smile lighting upon his manly face.

think you were not feet to marry?"

great, noble hearted fellow he la

Jack to swak so warmly of him, but

She felt his gaze upon her, and with

"You have not answered my quee-

tion," he said, paying her back with

"I did mean to-to-accept him-"

She felt his arm around her relay.

hen tighten convulsively. But he only

asked, very quietly, "Wby did you

"I-I couldn't at the last moment, I

"Hut why-why not I' eagerly await-

"A few old Puritanioldean have been

handed down to me, among them la

"But supposing-you know there are

"I could not promise to marry an

vows were each time more indelibly

have belonged to you, would I not?"

"In the eight of men-some men-

"Would giving back the ring-the

"I am not one of your-your-cheap

"Have I made my mosning clear !"

"I think I understand," he answered

"Do you understand now, dearle,

"You are right, love," taking the

"My own girlie," he murmared.

'may God make me more-worthy-o

"It le I, who ought to pray that

prayer. I am so faulty-so different,

from what your wife ought to be

but-you will help me become such

an one as I am sure your ideal must

be, you are so good, dear, she; snewer-

"Spurgeon says, 'a good husband

will make a good wife, so I will just

have to be good," His answered laugh-

"Why do you love ma?" he asked

"I don't know-unless-it is-to use

Hhe turned from the windows and

ed with glad, shining eyes.

Jack was deeply moved.

shoost abruptly.

God, my God."

both bands and kleslog the red lips

gently, looking with something skin

ful face up turned to his.

tenderly.

not in the sight of God, yes."

still belong to you?"

by God and ourselves!

other without repudiating all my le

my standard of right.

cases where it is best for them not to b

"I could not belong to two men

"I will try to make you see it

mce," she answered slowly.

you gave me back my ring!"

presend her tipe to his cheek.

ing her reply.

glance into luto his face.

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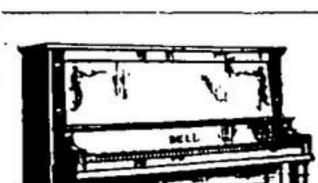
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You are beaton to earth? Well I well what's that? Come up with a smiling face. It's nothing against you to fall dow Hut to lie there -that's diagrace,

He proud of your blackened eye. Ition't the fact that you're licked that It's how did you fight and why? and though you be done to the death

ligher you touncy,"

If you buttled the best you could, If you played your part in the worl Why, the Critic would call it good Death comes with a grawl or comes with a bounce.

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The Mystery

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66 YO ARHARAT" The girl looked arour quickly, then stood, as regited to the spot, gazing in a bewi dored sort of way into the face of the upraker.

> He waw that she was duzed and lespulsively draw marer, his hand reaching for here. She pressed her hand quickly to ber wide, gathered herself together with hard drawn broath, and made

"Haby, will you not speak to ma?"

supreme effort to appear her usual "You startled me so," she answered lightly, but with lips that trembled in spite of herself.

"I thought you were awag-down "I didn't meun to-to frighten your.

Shall I go away P" "No. no." "I only wanted to sav-that-I am going away in a few days, and I-wanted to see you again before leav-She classed her hands, her flagere

interlacing nervously. "Yes." who breathed, not trusting hersolf to say more. "Haba-1--" "You," also again responded faintly. "I wish you every happiness in your married life: Jim will make you a

good husband, and-I-sincerely hope you will be - happy; that be will be goes without saving. He spoke quickly and not without an effort. There was a long silence, as the nervously amonthed back the hair from her temples.

"Thunk you," she said, then in a low, trambling volce her eyes bent on the ground. The thought, "If I did marry Jim

he wouldn't care," coursed through her brain, vanishing a bot flush to overupread ber face. Him raised her eyes slowly and

proudly, and with a quiet dignity un-"You are Indeed kind; when I marry

I mean to be happy ; and shall do all in my power to insure the happiness of-of my husband." "I am sure you will," he answered

"Tox is roady, Miss Barbara," called "Come, Mr. Kyle."

