

I hope
I've found
new friends
- a middle
aged hermit
10 years' cha-
- racter of
a young girl
to help her
when
she
is recommended.

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My dear Prichard

I was most glad to
know that Mrs Prichard
is already the better
for her change, &
hope the improvement
may increase. I cannot
marvel at your own
stupidity, if every
wonderful moment is
greeted in those lady
ears by a cloud
of wit & jest from
the Illustrated News!
But I hope even

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These may lose their
power by use.

I regret much that
you should have lost
Mrs Temple's visit
& the the sight of
your late work which
would have really
rejoiced her & into
every detail of which
she wd have looked
with loving attention.
She and Mr Temple
called here the other
day & I also wiped
them! The why, you
will think, is to be seen.
The fact is I was

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engaged in selling to
Ellis a picture (The
Lady of the Window)
which I afterwards
learned they had come
to buy! - and having
given orders to Dixon
that no one was
to come in, he even
excluded them. I
was delighted to
hear that Mr Temple
was right again, -
his charges are most
fitful & I am glad
to hear he does not
mean to stand for
the next election.
However I think they'll
want something

else (probably not for
themselves but for
a friend whom I also
know) - meanwhile
the window picture
is sold - I had
written it down a
thing but went
because of the
alter to whom I
owe the best of my
art such as it is.
All this sale matter
is in confidence of
course, - though the
more part of the
picture being sold may
of course be named
and it turn up to do so.