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and stepped into the hall. "Come this way, Mr. Thorpe," he

And boats go scudding with inflated sodded to the committee. "Take this clink, Mr. Thorpe," unid Deacon Pennall and Mr. Lane.

Starving on barrenness and die ding tertainment for the benefit of the Madam was inclined to stoutness, and Ohlidren's Hospital." "The fact in Jack," said the lawyer.

.power ? The sun still whines and in some quiet lio deacon. All heavenly bine the arching sky

Should front its paril. Courage wrung And thus the spirit in its loneliness Knows God the better for the time

Belect Family Heading

YYIII management of the concert Hospital in that thriving real was regarded as absolutely necessary n charge that she could not com for brief letter was accompanied by trouble which would prevent her from filling any professional engagement for at least a fortaight.

Annette Ames was a singer of hig repute. She was backed by a foreign triumph, and she had sung in Hollywood at its May festival, and had given great satisfaction. The committoo in charge of the charity concor had agreed to pay Miss Ames \$300 fo ner services.

ays later. The fact that Miss Ames would not sing meant a heavy falling off in receipts-it meant the refunding of considerable money that had already been paid for tickets. The committee was in a painfu

mandary. It had planned this con cort with great care. The Children's Hospital was in need of funds and goodly sum was expected. The entertalement was to take place in the great wareroom of the hollow ware company which had been cleared and decorated for the purpose, It would seat 3,000 persons and Hollywood could be counted on to comfortably fill itwith the proper attractions to draw

"What's to be done?" asked Atorney Hen Stapleton. The members looked at one anothe

"I'm sorry we over tried to give how," said Deagon Pensuall. "Are we to go on with the thing norled Oitizon Lane "We will go on with it, of course,

said the chairman. "But as far as the growd goes we might as well use the "Hasn't anylosis anything to sug-

There was a brief silence. sponsibility," said Citizen Lane. "We ! are in for a roasting, that's certain.

"Is there anybody in Hollywood with the cort of experience that Bro. Lane anggests?" the chairman asked. "Not that it mattere." The lawyer looked up. "I guess that coming ornament

"Is that the youngster in your o fice P' Inquired the deacon. "Yes," replied the lawyer. "And !

he way he's to be my partner in th fall, Stapleton & Thorpe. Son good stock. "What does he know about good shows?" queried the descen.

looked around. "The fact is," he said "that here in Hollywood we've got comes with mature years. What we need is hustle and red blood and ideas. That boy Jack should have been on this committee in my place."

There was another interval of all ence. Nobady appeared to take offense at the lawyer's blunt statement. "Of course that doesn't help matters now," said the chaliman. "Any use

swered, "and I think Jack would like it." He looked at his watch. "He is to call for me here. We have some A bolt jangled. The chairmain arose

The young man who came into the room was well built, square lawed and keen eyed. He looked about him and

the docter. "I tilink you have met are the committee in charge of the en-The young man nodded and waited.

'we are in trouble and we want some export ad lco." The young man's keen over opened little wider. "Road that letter to him." suggested

The doctor read aloud the letter from the derellet common. Then he read the phycician's certificate. "No hope there, you see," he added. "I see, said the young man.

"You also see that this wrecks our entertalnment," sald the deacon. "No," said the young man, "I don't milto see that." They stared at him.

o take Miss Ames' place !" said the doctor. "And there is nobody to get, "threw

n Citizen Lane. head. "There are three days." "They are easily counted," groundled

The young man was thinking hard. draw as well as Annotte Ames and held the glass trembled. her. That's the problem."

"Hut we don't want to pay any nore than we promised Miss Amov." came from the deacen. "Two bundred dollars," the doctor

The young non looked around, lon't think it's a quastion of dollars low," he said. "If I look at it in the right light you want to give a concert hat will be a credit to the town and he committee. You are facing commercial problem. It's a question inc something more." of buying and selling and you intend it will go to the hospital. But you disentisfaction. Isn't that right ?"

They nodded selemnly. "Mr. Chaleman," said Citizen Lane. I move that we elect Mr. John Thorpe manager of the hospital entertalmment. It will help to divide the responsibility John Thorpe suddenly laughed.