"Habet" he exclaimed represelt-"Well, Jack then," she returned with They walked in allence to the house.

ach busy with their own thoughts. "Hello, Midget," called Jack, as ittle mite of two summers appeared "How is my little sweetheart?"

With a little scream of delight Della ran toward him. Jack picked her up and tomed her high in the sir several times, to be greeted each time with a peal of baby "Now, where is my pay, toddles?"

"I'm wee Della !" with a tous of her ttle head. "Well. wee Dolle," he laughed. where le my kles?" This wee maid had a qualit way all or own of offering a salute, to the mulement of on-lookers, and to the iscomfort, aft-times, of the recipient. Now she promptly and solemnly set about paying her debt, and in her own qualit way, grabbling an par in each little hand—the pressure administered lepending on the strength of her affeetline-and klosed blus on both eves

out her chubby little arms to Aunt "No. no. honey! Not Aunt Babe "Yee, Annt Babs," promptly return: that young lady advancing.

That duty dispensed with she held

"Come, Delis, come to sunty." "Then you must come and take er," laughed Jack, which she prompt ly manyed to do. Jack defely resisted every attempt o relleve him of his burden, springing lightly from side to side as Babs ap-

"You have sarned your reward," "Have IT She sprang lightly to har feet again. bid you teck to that trouble that came and with outstratched arms approach-

> As she took the child, their hands met, a thrill passed through them, awakening part memories. liabs glamed up quickly and fearfully luto Jack's face, her own flam

ing as she read there what her hear yearned to know but dared not hope. To hide her confusion she hid her face in Della's curls. The child, all unconscious of was passing, threw her little arms

The higher you've thrown, why, the "Delia love 'ou," she cried. "You little darling," murmured Balm, convulsively clasping the child to her bosom. Jark stood devouring them with his

around her nock.

wyes. He was beent with a wild desire to take her in his arms, begging that she forgive all the cruel past and give him a chance to atone.

was mine-new the belongs to another." he said between set teeth as he telling others of her home and family a sweet, winsome smile, looked up and turned radiv and weatily away.

did not stir. A moment later she entered the own attitude, but which, if spoken, house, pale and wearied with the conflicting amotions. "Do not wait tes for mr. Molly, I do

not want any." And she passed on up to her room, where she threw herself with a low moan upon the bad. "He dose care for mr. but-he does not want mr. I am not good enough for him," she oried, while the hot, blinding tears, rolled down her cheeks.

A few hours later, Jack Kyle drove on to the station, sprang lightly to the ground, and with a quick nervous stride and set face, entered the depot "Hello, old boy !" spoke a familiar voice at his par, accompanied by a to you both," replied Jim earnestly.

bearty slap on the shoulder. Turning around Jack stood face t face with his old friend-and rival-Jim Thornton. "Why, where are you bound for,"

as Jack did not speak.

"I have just bought a ticket for Montreal." have a chat. Jack reluctantly followed.

udden move-but what is wrong? you look under the weather, as the saying "Haringes - bushous worries," re turned Jack bastily. Thornton syed him keenly, bu walted for further enlightenment.

"Tell me, Kyle, lan't this rather

gratulate you on your-on your er gagement," stammered Jack. "My what!" exclaimed Jim, a knowlug took coming into his syes. "I was never engaged in my life wish I war," be laughed.

"Oh, while I think of it-I must con

Jack gazed at him in astonishmen mable to believe his ears. "Then it is not true-" All the laughter was gone in a n

ment, as he answered in a low, sa "No, she refused mo-said she was not free to marry me."

