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ONWARD AND UPWARD

Keep striving; the winners are those who have atriven And fought for the prize that ! lifter has won; To the hands of the steadfast alone is given. And before it is gained, there is work

Keep climbing; the carnest and stead fust have scaled The height where the pathway

rough to the foot; the faint-hearted faltered, fattering, falled And sank down by the wayside in Keep hoping; the clouds hide the sur

Hut sooner or later they scatter at: And the path glows like tollers who climb To the heights where men look over landscape and sea.

Keep onward-right on, till the in attained: Front the future with obstacles fall By those, and those only, the vic gained Who keep faith in

THE DODGE BOND

By Elsie Singmaster

RS. HOLT looked out from behind the vines of her places and remarked to her husband that this was the first time she had over seen Mr. Underwood walk slowly. "He went by like a breeze yesterday, when it was so hot and sultry; and now its' a little cooler and he walks as if he could hardly drag himself along. I wonder if he isn't

newspaper down. "You know he went Underwood & Company had built, the security for Dodge, the county treasurer. Well, Dodge has got into all kinds, of trouble; he has skipped and is going to let Underwood pay."

. "How much will it be?" "Ten thousand. Oh, he'll be able to pay it-there's no doubt about that; A moment later Mrs. Holt looked

out again. A slender girl carrying a parasol, hurried by. "O father!" she called softly, break ing into a little run. Mr. Underwood turned instantly, and his tired face

brightened. "Well, Elizabeth," Mrs. Holt heard him say. Then she saw Elizabeth hold out toward him the beautiful parasol. Her, voice came clearly across the lawn to Mrs. Holt.

"It was such a bargain, daddy!" she said. "I couldn't resist." The rest was lost as the two went slowly into "He has an extravagant family," Mrs. Holt said, gently shaking her "It is beautiful," he said when she

had finished, "And your allowance, 's that gone now !" "Oh, that was gone a week ago; I had this charged. Really, father, I'

bought it. It was only four dollars, them about it. It was that which made and I've seen some that weren't half his burden seem greater than he could so pretty for ten. Isn't it all right? bear. "Oh, yes, child!" Elizabeth was the baby and he could not bear to scold

Then, as Elizabeth ran upstairs, he went into his study. He would sit down in his own particular corner and to the children to-night. It would have to be to-night—this parasol business of Elizabeth's had settled that. His tired eyes welcomed the shade of the library. Then they distinguished a white figure in his deep morris chair. It was Helen with a book. She looked up a little absently,

"Heigh-ho, father! Hot isn't it?" For an instant Mr. Underwood gased that was hard to follow,-"don't you about him. To his tired eyes the other hate that old Dodge?" chairs looked uncomfortable. Besides, Elitabeth laid down her brush and would have dinner, and in the interval braid to a Greek knot.

he must formulate the little speech T believe that I could get a wig to that he would have to make them wear as Portis," she said. "Then I afterwards. He would go up to his could just slip it off and I'd be ready, own room. That was not so cool, but What Dodge?" there was a couch there and he would lie down. He heard Wilton whistling somewhere in the house; that would .What man that cheated my father?" felt any desire to shirk it and sleep until the call for dinner.

He remembered that the boy went in there to dress often. He was there now, with the shutters flung wide and thing about it." the hot western sun streaming in. "Father, where are your stude?" he

Mr. Underwood sat down on the edge of the bed. "Haven't you any stude of your own?" "Yes, but they aren't half so good as yours, and I want to be extra fine."

had gone. It seemed almost insufferably hot to him, in spite of the cooling breeze. He would go down and read the evening paper, unless Robert were already reading it. Finally he sat down in Helen's room, which was dark and cool and where a jumped up. "I can't practice any more.

breeze from the south waved the long I must straighten this thing out." a beautiful room, with its deep bay. It had originally been his own, but ring the telephone bell. Helen had had her convalescence there after a long illness the winter her mother died, and somehow he had Underwood." . never-moved back.

