"It was dear of Mr. Bashford to

gentleman, a man of esthetic tastes,

and the girl was adorable. More re-

markable things had happened in the

that two such persons, meeting in a

far corner of the world, would honestly

"You stopped at Hartford," I began,

- "Not one! I had made a plous

"Our introduction is complete," 1

"I rather thought we understand

encla etter." she said in her even,

he disapproved of me for refusing to

"I know that; but I think he liked

It was at the tip of my tendue to

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from cellar to garret that we didn't

explore. It was highly creditable to

As we were on our way down-stairs

of the idea that I should tell Torrence

him as soon as we reached the hall.

when she comes you have flowers

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NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF CLURKS-1. Wm. Panton, Milton; 2. W. S. Savage, Oakville; and Jinrickisha flourish.

8. J. A. Tracy, Georgetown; 4. Geo, R. Agnew, Acton; 5. Wm. Frazer Campbellville; I had brought with me 6. W. J. Stuart, Burlington. General Sections of the Peace and County Court Sittings with or without Jury, 12th Script of Searles play, and I fell upon the first of the December, on opening days at 1

Clerk of the Peace.

the open country, where she ran wild all summer, aiding her father in colner that only the cheer and joy

MILTON, THURSDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1928.

had educated the girl in such a manlife were known to her. Hating manthe history of the storied valley in which she lived, was a sealed book

The girl's curiosity is roused by the sudden appearance of strangers from the unknown world beyond, whom she mystifies by her quaint old-world-Searles had taken an old theme and given a novel twist to it. The solution of the mystery of the father's exile and an amusing complication of lovers afforded a suspensive interest well sustained to the In the last act the girl appears at a ball at a country house in sophis-

the key of mirth in which it began. CHISHOLM modernization of Diana, Atalanta, Cinderella, and Rosalind; but even in the typewritten page it was amazingly alive and well calculated to Sales Conducted and Satisfaction Guaranteed. evoke tears and laughter. That play so enthralling should be buried in a safety-vault was not to be thought of, and I sat down and wrote Searles a long letter demanding that he at once forget the lost star for Auctioneer, with 20 years' experience whom he had written the piece, suggesting the names of several wellknown actresses I thought worth considering for the difficult leading role. Not satisfied with this, I telephoned

a telegram to the agent at Barton; for transmission to Searles at the Ohio). address he had given me. The next day passed without incident, and on the second, hearing nothing from Torrence, I began doubt Mrs. Bashford's proximity. On the third, still hearing nothing, I harkened to an invitation from friends This agency is valuable-our stock runabout for dinner. It was midnight when I got back, and when I reached

the gates several men dashed out of the lodge and halted me. "She's come, sir," announced Antoine, emerging from the darkness, arrived, sir!"

"Why not Cleopatra or the Queen in of Sheba?" I exclaimed testily to cover my annoyance that my aunt had effected her descent in my absence. "Well, she was expected; the house is hers; what do you want me to do about it?" I ended with affected jocularity. "We received her the best we could;

but it was most unfortunate, your not being here, sir." you reflect the lady's sentiments? I'm properly humiliated either way. Tell me just what she said."

"Well, sir, she just laughed when I took the liberty of apologizing." "The sneering laughter of outraged · Go ahead and give me the madame sent it away. The driver

"It was at ten she came, sir, and the lng. One of the rear tires was quite ing to swallow the ball. guard held her up, not recognizing blown away."



sible. I fully expect to leave the reservation for good just one Hour "The House Is in Order, I Judge."

she's motoring, we can't just time her arrival, but when I get a wire that she's on the way I'll telephone you And, of course, after she gets here courtesy of a lodging for the night?" sorr," he remarked, eyeing my half. "She's retired, sir. There was a lady "Very soon, Flynn." with her; maybe a maid; I can't

to the garage, feeling that with Mrs. sir, to make her comfortable. the residence even as a loafing-place but quite human-like. I hope you'll keep pesterin' us and callin' us Huns was unbecoming. Mrs Bashford was pardon us, sir, which was due to not "It's most disagreeable we find it,

Barton at any hour. And the vigor the morning she'll probably bounce the watchword! We will hope that Mrs. ous, dominating woman who had cap- whole lot of us. An old lady fatigued Bashford is a woman of sound sense tured my uncle Bash, buried him in from a journey cross country and and tact who will exert herself to a far country, and then effected a hop, shot at on her own premises —its a restore peace on her property. When

spender of gasoline. Her propensity effort to continue the recital.

for traveling encouraged the hope "You say an old lady, sir: the h ope "You say an old lady, sir; the mis- You haven't, I suppose, seen the widow tress is not really what you would yet—she's probably sleeping late." that she would quickly weary of Barton call so old-not exactly, sir." "Really a youngish party, I should been up and around for an hour an' - and pine for lands where the elephant say," volunteered Graves, the gardener, more. She's been all over the place

Just what these veterans would call and stopped for a squint at the garage, I had brought with me the manuold was a matter of conjecture. "Young or old, she would hardly

bread is the finest food on earth—the one food that everybody eats — that everybody likesand that agrees with

Drove Past the House.

at my head. Involuntarily I put up lived at Hartford, I came through my hand and caught it just as she there to render my fullest homage. saw me and cried out—a cry of warn- He has always been one of my heroes, ing and contrition. I tossed the ball you know."