"Op and ask her," suggested Jim. "She is a noble little girl," he co linued, more to himself than to hi "She le, I know it," answered Jack "and yet-and yet-she is something of a mystery to me, . She tried me more than anyone over did before, ur

"Not free! Then who-"

til-until I could stand it no longer and we parted," Jack spoke in'a low "I have tried to forget her, to per suade myself that I do not care for

her, but I have falled miserably. "Jack, old boy, I believe I under stand Miss Barbars much better than you do : we have grown up together It is because who loves you devotedly that she trys you. You are surprised! Yet it is true, and who can blame he for wishing to test thoroughly the en durance, character and reliability of the man into whose keeping she would give her heart, her honor, her-

"We may not exactly approve her method of working, but her motive is to be commended and I honor her

"Two many girls are satisfied with a handsome face and pleasing bearingone who will cater for their every the fern, which told her that he had whim, and do not care what lies be neath the surface, whether, there la any depth or stability of character at faitered, with beightened color. all, upon which they can depend when trying times come, as they must

Had flabs not loved you, she would not have troubled to find out whether | cheeks. you were brick or mortar.

After a pause, in which Jack inwardly cursed himself that he had not his gese, but she did not reply in shows more of the brick quality, Jim words. men'sometimer, but if they are the at him. and then on the mouth several times. right sort they will ring true."

> flushed, but did not speak. "Too many girls are content with inwould get it. "As for Habs herself -she is the sort | you. . But I could not."

reveal-bring to light the golden qual. hand over her heart. Itles of her nature. "A home over which she presides will be a home worthy of the name." "Miss Barbara has a warm advocate !

at all rightly, she would not if she were bere." "No, she could plead for others beter than for hermalf."

was a suspicious tremor in his voice,

ber happiness is dear to me."

Jim laughed lightly, "the is nut here

"If I have interpreted her character

to plead for herealf, so I must, besides

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"You know Jack, what Ruckin says, The best women are indeed the most difficult to know; they are recognized chiefly in the happiness of their husbands and the noblemen of their chil-

"That Barbara has faults, many of am not worthy to be compared with them, I admit," continued lim, deter- bin, and yet you would not marry mined to experte his old playmate him! You would-you must have from all blame. "But she has fought loved him in time." He is great-no bravely against them, some of these other word can describe him." faults or traits she inherited, and though not exactly sine in themselves, they tend to hinder her in the attainment of her high ideal of true womanlines. You -though you have known | she answered quietly. ber for some years, have no idea what . "Are you just finding that out? the home life and influence has been, which has, in many instances made it to be ranked amongst his friends," her - It seemed ages that he stood there so hard for her; or of the noble fight face glowing as she thought of the with pale, compressed lips, struggling | which I have witnessed; and she has many times in the past, he had stood a looked forward so regarly to the help friend indeed to her. "I will not trust myself to say good- which you could give her. She is a He stood regarding her thoughtfully bye, she is not for me now; once she proud little thing, and has a high for a moment. weam of honor, which prevents her trials. Many times has she borne Babe beard him going and although silence, cold and averted looks, rather her heart was nearly breaking, she than speak the word which would have cleared berself and explained her luterest.

> would have implicated those dear to Jim paused. His volce had grown bucky, and his eyes dimmed as recollections of the past crowded upon him. "Fortunate indeed, is the girl who calls you friend !" exclaimed Jack, his manly voice had in it a new ring appreciation; but it had in it too

note of self loathing, as he added : "How I have wronged her! I had thought at times our temperaments were too widely different, to permit us feel it," she answered quietly. Some to be happy together.' "Can you not see, how that very will disagree with me-probably you will-buth-" difference could be a means of blessing

" 'We who are strong out to bee the sanctity of the angagement vows. the infirmities of the weak." "I fear I have been like the Pharises They are-to me-as hinding as the of old who prayed, Lord I thank Thee marriage vows." I am not as other men are, -or even as this poor woman."

"There comes your train," exclaimed | kept. You know a had bromise is bet Jim, springing up. ter broken than kept." "I think I will wait until another "Thea they ought never to have been train is due, come, sit down, and let's time," answered Jack, with a twinkle | made. But it is not of those but of my In this oye. wif I am speaking. They must enswer " Make new friends but keep the for thomselves as must I."

