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hear further from him." angrily. "Of course I've got to advise Milton Ont. Office-Cours House. THOMAS A. HUTCHINSON

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their lives here."

when Antoine arrested me.

think she's quite charming and de that I might meet them daily for the rapidly for one of my age!"

every way." doesn't seem fitting in a widow and we rose from the table, Alice said, with els to call upon two agreeable women her so lately bereaved. And the older the air of asking an unimportant fa- he had met on a Pacific steamer. Poslady's quite as bad, sir. The maids vor: tell me they keep talking all day about

each other. The late master never indulged in such things, sir." "He would have lived longer if he fairies that attracted him to Mrs. Bashford."

"Yes, sir," he acquiesced with a gulp. "I suppose you're right, sir." "You should be grateful to Mrs. the row you made last night. It could be done; in fact, Mr. Torrence has suggested that legal means could be found for getting rid of you." "That would be very sad, sir," he

said humbly. "Isn't Mrs. Bashford kind to you? Hasn't she taken pains to make you all feel at home?" "Well, yes, sir. But she's taken El-

sie back into the house, and there's no work for her, there being two women in the laundry already; and she's told me Dutch must be given his old place in charge of the poultry; and both beng Germans, you will recall." "It's just her kind heart, you idiot!

"It causes feeling; that's all, sir." "It needn't cause it if you brace up Auctioneer, with 20 years' experience ger turns up again."

"The guard's set, sir; front and tle, haven't we, Constance?"

Please tell the boys to send for me tion," she protested. if they see any prowlers about."

about spirits, we'd all feel better, sir." dently lying in wait for us." "You're far from being a fool, An- "Delightful!" I exclaimed. believed in ghosts, you may be sure Farnsworth. they wouldn't talk about it at table "Far from it!" cried Alice. before strangers like you and me."

a moment later, as I was drawing ventures," said Mrs. Farnsworth. "The down the shades in my bedroom, I man pretends to be interested in Mr. saw him running across the lawn like Bashford's art treasures. Antoine a frightened rabbit.

CHAPTER III.

The morning mail brought a letter suit. With you and the army of servfrom Searles acknowledging my con- ants here we feel perfectly safe; so enthusiastic praise pleased him, he show his hand." was very scornful of my suggestions, when he talked to me. "It's impossible for me to plan other tiful."

work. 'Lady Larkspur' ate the soul out of me. I'm done; finished, clean out of the running. There's only this to report. I had a letter from Dalton saying that some time ago he asked at the hotel where he sent the script of 'Lady Larkspur' to know whether Miss been called for by some one whose identity was not disclosed. Of course "Was this inquirer lame—a small this isn't much to hang a rope on, but OFFIER-TOWN HALL MILTON, ONT dark man with a black mustache?" I if that play is what I think it is and asked, suddenly interested. "Such a Miss Violet Dewing ever reads it she's person has been hanging about here, going to jump for the telegraph office the moment she finishes the last act. h

"Not at all! I may as well tell you I have no plans for returning East; it was Raynor—you probably remem- the folks at home let me do as I ber him. He's a specialist in interna- please, and it's a relief to be in seclutional law, and they took him into the sion where I hear nothing of the dostate department just after the Lusie ings of Broadway. I hope your antania business. He's a gentleman and cient globe-trotting aunt still lingers good fellow-I've played golf with in the far East! Keep the ink flowhim a good deal—and I hated to lie to ing, son. That novel ought to be well

him, but I thought I'd see this woman under way when I get back." before telling him she had reached The tale I had begun seemed utter trash in comparison with the story of I confess that I was a trifle dis-Alice Bashford, in which, much mayed by this. Raynor I knew slight- against my will, I had become a minor Professionally and socially he character. I had rather prided myself stood high, and even without the pres- on my ability to see through a plot in tige of his official position he was not the first chapter of the most complia chap to sneeze at; but I didn't want cated mystery story, but there were

to the perfect authenticity of my un- baffled me. I kept away from the house until "Yes; quite easy. Count Montani is "Oh, every transcontinental pilgrim dinner-time, when I was received quite very anxious to see the porcelains." is probably scrutinized closely these as an old friend by Alice and Mrs. "I wasn't referring to the pottery; days," I remarked carelessly. "Mrs. Farnsworth. The table talk was of but I shan't press the matter." Bashford has lost a brother in the Celtic poetry, and proved less disturb- "I advise you not to; your remark