"This is certainly an eleventh-hour honor," chuckled the old lawyer. "Gentlemen," said the doctor, "all of you who are in favor of electing Mr. Thorpe manager of this entertain-

mont will say nye." The ayes were unanimous, "Mr Thorpo is elected," the doctor said. "I accept," said the young man "What about the salary," inquired to deacon.

"Without salary," said John The committee looked at the young man and walted. "Anything to report, Mr. Manager?" nguired Ollixen Lane.

The young man laughed and his face brightened. "I have an iden." "Yes," said the chairman. John Thorpe leaned forward. "I

we can't get Annotte Ames," he said. "how would Melbini do ?" The committee gasped. "Young man," said the deacon se

verely, "I don't profess to know much about these matters, but I've been told that the einger you-mentioned is the floost in the world, and I don't bolieve that a thousand dollars in cold cash would tount her out of Now York."

"It wouldn't," said John Thorpe. "Will you explain just what you mean, Jack ?" inquired the lawyer. "Not now," replied the young man "It's clutching at a straw-and even the straw hasn't taken shape. Give mo a little time."

"It will be mighty little," said the "The concert's three days "All right," laughed the young man-"I'm going down to the city temorrow

"To see Melbini?" It was the dector who neked. "Perhaps." "Gontlemon," said the chairman, "1

would suggest a vote of confidence our new manager." It was proposed and carried without dissent. It was decided to keep this Annotte Amos mutter a doud secret.

At il o'clock the next afternoon young man presented blowelf at the door of a suite of apartments in the Hotel Chambray, His ring was answered by a trim mahl. Sho gave the young man a protty courtesy. He was not bad looking.

"Well, monsieur ?" "I wish to most madam." "Madam meets no one. She ha ust from the motor ride returned." "Will you take my ourd to her ?" "It is of no use, monsiour. Madam

sings tonight." "I know. But my husiness is imortant. I have been here five times "Monsiour is very much in earnost, He gave her his card. "Does the

card of monsiour mean anything to madam ?" "No." replied John Thorne. "Zon what is the use? Madam pos-

garding blu. "Who are you?" madam asked.

"What did you mean by your mes-

John Thorne drow from an linner pocket something relied in a stiff slik covering. He know the dark eyes were watching him as he unrolled it He drew off the silk covering and dis-"But it is too late to get anybody closed a wrapping of white Chinese Farmer Webster, as it had been to his thate. From this he extracted four sheets of music paper yellow with age-John Thorpe crossed the room and

The young man wrinkled his fore- ed the yelllow sheets in it. The dark | right in the middle of the field, preoyes swiftly glanced them over. "My | venting | its satisfactory working. dresser and drew out a magnifying When the rock was reached the line

"You want comobady who will glass. The lady took it and studied draw," he said. "Somebody wie will the yellow sheets. The hand that hold the people who expected to hear | "A study," she muranued, "com-

man. "You know my fad was Mo-

"The newspapers say noything. You claim this to be genuine ?" "The name is there, madain." She looked back at the music and held the glass over the signature, "The name is here," she said. "Tell

that Mezart music in the home of music and told me where he found it." "A pretty story" said the madam.

"Yos, madam." "For how much? Not too much John Thorpe bowed to the lady.

Her big over opened wide, "You are a romantic young man," slie laughed. "Sit down.". He took a seat.

said. "Will madam let me explain?"

Then John Thorpe told Melbini men had been plowing around that who, by the way, was for years in the about the hospital, and the concert, rock every year, wishing for its re-And you ask me to sing in

"In return for the Mount study, madam.' She stared at him, "Your assurance is magnificent, monslour. "Thank you, madam."

"Two hours ride, madam. can leave the city at 5 o'clock in the afternoon and be back at midnight." "What is the night ?" "Thursday, madam."

the looked at him shrowdly. "Nothing, madam. There was a little silence.

"I have no mother, madem."

woman." She touched his coat sleeve with her white liand. The quick gosture meant

your music. "Keep It, madam." will have no proof you left it here."