Sitting there he thought how mistaken is the belief that time will heal do?" corrow. He wanted their mother and needed her more than he had ever needed her since she had died. For he put it to himself plainty-he had failed signally in the upbringing of

It was not neglect, or lack of thought or trouble or sacrifice on his part; ectory in her hands. It was too much sacrifice, too little, "Its said he was going down the sternness, too much indulgence. His river. They would stop at Glenwood. children-from Wilton, who was now Bix five three nine, please. Is this twenty-three years old, to Elizabeth, Glenwood? Is there a party of people fish. He could not blind his eyes to Underwood for me? Is that you, Wilit any longer; it seemed to him that ton? This is Elizabeth. Can you almost every ack every word, mani- come home right away? I can't help it, wondered, to pay the ten thousand dol- then-Of course it's important. You lars' without the children's knowing can get a train if you hurry." anything about it. He had boyed to be able to pay it without drawing dressing began to put her father's room upon the reserve fund, which he would to rights. need thisyypar in his business. It he drew on that fund he could not en- herself scornfully. For him to find targo file staff, and that meant that litter of trash on his bed when Vessey & Bacon would get the govern- he came home! ment contracts for the new post office

and olly hall He had planned to borrow from Wil- practiced there, and that she seldom ton the five thousand dollars that an remembered to put things away. aunt had left to the boy. Theff, with Huddenty she paused. Where was a general economy in the family ex- her father? She ran down to the

borrow the money chewhere; but he lie almost never went out in the evendid not want to borrow from a strang- ing unless be took her with him. She er. The Underwoods had never been called up his office, but got no answer.

Of course he would have to countermand the order for several sets of rare books that he had wanted for years, and he would have to give up the trip to the Northwest that he and Atherton who had been his college chum twentyning to take this summer.

He did not think long of these dis appointments, however. What worried him was that Helen would have to dismiss one of the maids, that Witton would have to take a less luxurious room at college, and that Robert and Elizabeth would have to finish their college preparation at the city high school, instead of at Westover and Miss Manley's school

Suppose-the very thought made him shilyer-suppose that Wilton should refuse to lend him the money? He remembered other things that Wilton had done-selfish things that made his heart sche to remember-and suddenly he realized that he could not ask him, he could not run the risk of being refused; he would rather ask a stranger. Then the dinner bell cut

short his planning. For once he heard none of the chill dren's chatter. He did not realize that he had cut the tendericin from the steak for himself until Elizabeth made a wry face over hers. He served Helen to the best usually, then Elizabeth, then the boys, and then himself.

He could not cat, and only nodded when Elizabeth said that Margaret Holt and she were going to plan some theatricals after dinner, and that they would like to have his room to themselves, so that they could use the long mirror in his bureau. He thought that he would go down to the office something that he had not done after dinner for years. He would think it all over then, whether to draw on his reserve fund or to borrow the money. He could not see how he had ever thought it possible that he could tell the children.

that hid his bent head, he went slowly His office was dark and close. After he had turned on the light, the night watchman tapped at the door. "I just wanted to see who it sir. There sin't often anyone in this

office after hours." "Guoss it isn't the heat that's worry- at the desk and chairs, the photo-Mr. Underwood looked about hir ing him," Mr. Holt said, as he laid his graphs of the various buildings that plies of fresh designs, the tables upon which the clerks were making the

specifications for the post-office build-He unlocked the top of his own desk and stood looking down at the neat pile of letters to be answered, gruffly. "I'd show him a thing or two, they have had to fight against without but no one cares to throw away ten He would prepare his answers to the important ones to-night; it would be a relief to him to have something to

In a few moments, however, he stoped work and, putting out the light sat down by the window to think things out. He thought first of Dodge, who had caused the trouble; then he put the thought of him out of his head. it was no use crying over spilled milk. Dodge was gone, and he stood his bondsman. He could think of half a dozen places where he could borrow the money. He would take from his reserve fund at first and then borrow if he needed to replanish that.

Then, as a sudden loneliness swept over him, he realised that he must face the truth. It was not the loss of the money or the dishonesty of a man whom he had trusted that discouraged him, it was the children. This was the first trouble that had come upon him since they were old would have lost money if I hadn't not go to them, could not even tell

light except in Mr. Underwood's own hand into his, and Holen stared into her. "But don't you buy anything else Elizabeth and Margaret Holt tried on room. There before the long mirror the faces of two acquaintances witha variety of clothes gathered from all over the house. They had decided to with a careless, "If father isn't there, give scenes from several plays, rather think ever what he would have to say their club; and the quick changes neccasary to transform Portla into Bob

would require much practice. "It would be easy enough to do the first change," Margaret Holt was saying, "because you can wear your Portia costume right over your Bob Acre suit, but the other will make you she said, and then went back to her Don't you,"-Margaret jumped from

he wanted to be alone. It was aix took up a comb. She was trying to o'clock now; at half past six they change her colffeur from a judge's