"What must you think of me!" she said reverently. "Let's consider ourexclaimed. "I was blinded by the selves old friends." sunlight and I didn't see you-really

"I had no business being in the mellow tones. "You know, we had way," I laughed, noting first her your photograph out East-a very glowing color, her violet eyes- good one, it seems-so I had an idea amazingly fine eyes they were—her of what you looked like. fair hair with its golden glint, her "He was very fond of you. He plain black gown with lawn collar was very proud that you had gone and wristbands. It was her age, how- into the war." ever, that roused me to instant spec- \_\_ "I am glad to hear that; I thought lulation. Twenty-five, I decided, was a maximum; more likely she was not more than twenty-two, and if I had go into business. He offered me a been told that eighteen was the total substantial interest before he sold of her years I shouldn't have had the out.

heart to dispute it. over now"; whereupon Rex obediently ship was even more

sprawled in the sand and began trywas a good deal upset over the shoot-"Wasn't that silly of me to try to "You're in luck if he doesn't have kill you the first time we met?" Her his short illness and quite unexpected car wouldn't stop the boys chased her you all arrested to-morrow." I remarks eyes danced with merriment. "I didn't death. "Mrs. Bashford seemed quite amused But you made a very nice catch of house—at the door, sir—the guard by the occurrence," Antoine continued. it! I had expected to receive you house—at the door, sir—the guard ""Worderful America!" she kept our I had forgotten how trying Torrence was very harsh with her, sir, most in often word got her incide. We most formally in the drawing-room, ing after we'd got her inside. We but this really serves very well. That gave her tea, which was all she asked tree down yonder is inviting; suppose for. We did our best to make her we stay out here and talk a bit." sir. I recall that the master was not

wholly charming and

Flynn appeared, frightened by my I'm very sorry." I wakened early, rang a bell con-

necting my rooms with the chauffeur's end of the garage as a warning to the Flynns to prepare breakfast, and was dressed when the Irish-"You certainly made a mess of it!" man came in with the tray. In the I ejaculated. "But you did let her absence of a morning paper I clung

by this disclosure.

packed trunk. "Then Elsie and I will be going exactly say; and we did everything, too, sorr. It's most uncomfortable Bashford on American soil my use of was not what you might say fuesy, rest. That Antoine and his army

not only in America, but with a motor being warned."

At her command she might reach "Oh, it's all right with me, but in "Suffer and be strong—that's the skip, and jump from Bangkok to very pretty story."

Seattle, was likely to be a prodigal

Antoine was swallowing hard in his my adieus I shall speak to her of the

you know, and send a message to Mi. Torrence from there, but I found that yesterday. And you know we English be coming up to-day and to make a

always expect strange things to happen in America. I don't understand yet weak attempt-to explain the nervousness of the veteran servants and their

as to the course taken by Mrs. Bash. display of violence. Her arrival made it likely that we should soon know ford when she left the garage. more about the "parties" whose visits off and inquiries had so alarmed Antoine toward the Sound and stepped quite brisk-like."

It was the serenest of September all the humor I could throw into the mornings, and I hurried away, think- recital of the drilling of the bell-hops ing the cloudless blue arch, the and of the uncomfortable relations twinkling sea, and the crisp air might between the Allied forces serve to soften my aunt's displeasure. Teutonic minority on the estate. conservatories I caught a glimpse of provide a home for these people; woman on the beach—a slender, wasn't he really the kindest soul that agile woman, throwing a ball for the ever lived?" she said softly. amusement of a fox-terrier. The two | She gazed wistfully seaward, and I were having no end of a good time. saw the gleam of tears on her long She laughed joyfully when the ball lashes. My uncle had, then, meant fell into her hands and the terrier something to her! No one, in speech or manner, could have suggested the

ness for a chance to redeem himself. adventuress less; uncle Bash was a barked his discomfiture and eager-Antoine's equivocal statement as to Mrs. Bashford's age was ridiculous. whom I was prepared to meet, here history of love and marriage than Instead of the middle-aged woman was beyond question a vigorous, healthy being whose every movement spoke for youth and the joy of life. care for each other. It might, after all, be the maid of whom Antoine had spoken. I reached breaking a long silence. "You have a low stone wall that separated the friends there-?" lawn from the beach just as she effected a running pick-up of the ball. pilgrimage to Mark Twa a's last home She turned swiftly and flung it straight at Redding, and hearing that he had

"Bob Singleton," I said and stupidly added, "and you are Mrs. Bashford?" means to an end. And it was doubly turning the statement into an inquiry. "I am your aunt Alice," she said was free to enjoy the heartiful dancing terrier; "lie down; school's

know of course that any one was about. This struck me as the pleasantest Antoine spoke truly; if there was died in my mouth. This girl, this both? I shall think you resent my was a dog, but I reflected that a young woman, was the monstrous be- every ing I had conjectured as the globetrotting widow who had kidnaped and teresting woman. I am sure you will

powers of persuasion was intensified widow when she married him. The thing was staggering, bewildering. To make sure nothing was required She was clearly anxious to be friendly, of me until morning, I drove past the but nothing that I had thought of footboard. The lower rooms were "In the first place," I finally began, dark, but lights twinkled through the "I must apologize most humbly for established on the premises, and her murder you last night. Mr. Torrence coming and the circumstances of her had promised to let me know when

advent constituted a good joke of you would reach here, but he must young person, but as unaffectedly corwhich I and not she was the victim. have forgotten it. I had motored to dial and friendly as in the bright When I reached my quarters in the a friend's house to dine and didn't get morning sunlight. garage I sat down and laughed until back until the mischief was done. noisy mirth that had penetrated to his "Not for the world would I have Subscribe for the Champion to-day

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