John Thorne smiled. "I will not worry, madam." slour. I am pleased that you called."

He drew back. The maid of the something both of fame and of fortune outer door smiled upon him as he by his skill. The manager of the charity concert had little to say to his committee mon. He was nervous. They could see that.

At 3 o'clock Wednesday a telegram was handed blue. He gave a glance at it, throw it to the old lawyer and

o'clock train. Melbini."

That night Hollywood was covered with 500 hulf-sheet posters, bearing these momentous words: "Molbini, the world's greatest seprano, will

sing at the benefit concert to-night!" Of course there never had been such a concert in Hollywood, and nobody believes there ever will be such another. Annelte Amos was forgotton. When Melbini appeared that two-handsomely furnished apartments | immenso audience - every foot of and then she drow aside and he passed standing room being occupied-arose and wildly cheered and cheered agala. Madam.la a wonderful kimons was | And the madam was so much pleased sitting before the dressing table and | that she sank a second number-and being in one of her most delightful

moods stoy a third - and this was her face was very fair and her eyes and | "Home Sweet Home." Whereat, the audience, half cheering, half crying, called her back once more, and she came drawing the re-Inctant John Thorpe after her.

"You should cheer this fine young man, too," she cried in her happlest manner. He brought me here Cheer blm! Cheer blm!"

Attorney Stapleton, in the back of the hall, wiped his oyen. "Jack's a great boy," he whispered to Deacon

"Dummed if he ain't!" said PLOUGHING AROUND THE ROCK The old bowlder in the mendow was a source of annoyance to

father before. It was of considerable wize, apparently the apex of a cone of rock that went down, one might think, the lady extended her hand. He plac- to the very center of the carth. It lay Plowing, harrowing, cultivating, mow-The maid opened a drawer in the ing, reaping-it made no difference. had to be broken, and turned to right or left. Round about it, too, had eprung up a ctraggling growth of briers and busher, giving the field plote, new!" She turned her head | unkempt look very annoying to a good farmer like George Wobster, who prided hinwelf on the good appearance of his land. It had been in his father's way, as it now was in his. Many a time the older man had threatened to dell it and blow it up with powder or dynamite, but somehow he never "got

around to it." It promised to be a

troublesome job, and so he put it off from month to month, and from year to year, and flually at his death passed the farm on to his heirs, rock and all. Then one day Farmer George took make an investigation as to the proa | bable size of the rock under the ground an well as above it. He thrust his crowbar under one edge of it, and to his surprise mot with no considerable resistance. He went around to another side and tried it again with the same result. Again and again he repeated the experiment; until the conclusion was forced in upon him that instead of being so deeply embedded in the earth as to be practically immovable, that imposter of a rock was scarcely more than a shell, just lying on the surface waiting all those years to be pulled out and carted away! "I will sell it to you for a song, I Events proved the conclusion correct, A very little digging in spots, a chain fastoned accurely around the offending obstacle, a quick jerk and a steady pull by two yokes of willing oxen, and the rock rolled out of its cradle "I am not romantle, madam," he years, and was easily dragged to the side of the field, out of the way of On the arrival of a couple of citizens he

overshody and of everything. there, for two generations at least, moval but taking it for granted that it couldn't be budged, and never trying to get rid of it! The first one who roally tried, moved it without any special trouble. Many of us are plowing about rocks, probably, taking it for granted that they cannot be moved. They are troublesome; we wish we could get

rld of them, and so we don't try. When we begin to study them at all seriously we are often surprised to find what little rocks they are after "It's no use! I can never get that example right i" whines the school-You boy. And he can't, so long as he feels that way about it. The rock is there, and it is going to stay there, and he must go on plowing around it. But let him attack the problem in a different spirit; let him at least seek to