"The man that cheated your father." "The man that cheated my father? "Dodge, the county treasurer. You don't mean to say you didn't know Wilton's whistle grew louder as Mr. She supposed of course that Elizabeth Underwood went toward his own room. knew; everyone else in Dayton knew. Elizabeth sat down on the bed "What do you mean? I don't know a

"Why, your father signed a bond or asked a little impatiently. "I'm going and Dodge has spent it, or gone off out this evening, and I wanted to get with it, or something. Oh, I wish I everything ready to dress right after hadn't said anything. I'm afraid your father didn't want you to know." "I have as much right to know as

you. Was it ten thousand dollars, Margaret ?" "You, I heard father say so. But Mr. Underwood sighed when the boy He has more money than that. I should think Helen would have told you, or Wilton," "They don't know it. They don't know it any more than I did. And I

spent four dellars for a parasel to-day! goos in for bathing, but one goes up And father didn't say a word!" She for aviation." Margaret left at once. Before she got off the porch she heard Elisabeth "Is this Mr. Baker's?" Elizabeth asked. "I want to speak to Robert

"She's calling them home," said Margaret to herself. "What will they Then Elizabeth called the Davisos or the paxt block. "Will you ask Helen to come home, please? Tell her her sister wants her,

At once, please." When she had rung off, she stood for an instant with the telephone diryou must come. Did I ever call you Would it be possible for him, he home before, Wilton Underwood? Well,

> Elizabeth ran upstairs, and after "It would be pleasant," she said to She blushed botly as she remembered that she and Margaret always

make it up. Of course he could Bhe called him; he did not answer Then she telephoned again to Helen

should do, but they must be together five years before, had long been plan- and hold some kind of a council. And first of all they must find their father. It was nine o'clock, and a storm was ussert their opinions as they will not without an umbrella. Where had he pleading that falls to hide the cylls gone? The tragic ends of some bust- they are asked to regard with symness failures flashed over her min t. What if-Elizabeth forced herself to

amile. Their father afraid? Never! Even after the second call Helen came slowly. Hhe was having a good time; why did Elizabeth want her! Elizabeth waited in a cold allence until Helen had finished. "Do you know where father is? Elizabeth said at last.

"Why, no, isn't be here- He ough not to go off. I'm sure-that Hilds is entirely trustworthy.' Helen's tone was aggrioved. "Do you know that Dodge cheated him out of ten thousand dol-

"Ten thousand dollars!" "Do you know that this whole town knows it and that father has not told us a word? Do you know why?" "No," said Helen weakly.

the door will be wide open indeed if "Bocause we are selfish beusts, every there is no way of overcoming the reone of us. Don't you suppose he's looked worried? And did any of us see it? No. Don't you-" "O Elizabeth!" her sister protested. "We are selfish beasts. And we've got to find father. He's not in his

Helen started up. "Perhaps Mr. Holt Etizabeth pulled her back. "We've got to find him ourselves. Other people know enough about it already." After that they stared into the darknoss. Back in the yard they could hear the maids laughing merrily. "We deserve to be."

Robert and Wilton came together. At first both refused to believe that anything could have occurred of sumcient importance to bring them home Elizabeth listened to their complaints to public men, and straightforward Then she said: "Do you know that father is ruined and that we can't find him?"

while she told what she knew. to send for me. And he must be in by side with the men who have fought his office, he must. I'll see." He the battle of temperance reform the vanished within doors. "I wish I had him here!" said Robert

His words were somewhat vague, but keep liquor and its evils firmly en neither of the girls doubted whom he trenched.-Globe. After that no one spoke until Wilton

"He doesn't answer," he sald in a low voice. "I called up the junitor and he said he was in his room. . He asked whether he should go and see: that perhaps there was something the matter with his telephone, but I told him no. I think that Robert and I had better go down."

"I'm going too," said Elizabeth." "And I can't stay here alone," said Helen. "Can't you get a carriage Wilton? Its' thundering." "Apd have hen pay the bill?" put in Elizaboth sharply.

The passengers in the street car stared curiously as the Underwoods got in. Wilton was in evening clothes, Elizabeth wore an embroidered waist and short skirt and Helen a party was without coat or hat, and the sleeves of his negligee shirt were rolled above his elbows. But the Underwoods hoeded no stares. Fastidious Wilton allowed Elizabeth to tuck her

out recognizing them. Wilton borrowed the junitor's keys I don't want to come all the way down again." Trombling, they climbed the stairs. There was no light over the door and the key was in the lock. Acres and then into Helen of Troy Robert flung back the doors, and in a second Wilton's hand was on the elec-

trio switch. "Futher!" called Elizabeth. Mr. Underwood answered them out of a dase! "Children! What in the

world! I believe I've been asleep." The four confronted him, with Elisabeth in the foreground. "Has Dodge cheated you out of ten thousand dollars?" she demanded. "Why, yes, something like that."