> quoted Jim, with peculiar emphasis on the last three words. "Good-bye, I have an engagement or rather, a date on," he answered laughlag.

The first are allver, the latter gold,

"Good-bye, good luck to you." "Thank you, Jim," was the hearty response, "your words have given me hope, life," his face cloquent with feel-With a strong, warm hand clasp,

they erperated. It was with a light, buoyant step that Jack, a few hours later, unde his way to the Hillalde farm, as the home of the Jacksons was called.

"Is Miss Barbara in?" asked Jack thoughtfully. of the maid who admitted him. "Yes, shows in the conservatory, tinued: amongst her flowers, she loves them almost as much as if they were buman," answered Molly. "One little plant especially, she watches almost as unxiously as if it were a sick baby some one gave it to her a long time ago, and abo was afraid it was going less binding, because witnessed only to die. Oh alr." she rattled on, "li would amuse you to see how attentive she is to that little pot of black earth." divorce papers - annul my promises to Jack smiled-a pleased smile, and as

Mollie paused for breath, he moved away. Molly, mindful of her duty, think in the eight of God." she an-"Do not trouble to announce me. to said quickly, wishing to take Har- swered gently. women who can lightly opter into and

bara by surprior. In a moment Jack was standing in as lightly break a compact of that the doorway, gazing at Babe as she bent over a 'small pot of black earth.' as Molly had called it, in which two or three delicate fronds were stratching upward to the light. to reverence, upon the grave, thought-Go intent was she, on watching it

that she did not notice the intruder until he softly attered her name why I could not promise to marry "Jack," she exclaimed, while she Jim'r Why I considered myselfhastily placed herself between him yours !" looking long and earnestly and the plant, inwardly hoping he had late ble eyes not notloed it. "It is I," he laughed, while a quick sweet demure face turned to blux la mlechievous glance in the direction of

"I-I thought you had gone," she "Ho I had, I have just returned." "But-I-mean-for goad," she an swered, the flaming blood, which his parnest gaze called up, burning her

noticed and understood.

"I thought so too, but now. I have "No Jack, I do not condemn hor for come back for good," he replied, en what she has done, rather I commend joying her evident confusion. "Darling, cannot you guess why?" Her eyes dropped before the fire

He moved close to her, lifting the "It may be a little tough on the drooping head, compelling her to look "Babs, doar," he continued goutly

Jack, conscious of baving come short "can you forget and forgive the past I want you, oh so much! Bomething stronger than reason compelled me to into ber eyes as she gazed out over ferior material; if they demanded a return to you. I love you, Barbara. the fields, which were now bathed in higher, nobler type of manhood, they can't help it. After what had happenthe golden glory of the setting sun. ed. I tried not to do it, I tried to forget "Jack," she murmured softly, her in Jack's. of girl a man can depend on, a type that wears well; and as fire proves the face radiant "I knew you would come . " 'Whither thou goest,' I will go;

> "You have been weighed in the bal ance and found—" "Wanting," he added grimly.

"I give up," at last she, panted as in you," laughed Jack, though there laughlogly. "You have been tried in

Not only at the battle's front Do beross find their place, Nor 'mid the stiffing smoke of war

From throats of larid flame. But he wher brooks his count

"But tell me darling, why did you He who cares not for fame but truth, Who courts an bonret grave "Jim told you that?" with a quick Kre he will seek a gilded throne, And rule a gilded knave. "Yes, dear. Jim told me." What i He who will dare to die for right,

A martyr's sacred dust. For such a hero earth may raise A monument of gold, Ille courage can unfold : Then let his great heart sweetly rest Habe looked up into the glowing,

Hencath a nameless stone. elequent face of her lover, and wonand angels carve his epitaph. dered, what had happened to cause A hero, though unknown.