make sure whather it is as formidable

as he supposed, and ten to one he'll have it out of the way in a little while "I always wanted to be a doctor," sighed a young clerk, "but overything an amiable young man. I think it is seemed to be against me. I had to true that your mother is a proud drop out of school to work for the support of the family, and so here ani, and here I suppose I shall always be." "But why?" asked his friend "Why not be a doctor yet, if your of eryspelas of the left knee. heart le set on It?" It was a new thought to the young man. Because vonely rolled the music. "I will think | he couldn't continue his course uninterruptedly through college and medical school, he had taken it for granted George Ernest, youngest son of Mr. that he was shut off attainment of the ambition of his life. There was his rook in the middle of the field; he was preparing to plow around it the "You trust me with it? But you rost of his days. His friend's question was like Farmer Webster's crowbar. It opened up things a little. He began to see that the rock might be moved, that a medical education might even yot not be absolutely beyond ble "Thank you, madam," said John reach. To-day he is a successful physician in a thriving city, winning

"When I was in Paris,"remarked the collector of curios. "I discovered in a looketall a volume which I know at first glance to be of extraordinary value, I could scarcely believe my good hok. .. Breathless, I inquired the

"Well, why didn't you got it ?" "Never could sing a note in my life," ried the collector, bureting into tehre. THE VISION

Long bad she knelt at the Madonna's Within the empty chapel, cold and elling her beads, while, grief with marring line And bitter tent's stole all her youth

utcast was she from what Life hold oth doar Banished from joy that other souls might wing and front the dark beyond she turned with fear, Holfig so branded by the mark o

ot when at last she, raised Haunted by sorrow, whitened by tary loaned; down from out th oletured place.

And laid the little Christ within he ony and warm the hold She-the abandoned one-the thing -Virna Sheard, In The Canadian Mognzine.

TWENTY YEARS AGO

Dr. Lowry is enlarging and improving his residence on Frederick St. The foundation for Mr. T. T. Moore's tow house on Young St. is about com-

week are now being unloaded at the G. T. R. depot. Toesday night's shower was most acceptable. Nature's face was washed or the first time in several weeks.

Ils G. T. R. store-house.

School pic-nic until to-day. On Saturday, Mr. A. F. Smith had the small bone of his left arm broken and the other one splintered, by a kick from a horse at Grand Valley. He was assisting to collect horses for Mr. Neil Keith's shipmont to Regina.

Mosere. Mann and Rose. of the late James Campbell. 'A smallor one was crected to the memory of

Mrs. William Ramshaw, Mr. W. Dent, of Milton, executed both orders. Mr. Wm. Grant, of Michigan, narrowly escaped poisoning at bis father's home here, this week, by accidentally swallowing a portion of a liquid used as a wash following an operation on tonsels. Dr. Stacey administered a powerful antidote, and ho

about as well as ever. Mr. Hugh Cameron, for many years Acton's creek qualt pitcher, who now onjoys the same distinction at Point Edward, won a medal at a great quoit contest in Buffalo, at Caledonian

games, attended by 30,000 people, on Saturday. A couple of gypsies of a gang who Mr. Storey, said: "If you had left whilekey atone, you would not have got

into this scrape." He replied. "That's Mr. David Carnochan, of Knatchbull recently plaughed up several Indian skulls, and a large needle. It is thought there was once an Indian burial

Mr. J. C. Nelson loft on Monday for

Miss Annie Boomer left last week to

a trip through the Thousand Islands.

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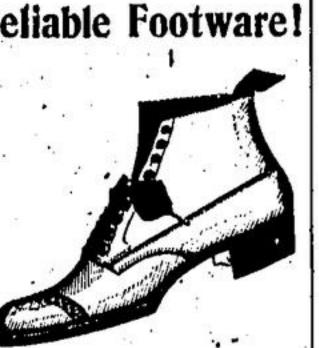
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Cowered as H it feared the tempest's How like to life it is, the hard blenk For we in sullen discontent grow gray.

The tempest's coming. All our Enveils us so that when the clouds We scarce can see the sunshine over What the' the tempest come in furious

We should not fear the storm. Herole

-Valeria De Mude Kelsey.

