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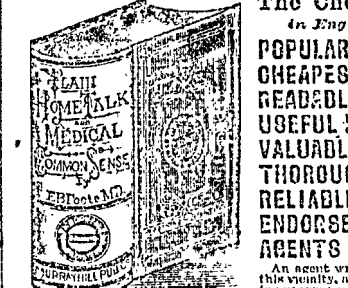
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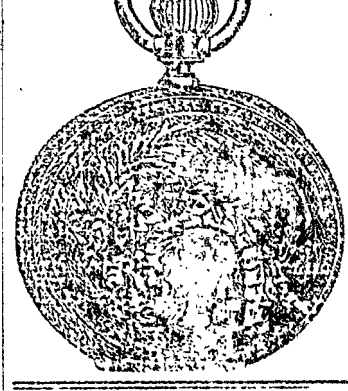
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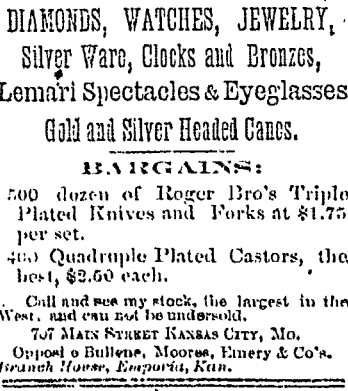
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Why, with such sensible views on things in general, the two young men did not follow their sister's example and make brilliant matches, is a matter which has never been clearly explained. When, after an impecunious career, they left Oxford, they were tall, well-built young fellows; moreover carrying about them an inherent look of distinction.

It may be that the pleasure they found in travel prevented their settling down. For many years, either together or singly, the Talberts spent nine months out of the twelve away from home. Their father, who had no wish to see his sons stultify in the ruck of humanity for the world's prizes, made them handsome allowances. Greatly to their credit they lived within their incomes, even saved money. These savings they invariably invested in works of art, so that as years went by their acquisitions if unskilful were formed a valuable and tasteful collection, the units of which had been culled from east, west, north, and south—so judiciously that the brothers felt sure that, if such a thing were needed, the selection would enhance the reputation they already enjoyed for refined tastes and knowledge of matters artistic.

The brothers were the best of friends. They understood and sympathized with each other's likes, dislikes, and weaknesses. Only once in their lives had they quarreled, but that quarrel had lasted for six years. They shudder now as they look back upon that time.

It was no vulgar dispute, which is made known to all the world, and in which mutual friends are expected to take sides. It was only the Talberts themselves who knew that a quarrel existed. To outsiders they seemed more absurdly polite to each other than before.

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Of course, with their cultivated tastes, their general acquirements, their cosmopolitan experiences, and the many desirable friends they were known to possess, the Talberts' standing in Oakbury was undeniable. They were a credit to the neighborhood, and might, had they not been too good-hearted to dream of such a proceeding, have enriched any one of the families of position without dreading reprisals. If people laughed at their womanish ways, effeminate proceedings, and domestic economies, they were, nevertheless, always glad to entertain or to be entertained by the Talberts. The latter need not be wondered at. The little dinners at Hazelwood House were the plank of culinary civilization—the crystallization of refined gastronomic intelligence.

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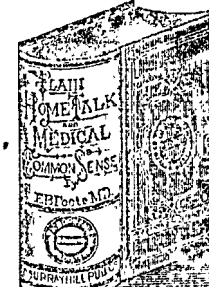
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