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flowers on his coat. The jewels in her rings fished under his eyes. There was a delicate perfume in the air about her glorious head. He had never seen her look so beautiful before. He wondered at her silence at just such a moment. The tightness of her lips gave way, and they fell to trembling when she started to speak.

"I hardly know what to say," she began. "I-I-you know I said the presiding elder was at our house, and"-"Oh, I understand," broke in Alan; "that's all right. Of course, use your

"No, I must be plain with you," she broke in, raising a pair of helpless, tortured eyes to his. "You will not think Alex. Jackson. I had anything to do with it. In fact, my heart is almost broken. I'm very,

very unhappy." He was still totally at sea as to the cause of her strange distress. "Perhaps you'd rather not tell me at all," he said sympathetically. His tone never had been so tender. "You need not, you know."

"But it's a thing I could not keep from you long anyway," she said tremulously. "In fact, it is due you-an explanation, I mean. Oh, Alan, papa has taken up the idea that we-that we like each other too much, and"-The life and soul seemed to leave

Alan's face. "I understand," he heard himself saying; "he does not want me to visit

you any more." sne made no reply. He saw her catch a deep breath, and her eyes went down to her flowers. The music struck up. The mulatto leader stood waving his fiddle and calling for "the grand march" in loud, meledious tones. There was a scrambling for partners. The young men gave their left arms to the ladies and merrily dragged them to their places.

"I hope you do not blame me-that you don't think that I"- But the clatter and clamor ingulfed her words. "No, not at all," he told her. "But it's awful; simply awful! I know you

are a true friend, and that's some sort of comfort."

"And always shall be," she gulped. "You must try not to feel hurt. You know my father is a very peculiar man

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ever so obstinate."

Then Alan's sense of the great in justice of the thing rose up within him, and his blood began to boil. "Perhaps ought to take my name off your card," he said, drawing himself up slightly. "If he were to hear that I talked to you tonight, he might make it unpleasant for you."

"If you do, I shall never-never forgive you," she answered in a voice that shook. There was, too, a glistening in her eyes as if tears were springing. "Wouldn't that show that you harbored ill will against me, when I am so helpless and troubled?"

"Yes, it would, and I shall come back," he made answer. He rose, for Hillhouse, calling loudly over his shoulder to some one, was thrusting his bowed arm down toward her.

left him.

CHAPTER VII.

LAN made his way along the wall, out of the track of the promenaders, into the office, anxious to escape being spoken to by any one. But here several jovial men from the mountains who knew him intimately gathered around him and began to make laughing remarks about his dress.

"You look fer the world like a dirt dauber." This comparison to a kind of black wasp came from Pole Baker, a tall, heavily built farmer, with an enormous head, thick eyebrows and long, shaggy hair. He lived on Bishop's farm and had been brought up with Alan. "I'll be derned ef you ain't nimble on yore feet, though. I've seed you cut the pigeon wing over on Mossy creek with them big, strappin' gals 'fore you had yore sights as high as these town folks."

"It's that thar vest that gits me," said another. "I reckon it's cut low so you won't drap saft victuals on it, but I guess you don't do much eatin' with that collar on. It don't look like yore Adam's apple could stir a peg un-

With a good natured reply and a laugh he did not feel, Alan hurried out of the office and up to his room, where he had left his lamp burning. Rayburn Miller's hat and light overcoat were on the bed. Alan sat down in one of the stiff backed, split bottom chairs and stared straight in front of him. Never in his life had he suffered as he was now suffering. He could see no hope ahead; the girl he loved was lost to him. Her father had heard of the foolhardiness of old man Bishop and, like many another well meaning parent, had determined to save his daughter from the folly of marrying a penniless man who had doubtless inherited his father's lack of judgment and caution.

There was a rap on the closed door, and immediately afterward Rayburn Miller turned the knob and came in. His kindly glance swept the face of his friend, and he said, with forced lightness:

"I don't want to bore you, old man, but I just had to follow you. I saw from your looks as you left the ballroom that something was wrong, and I am afraid I know what it is. You see, Captain Barclay is a rough, outspoken man, and he made a remark the other day which reached me. I wasn't sure it was true, so I didn't mention it; but I reckon my informant knew what he was talking about."

Alan nodded despondently. "I asked her to go to church with me tomorrow night: She was awfully embarrassed and finally told me of her father's ob-

"I think I know what fired the old devil up," said Miller. "You do?"