THE MESSAGE FROM MOZART

that was to aid the Children's dence suburb, Hollywood, was in sore straits. For the entertainment's success the kinging of Annette Ames was Hiss Ames had written the committee doctor's cartificate, which set forth the fact that the eminent soprane was suffering from an aggravated throat

The concert was to take place three

The committee was in session at the home of the chairman, Dr. Hawlay. The eminent soprano's letter was read aloud, and the members of the committee had commented on it free-

school board room. gest P" neked Deagon Peagnall frot-"We should have found a man with some professional experience to handle the show for us and take the re-

he bar, John Thorne, is the only man in town who knows a footlight from

"He was in the thick of them college," replied the lawyer. "And he managed the college glee club for two seasons. I'm sorry we didn't ask the boy to serve on this committee." He mistaken idea that it takes eminent respectability to handle these public affairs and that respectability only

The lawyer brightened up "It wouldn't do any harm," he any

"No," said John Thorpe. "I must see her now. Give my card to madem and say 'A message from Mouart.' "

hair very dark. He panued near the door with a graceful bow. He saw the dark even of madam in the mirror intently re-

hor maid was slowly brushing her hair.

The maid stared at him. "And

"She will say, Show the messenger

"I'll try." She was back again in

John Thorpe followed her through

"You are to come in, mon-

what will madam say ?"

into madam's boudoir.

"Quite sure."

"Are you sure, monsieur?"

"My name is on the card, madam. "Are you a collector of curios?" The dark eyes in the mirror did not

sage-the message you gave Babette ? | Peasmall. Explain."

and looked into the face of the young "Yes, madam, I saw it stated in the

"My greatuncle, grandfather's to give the full money's worth to the brother, was a traveller. He brought up the matter seriously enough to ticket purchaser. If there is a balance | home many curious things. He found don't want a dollar to go there that | collo maker in the Tyrol. The man was obtained at the cost of any patron's | was poor. My uncle bought the music. He gave it to me. It was a little while before he died. He was an old man Some of his treasures he gave away, some he destroyed. He gave me the

"But nover mind. You wish to sell

"You have many explanations. I

and the disappointment. He told It simply and well. place?

"You ask me to sing for the obil dron F "For the sick children, madam." "I love children. Ah, but it is impossible! How far is this Holly- all, and how easy it is to move them. wood ?" She had picked up his card and was staring at it.

"And this to Tuesday." "What is in it for you, monsiour?" "I believe you, monsiour.

"I am sotry, monsiour." She neryour proposition over." John Thorpe arose. "I will live in hope, madam," "It is a poor diet, monsiour. Here is

"I will telekraph. Your hand, mon-Thorpe as their hands met.

But even the deacen forbore to ques-

The old lawyer read the telegrams "Will came on your terms. Meet 5

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price of the denier. Just think of it ! I scheme that does not exactly benefit iteef sees nobody on se day she sing, started on a run for Tom Saxton's could have had that treasure for a you.

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Forty cars of homlock back per

Mr. James Brown, coal and wood merchant, has put in a 6-ton scale at Damp weather caused the postpone ment of the Knox and Dublin Sunday

Mr. Kelth leaves to-day with two care of horses for railroad construction work. He has a sub-contract from A white bronze monument was erected on Monday in the burlal plot

tonted on Queen St., near the G. T. R. station, on Monday evening, who were drunk, began to fight and swear the air blue. The younger was too much for his opponent, whom he callod father, and boat him unmercifully. And took to his heels down the track at a rapid pace. Baggage-man Sam Laird. pointed a scrow driver at him and commanded him to surrender or die He wilted, and Mr. Laird conducted him back, and handed him over to Chief Lawson, who had arrived. Next morning Magistrate Storey fined him \$10 and costs-\$11.85 in all-or 30 days. One of the women paid the fine. Mr.

Mr. and Mrs. W. Carroll have been visiting at Mr. Wm. Smith's, ir., who is very ill, this week. Mr. Thurtell Brown has been visiting in Guelph and Aberfoyle. Mr. John Holgate, a ploneer resident

of Acton, now of Toronto, visited here

Mr. James Grant, Young St., is very Il and not much hopes are held out for hie recovery. Dikn-In Acton, on August Oth,

Fight on the street. Oppose Improvements. Vote against the establishment of ndustries. Mistrust public men. Run the town down to strangers. Go to some other town to trade.

If a man wants to buy your property