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Health.

A Reminiscence, The sun is shining bright to-day, From off the shiver I take a look And wonder how the days have flown To find the woodland's shady nook.

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A HAND IN THE DARK.

BY MRS. E. F. MARTIN. "Mercy upon us!" said she, with a little start, "Who is this?"

Regina was a tall, straight girl, with eyes as black as coals, a rosy color, and a true womanly face.

"It's a shame!" said she, "Two little creatures like you. But every one knows when Decimus Black makes up his mind to a thing there isn't so softening him. Hush! there he goes now."

She drew the children back into the shadow as the old man trudged past, the visor of his cap pulled over his eyes, his hands thrust deep down into his pockets.

With such a fire and such a chair, and with my favorite evening paper in my pocket, retiring was not to be thought of, so drawing to my chair a table on which stood a shaded lamp, I gave myself up to the perusal of my journal.

On the instant awakening I felt that some one was near me, and that startled feeling one has on awakening suddenly from a sound asleep, I cried out: "Who's there?"

No answer came, and the only sounds were the tapping of a tree branch against the window and the ticking of the clock over the fireplace.

Still I was conscious that somebody—something—was near me, and I held my breath, straining my ears to catch some sound that should reveal the intruder, but only the tap of the tree branch and the tick of the clock broke the silence.

I remembered that there were matches on the table, and turned my chair to search for them. An exclamation of astonishment rose to my lips as I did so, for on the surface of the table was a strange luminous spot—neither lamp-light, freight nor moonlight.

Up to this time my feelings had been of annoyance rather than fear, but there was something so indescribable, so suggestive of about his light that a sudden terror seized me, and I gazed as one fascinated, unable to move.

A card and pencil I had taken from my pocket lay on the table, and over this the light grew brighter, and in the midst a beautiful, but of deathly whiteness, and on the third finger gleamed a ruby, the stone held between two golden serps.

"It's a snowin'," said he, "snowin' hard." "Is it father?" "Yes, where's the lantern?" "What do you want the lantern for?" Decimus Black whistled unseeingly.

"I stepped at the tavern on my way back," said he, "an' they told me the stage went back empty." "Did it father?" (in a low voice.) "An' I feel sort of uneasy to think what might have become of them children."

"But they are your own son's children, Decimus," she pleaded. "And their grandpa on their mother's side is dead, and there ain't no one to care for 'em at Hill's Hollow."

"Well, don't help that," retorted the old man, setting his collar tight together. "Do the Hill's Hollow folks think I keep a free tavern. I never did. When John James married and had a family he didn't consult me, and I ain't goin' to support 'em! I want that clearly understood. At my age I can't have children racketing about the house. I brought up John James and Esther, and that's all that can be expected of me."

"Mr. Black's countenance fell. In her secret mind she had all the morning been planning what room John James' orphans should have, how she would unpack sundry broken toys that she kept in a chest in a garret—sole relics of the only child she ever had had—for their behoof, and what a gleam of sunshine their presence would bring into the silent dreary house.

"There were no kind words to her, being the grandchildren of old Decimus, and her wife, yet her heart warmed to them with longing tenderness. "It seems 'most a pity," said she, "not to go to 'em, but I ain't goin' to have 'em here—and that's the long and short of it."

"But, father, they're on the way here already. They'll have to be on their way back, that's all, afore they're twenty-four hours old."

And Decimus Black went out. Five minutes later the ring of his axe at the wood pile, sharp and sudden gave the key-note to his mood of stern resolve. "Is this the house, Kitty," said little Johnny Black, as the stage-driver helped him out of the creaking old vehicle.

"Does grandpa live here? Oh, dear, I do so hope grandpa's a good feller, because I'm so frozen cold!" "The older sister, a mite of ten, stood on tip-toe to sound the knocker, while little Johnny clung to her, with one hand on the tattered carpet sack that contained their earthly stores.

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