am the only son of her pet grand- young fools were to be content to grossed in our own affairs. Oh, what

Innocent child' She evidently im-So it came to pass that before my thing turned into a hot dispute on the agined that the machine had gone off

"My dear girl," I said dismally, "the Who got the best of it?" I asked car was safe enough Grannie started it herself on purpose.

"Oh she knows as much about motors by this time as she does about Colonel Anstruther Blyth a sturdy oc- I was obliged to intervene and smooth most things, I suspect," I interrupted togenarian whose orphaned niece them both down Uncle thumped the grimly, "if only her strength holds

"But what can we do?" repeated Al-I d been in love with Aidine An- a run on one of your infernal motors dine, wringing her hands in an ecstacy "Wait till they come back," I said.

"We can't do anything else tervals ever since, until -- But as knoes, you may consider that I'm in down the drive. It seemed a week. oldfashioned writers say. We antici-iyour hands once and for all, and you In reality I believe it was half an Three times did Aldine see shutters

> Aidine, I remarked, your uncle's than a couple of workmen with every one is idle, and talks about the The strain was becoming unbearable

we perceived the Simplex Great-grandmamma had brought it was all on the side of England. back safely She was sitting up certainly as much like great-grand- course, I'd just love to, but after all straight and victorious in the driver's fact that he always were safety-plas

> quaintance rushed up and interrupted alld not say much to them. They got to lunch, while I took the car around

It was a silent meal Great-grandpany with great persistence yet they civilities whate er the state of affairs mamma was exhausted, but defiant; and the colonel was quite surprisingly

> "It's all right Dick," she whispered meant to it was quite safe. I all the gravity of a judge: needn't repeat them. Then I seized stock-still and anorted needn't repeat them. Then I seized the opportunity of consulting him Aldine, who was peering over his about you and Aldine. He was inclin-

that he never really had any objection to you, and so-there it is."

And I married Aldine next Spring, "Don't condemn it unheard, Colo- so keeping up the family tradition for And Aldine may be a great-grand-

Where is Our Best Society? David Gray's recent observations con-"Saving your presence, madam," he cerning American social life. Mr. smaller inland cities, where, in "the The Simplex puffed and fizzed traditions of sense and simplicity still come here to find and occupy a place Then did the spirit of deviltry enter in organized society, although there into the bosom of great-grandmother, is no lack of good company for every-

Admiral Lord Charles Beresford .-The Colonel started, as if he had Britain's mos' popular sailor,"-bebeen shot, breathed heavily, gave her sides being the most distinguished a look calculated to freeze the blood in man in the King's Lavy, is a versatile the veins of a hoa-constrictor, and and able man of affairs, said a writer bounded suddenly into the empty seat, in Harper's Weekly He has been a with a force quite miraculous in a member of Parliament from Westford, er savagely when I'd greeted her. I man of his age, and sat with his hands a practical naval reformer, and an impresario,-having saved the late Sir Hearing a scuffle I glanced round, Aupgustus Harris from failure after

resence of which inspires greater leprosy. This is perhaps in a mean ure due to the loathesomeness of the fizz, the Simplex backed a few paces, disease in its later stages, but it is in

most cases simply fear of a name. The disease or diseases spoken of as leprosy in the Bible are popularly Aldine shricked, and the Colonel supposed to be the same as the we went away," she said. "The con- himself stood up and bellowed at the leproxy of to-day, and the evident fear there at a break-neck pace. But the old is held to justify the dread with Not a bit of it. She's elderly, of any chance moderate, observed that old lady, seeing a straight run before which he is still regarded. The Biblicourse, but far from decrepit. Her they-motors, you know-were fast her, had put the thing on to the third cal descriptions do not, however, fit back is still straight and her eye turning young men into flabby, despited speed, and I might as well have tried modern leprosy, so that whether the fear of the "leper" of olden times was or was not justified it should not be and careering down the road before I allowed to color the view with which

ease, that is to say, it is due to the needed as much coolness and nerve as Aldine panting to meet me, her face presence in the tissues of a bacillus, after the Norwegian physician who discovered it; but whether it is contestable thing! How could you let of modern life in temperate climates,