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"Yes. It was that mistake of your father. As I told you, the colonel is as mad as a wet hen about the whole thing. He's got a rope tied to every nickel he's got, and he intends to leave Dolly a good deal of money. He thinks Frank Hillhouse is just the thing. He shows that as plain as day. He no-"I beg your pardon," he said to Dol- ticed how frequently you came to see ly. "I didn't know they had called the Dolly and scented danger ahead and march. We've got some ice cream hid simply put his foot down on it, just out upstairs, and some of us are going as fathers have been doing ever since for it. Won't you take some, Bishop?" | the flood. My dear boy, you've got a "No, thank you," said Alan, and they bitter pill to take, but you've got to swallow it like a man. You've reached a point where two roads fork. It is for you to decide which one you'll

Alan made no reply. Rayburn Miller lighted a cigar and began to smoke

"It's none of my business," Miller burst out suddenly, "but I'm friend enough of yours to feel this thing like the devil. However, I don't know what to say. I only wish I knew how far you've gone into it."

Alan smiled mechanically. "If you can't look at me and see how far I've gone, you are blind," he said. "I don't mean that," replied Miller. "I was wondering how far you had committed yourself-oh, hang it!made love and all that sort of thing." "I've never spoken to her on the sub

ject," Alan informed him gloomily. "Good, good! Splendid!" Alan stared in surprise. "I don't understand," he said. "She knows-that is, I think she knowshow I feel, and I have hoped that"-"Never mind about that," interrupted Miller laconically. "There is a chance for both of you if you'll turn square around like sensible human beings and

look the facts in the face." "You mean"-"That it will be stupid, childish idiocy for either or both of you to let this thing spoil your lives."

"I don't understand you." "Well, you will before I'm through with you, and I'll do you up brown,



it's none of my business," Miller burst

you, my boy. One is to treat Colonel know you'd never cause any girl to Barclay's wishes with dignified respect give up her fortune without knowing and bow and retire just as any Eu- at least whether you could replace it ropean gentleman would do when told or not." that his pile was too small to be considered." "And the other?" asked Alan sharp-

ing like a last year's bird's nest or, lose a thing."

good if you'll listen to me. I'll give you

the benefit of my experience."

"What good would your devilish experience do me?" said Alan impatient-

"It would fit any man's case if he'd only believe it. I've made a study of love. I've observed hundreds of typical cases and watched marriage from inception through protracted illness or boredom down to dumb resignation or sudden death. I don't mean that no Oakwood lovers of the ideal, sentimental brand are ever happy after marriage, but I do believe that open eyed courtship will beat the blind sort all hollow and judgment of a sensible, open eyed jury, they would be happier than they Ladies' now are. Nothing ever spoken is truer than the commandment, Thou shalt have no other God but me.' Let a man put anything above the principle of living right, and he will be miserable. The man who holds gold as the chief thing in life will starve to death in its Childrens' Sailor Hats 15 to cold glitter, while a pauper in rags will have a laugh that rings with the music of immortal joy. In the same way the man who declares that only one woman is suited to him is making a god of her, raising her to a seat that won't support her dead, material weight. I frankly believe that the glamour of love is simply a sort of insanity that has never been correctly named and treated because so many people have been the victims of it."

"Do you know," Alan burst in almost angrily, "when you talk that way I think you are off. I know what's the matter with you-you have simply to love and appreciate a good woman. Front Shirts. Thank heaven, your experience has not been mine! I don't see how you could ever be happy with a woman. I couldn't look a pure wife in the face and remember all the flirtations you've indulged in-that is, if they were mine." "There you go," laughed Miller. "Make it personal. That's the only

way the average lover argues. I am speaking in general terms. Let me finish. Take two examples-first, the chap crazily in love, who faces life with the red rag of his infatuationhis girl. No parental objection, everything smooth and a carload of silverware, a clock for every room in the house. They start out on their honeymoon, doing the chief cities at the biggest notels and the theaters in the three dollar seats. They soon tire of themselves and lay it to the trip. Every day they rake away a handful of glamour from each other till, when they reach home, they have come to the conclusion that they are only human, and not the highest order at that. For awhile they have a siege of discontent, wondering where it's all gone. Finally the man is forced to go about his work, and the woman gets to making things to go on the backs of chairs and trying to spread her trousseau over the next year, and they begin to court resignation. Now, if they had not had the glamour attack they would have got down to business sooner, that's all, and they would have set a better example to other plungers. Now for the second illustration: Poverty on one side, boodle on the other; more glamour than in other case because of the gulf between. They get married; they have to. They've inherited the stupid idea that the Lord is at the bottom of it ken to." and that the glamour is his smile.