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was done. twenty table hands in the Acton Tanon being required to turn out 700 mides "Hut you were not mine then -when

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Nikola Teela was talking about his student days at Prague. "I remember well at Frague," be said, "an old professor of great originality and acumen. This professor insisted on the value of a free use of the perceptive faculties, and he was

" Contlemen, you do not use you "My life was lived for you, my faculties of observation as you should." thoughts became more firmly en 'lie laid on the table a pot with twined around you and your life, and some vile-smelling chemical compound as I signed myself-always yours, my

imprinted upon my very soul, and on, 'I did not fear to use my sense of feel that each time they were registered annw in heaven," she answered "He dipped his finger deep into the not and then stuck his anger in his After a moment's hause she con

"Taste it, gentlemen ; taste it," he sald, smiling grimly. "The evil pot passed round the class, "If I obtained a divorce would I and one after another we dipped our fingers in it, and then sucked them clean. The taste of the thick brown compound was horrible. The profess-

returned ring and the divorce papers, observation. If you had looked more clear of all responsibility, but not I blosely at me you would have observed that the finger I put in my mouth was not the one I dipped into the

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"Where's your money?" said the old man. The young fellow laid down 5 shillings which the old man prompty pocketed, and he then produced three pig's feet, saying : "Three feet make a yard!"-Wookly Telegraph.

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all lile to which flesh is boir. What would relieve one ill in turn would strengthening the frame and giving -result, improved appetite. North-"Yes, wanting mo," she corrected them at peace with each other and approaches negrest perfection of any on the market. All drhitefate sell it.

## THE MARTYR HER

by fire and come out pure gold-gennine." ahe added, as - she looked - deep into his clear young eyes. He returned her gaze with one keen and intent Is seen the bravest face; as though he would read her very Not where the red-mout "You can trust the intuition of good woman every time," a bright

Though die alone he must And spurn the victor's wreath to yield Though on its gleaming shaft no hand

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Just Laslie's and the mill is removed.

Last Thursday some eighteen or ning Co.'s works went out on strike. per week justeed of one hundred per day, without increased pay. They began to come back however next day and now nearly all are back. .

Orrysum—At the house of his som, on Agent Pitrosi, deton, on April Mh. Rudelph Quitines, lormerly of Berlin, Germany, aged 61 years. TRAINING THE PACULTIES

herited instincts - without lowering "When we were engaged. I prom hed myself to-my thoughts, my sonor, my love, and devotion were always pointing out the need for this given to you; us the months rolled or use la strange ways. they only served to strengthen and "One day, on arising to lecture, he make my promises, if anything, more

> & thick, brown stuff. "'When I was a student,' he went

"Are our engagement vows any or watched us with a grim smile. "When the pot was finally returned to blue, his this lips parted and he gave a dry chuckle. "'I must repeat, goutleman, be said, you? In the sight of the world, the that you do not use your faculties of

## pot."-Baltimore Herald.

old man, who kept a pork butcher's shop, how much his pork was a yard. "Very well. I'll take a yard," said one of the jokers.

A lot of men strive for fame because of the money that goes with it.

aggravate the others. We have, how ever, in Quinine Wine, when obtained in a sound, unadulterated state a remedy for many and grievous illa. By its gradual and judicious use the frailest systems are led late convales cence and strengh by the influence which Quinine exerts on Nature's own restoratives. It relieves those to whom a chronic state of morbid despondency and lack of interest in life is a disease, and by tranquillising another's words, because it is I-bethe nerves disposes to sound and cause it is you," she answered, a refreshing sleep-imparts vigor to the dreamy thoughtful expression coming action of the blood, which being stimulated, courses through the veins strengthening the bealthy, animal functions of the system, thereby making activity a necessary result with a happy unils placed her hand life to the digestive organs, which quality of gold, so the years will but back to me, I felt it here," laying her Thy people shall be my people. Thy paturally demand increased substance A ray of the setting sun rested for a rop & Lyman, of Toronto, have given moment upon them, as if in silent to the public their superior Quinine benediation, then departed, leaving By the opinion of scientists, the wine