They'll both be dashed to atoms! And eases of the skin to be very doubtful. Of the few lepers known to the physicians in all the larger cities some are cared for in hospitals, others live at home and visit the clinics or the doctor's office from time to time; yet has acquired the disease from any of

these lepers is unknown. There are many diseases more to be dreaded than leprosy because more rapidly fatal, more painful or more contagious, yet none of them except perhaps smallpox is more feared.

The illogical terror of leprosy may afflicted. There are thousands of people who show culpable indifference to the enforcement of the laws against spitting in public places, although they know full well that the success of the crusade against tuberculosis hinges largely upon care in this re gard Yet these same persons would So we waited pacing silently up and fly in horror from any place that had harbored a leper

carried in through the lodge gates, but frequently absurdly trivial. After sev they turned out to be nothing worse eral days together, as on shipboard most unimportant matters with the when a faint buzzing smote on our book entitled "The Jungie Folk of Aidine has a theory (based on the whether he likes it or not, won't you, ears, and, straining our eyes, we saw Africa," recounts with what compladiscovery of a miniature in her uncle's dear " and I bent down to read her in the far distance a cloud of dust, in concy the conclusion was reached the midst of which, as it drew near, that the thirteen colonies should nev-

> One man, moreover, disclosed the seat, the colonel crouched at her side, instead of garters, and descanted upon that he made at least one convert. One night we put in practice the

out quickly, and Aidine drove them in principle of arbitration, of which we were all adherents. An argument had arisen among us as to which was the more simple of the two currency systems, dollars and cents, or pounds, shillings and pence. At last, the cap tain arriving, we decided to refer the matter to him, and to surrender our

judgment to his arbitration. The captain, an Englishman of the very stolid sort, after a period of re flection, replied very slowly, and

bribed your chauffeur, and he taught me We tore round Bream's End as if that when you are told the price of thing in dollars and cents you always

There was a little objection to this theory but in general it was perfect ly satisfactory so long as the voyage NOW IS THE TIME

As a precaution against coal dust Here is the Place Priory on my new three-horse power shoulder "Call that manly Call that ed to be a bit restive at first; but when explosions Prof. William Galloway sensible" Parcel of tomfoolery, I cheerfully suggested that we should said that if the coal dust in a roadway respectively. prolong our drive through Deadman's in a mine were regularly strewn with Then he came out with a very red Hollow and across the Fosseway, just a sufficient amount of salts containing large quantities of water of crystallization, or with much larger proportions of the dust of clay, slate, limestone, And there it was, indeed Never a chalk or other substances, it would be

were damped with water.

Latin-American Excesses. No modern tropical people perhaps except the Chillans, are outright And then I quoted from the cata- a fair trial Let Dick take you for a mother herself some day Who knows? drunkards. Sillies often talk of the temperance of Mediterranean peoples. As a matter of fact, many men in Latin America die in middle life from A writer in Harper's Weekly makes heart and circulation diseases—of a and continuous consumption of coffee

and cigarettes. Wägner's Bickering.

Even the amazing and non-such genart of bickering to beat the band. Spencer, Darwin, Helmholz and Nietzche had all sorts of theories and 134 Portland Ave. notions about music, but notions only for they never saw music as we do in Gotham. Gee whiz! They only heard

Withelm II.'s Checkerboard. The German Emperor owns the most valuable draughtboard in existence. The light and dark squares are made of silver and gold, and the 88 Portland Avenue

draughts are also made of silver and

gold, each having a diamond or ruby

in the centre. The Greatest Baseness. He is great who confers the most benefits. He is base—and that is the

one base thing in the universe-to

receive favors and render none .-

The Serpent's Inducament. Perhaps the servent told Eve that apples were good for the complexion.



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