"Why didn't you tell us?" "I thought I wouldn't trouble you "You thought we were too selfish." ."Eather, there's my five thousand." Wilton cried.

"You didn't answer." said Helen "We've been sick about you." "If you say so, I'll wettle him, dad! put in Robert. Mr. Underwood turned toward then

a smiling face. "Why father don't you care?" domanded Elizabeth. For an instant Mr. Underwood did not answer. He could not be sure whicher he was dreaming now or whether the misery of the last few hours had been a dream. Then Wilton put his hand on his

shoulder, and the father laid his own "Not a hundredth part us much I did an hour ago," he answered.

A QUESTION OF DIRECTION

Professor Brander Mutthews detests the purist and the pedant. "And," he mourns, "you find them in the most unexepected places. Only recently, at He said to her, 'do you go in for aviation? 'Dear me, no,' she rippled, 'one

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WOMEN AND PROHIBITION

On all questions affecting the welfare of the race it is but natural that women should be deeply concerned, No. Holen had not started; she did and the extension of the franchise has not suppose it was so, important as given them an opportunity to bring about more speedily than under the system confining the vote to men those verands. She did not know what they reforms of a social and economic nature that are so vitally important to themselves, their families and their homes. They are not hesitating to coming. Then she remembered that fuller in recording them. They'are not she had seen him go out after dinner to be turned spide by the specious

pathetic eyes and kindly hearts. are anxious over the status the quesof the present war-time orders in Council. Illeral traffic into such Prothan it should be, can atill be kept within bounds where there is energetic effort on the part of the authorities, but

fusal of the Senate to accept the Government measure for the prolongation of prohibition for a year after the signing of the Peace Treaty. Mrs. Bentley, of Kent, in moving the resolution at the Convention, declared that the womanhood of Canada demanded that the drink evil be met in the open, and added, "Both parties in the past have taken a vallant stand on the fence." That was a biting commentary upon the manner in which

he dedged, and the way in which many others are still attempting the same As the battle on prohibition pro-

RUN ON LOWER GEAR

Many people are running on high gour. They work in a frenzy that is exceedingly trying on the delicate neryour system. They abuse the laws of nature and count on getling by without serious injury. They think they accomplish more in fact they think they cannot get their work done in any other way, But such people are mistaken. The man who turns off the most work and the best work and keeps in finest frim for work is the one who knows how to relax and how to approach his tasks calmiy. He is the one who can think deeply and can bring a full quota of his forces to bear upon the thing to be done and, when it is over, be the stronger for having done gown that left her arms bare; Robert the thing. Flurry and frenzy bring wear and tear, even if the job is put over, and leave the door on the ragged edge of collapse. Better run these hot days, brother, an intermediate. It is the only way to be sure of not falling into low or running the risk of being

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It was fitting that the importance women have assumed in the political aphere of modern life should have been signalized at the National Liberal Convention in a resolution moved and seconded by women, and carried without a dissenting voice, advocating supplemental Federal legislation for the affective "enforcement of restrictive or probibitive legislation enacted by any Province." Supporters of prohibition ion of importation of liquor into dry Provinces will assume after the lapse vinces at present, though always larger

many men have in the past attempted to evade an lasue that can no longer

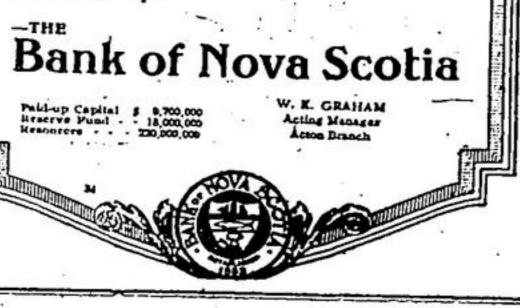
gresses, in Ontario in particular at this time, plain questions will be put answers will be requested. It may take the women a few years, as some men argue, to understand the finer After that the boys sat very quietly points of politics, though many of them have little to learn now in that re-"Oh, but Elizabeth,' Wilton began, spect, but they require no study to father has a great deal more than ten convince themselves on the rights and thousand dollars. Oh, it was all right wrongs of the prohibition issue. Bide women will advance to the attack upon a foe to bumanity that for many years the weapons' that men have used

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