Like the other couple, their eyes are finally opened to the facts, and they thing. Then if the woman has the weak men would act contrary to sack money and the man hasn't there's advice. No, it was over-all, all over. tragedy-a slow cutting of throats. She is irresistibly drawn with the rest of the world into the thought that she has tied herself and her money to an automaton, for such men are invariably lifeless. They seem to lose the faculty of earning money-in any other way. And as for a proper title for the penniless young idiot that publicly advertises himself as worth enough, in himself, for a girl to sacrifice her money to live with him-well, the unabridged does not furnish it. Jack Ass in billboard letters would come nearer to it than anything that occurs to me | hind. There are simply two courses open to now. I'm not afraid to say it, for I

Alan arose and paced the room. "That," he said as he stood between the lace curtains at the window, against which the rain beat steadily-"that is "The other is to follow in the foot- why I feel so blue. I don't believe steps of nearly every sentimental fool Colonel Barclay would ever forgive that ever was born and go around look- her, and I'd die before I'd make her

worse yet, persuading the girl to elope "You are right," returned Miller, reand thus angering her father so that lighting his cigar at the lamp, "and he will cut her out of what's coming he'd cut her off without a cent. I know to her and what is her right, my boy. him. But what is troubling me is that She may be willing to live on a bread you may not be benefited by my logic. and water diet for awhile, but she'll Don't allow this to go any further. lose flesh and temper in the long run. Let her alone from tonight on, and If you don't make as much money for you'll find in a few months that you her as you cause her to lose, she'll tell are resigned to it, just like the average you of it some day or, at least, let you widower who wants to get married six see it, and that's as long as it's wide. mouths after his loss. And when she You are now giving yourself a treat- is married and has a baby she'll meet ment in self hypnotism, telling yourself you on the street and not care a rap that life has not and cannot produce whether her bat's on right or not. She a thing for you beyond that particular will tell her husband all about it and pink frock and yellow head. I know allude to you as her first, second or how you feel. I've been there six dif- third fancy, as the case may be. I Guaranteed best workmansing, occ. Sick Headache, Billousness, Dysteeth and rubber. Plates guaranteed not to break. No charge for teeth not to break. No charge for the property of the case may be. I have faith in your future, but you've as I became inoculated with experiwhen I see a fresh one in a train for ing, I'd let your flame burn unmolestan hour's ride. I can do you a lot of

ed; but circumstances are against us." "I'd already seen my duty," said Alan in a low tone as he came away

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OAKWOOD. from the window. "I have an engage-

ment with her later, and the subject shall be avoided." "Good man!" Miller's cigar was so short that he stuck the blade of his penknife through it that he might enjoy it to the end without burning his fingers. "That's the talk! Now I must mosey on downstairs and dance with that Miss Fewclothes from Rome -the one with the auburn tresses that

says 'delighted' whenever she is spo-Alan went back to the window. The rain was still beating on it. For a long time he stood looking out into the begin to secretly wonder what it's all blackness. The bad luck which had about. The one with the spondulics | come to his father had been a blow to wonders harder than the one who has him, but its later offspring had the none. If the man has the money, he grim, cold countenance of death itself. will feel good at first over doing so He had never realized till now that much for his affinity, but if he has an Dolly Barciay was so much a part of eye for earthly values-and good busi- his very life. For a moment he almost ness men have there will be times gave way to a sob that rose and strugwhen he will envy Jones, whose wife gled within him. He sat down again had as many rocks as Jones. Love and clasped his hands before him in and capital go together like rain and dumb self pity. He told himself that sunshine; they are productive of some- Rayburn Miller was right; that only

CHAPTER VIII. FTER the dance Frank Hillhouse took Dolly home in one of the drenched and bespatof the drenched and bespat-tered backs. The Barclay residence was one of the best made and largest in town. It was an old style southern frame house, painted white, and had white columned verandas on two sides. It was in the edge of the town and had an extensive lawn in front and almost a little farm be-

Dolly's mother had never forgotten that she was once a girl herself, and she took the most active interest in everything pertaining to Dolly's social life. On occasions like the one just described she found it impossible to sleep till her daughter returned, and then she slipped upstairs and made the girl tell all about it while she was disrobing. Tonight she was more alert and widea wake than usual. She opened the front door for Dolly and almost stepped on the girl's heels as she followed her upstairs.

"Was it nice?" she asked. "Yes; very," Dolly replied. Reaching her room, she turned up the low burning lamp and, standing before a mirror, began to take some flowers out of her hair. Mrs. Barclay sat down on (Continued on 1 age 4)

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