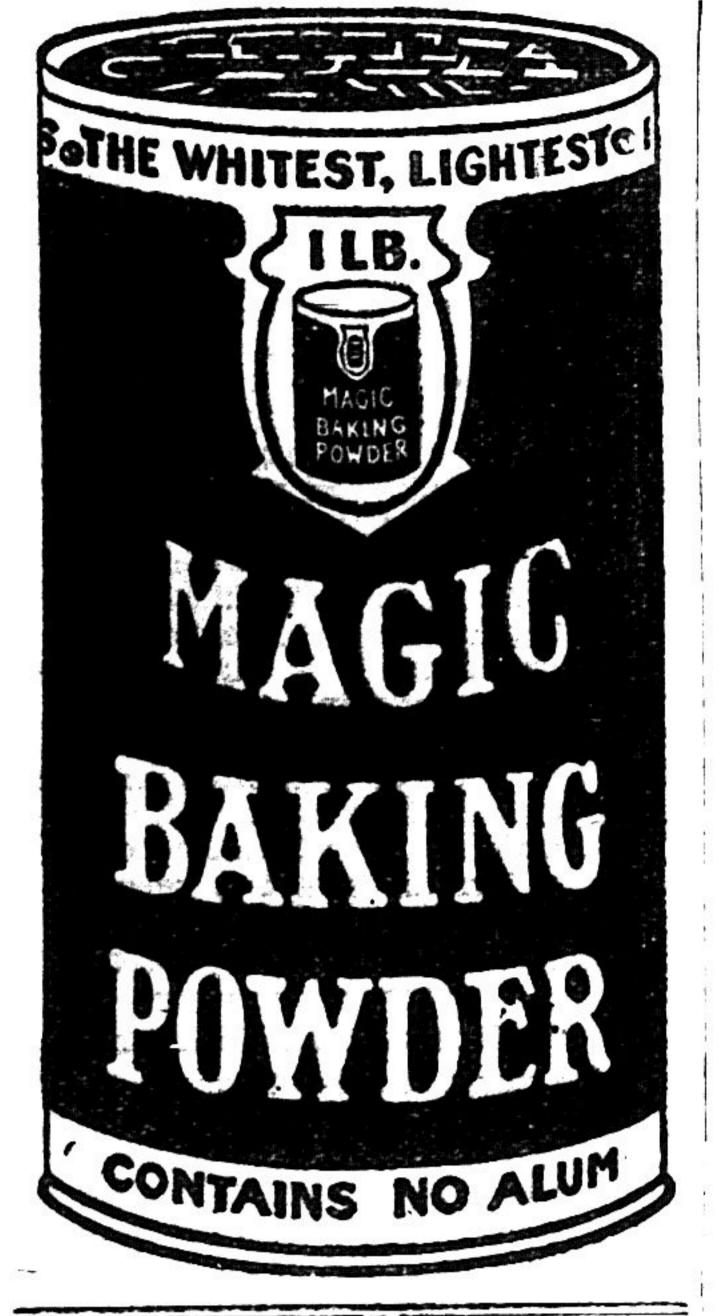
more bitterly against Germany. And night's discussion of ghosts. plained, in a further examination of going to ask a favor. He telephoned "I don't like the business," he de my uncle's Japanese loot, and they had from Stamford this afternoon to know taken a long walk beyond the estate's whether we had arrived, and I bade "Let's do nothing foolish," I insisted. boundaries and were enthusiastic him call tonight. I should be glad if

"If Raynor has reason to suspect about the landscape. "It's so beautifully peaceful all should like to know what you make of about here," Alice murmured. "I feel him." "I've put myself in a hole," he said, that I never want to move again." "That's a real tribute to America," she had taken me into her confidence him immediately that Mrs. Bashford Mrs. Farnsworth remarked; "for Alice and deeply curious as to the Italian dearly loves new scenes. She inher- connoisseur. What she had told me so

"Just wait a few days; I undertake ited a taste for travel from her father, frankly and plausibly did not, howto keep them under surveillance; you who put some new places on the maps, ever, touch upon the matter of the inme. If they attempt to leave, I'll warn I didn't know and I wanted to ask partment in my aunt's arrival at Baryou and Raynor instantly, but they questions about Alice's father, but as ton, which troubled me much more have settled themselves as though though anxious to frustrate such in than the antics of the Italian who had

were to the place made famous by Is- Count Montani arrived shortly and I told him of Mrs. Bashford's adven- rael Putnam's spectacular escape from was received in the drawing room. The tures in reaching the house without the British. She had read the story ladies greeted him with the greatest convincing him that there was any- and would motor to the scene, she de- cordiality. As he crossed the room I thing funny in her experiences, and he clared. It was quite clear that there verified the limp and other points of left on my promise to report to him were chapters in her life that were not Antoine's description. His bearing daily at a given hour and instantly if to be opened for my perusal. No was that of a gentleman; and in his anything unusual occurred. I was on sooner had I caught a glimpse of a very correct evening dress he hardly my way back through the grounds promising page than the book was po- looked like a man who would disguise litely closed. A curtain hung between himself and attempt to rob a house. "Pardon me, but I'd like to ask what the immediate present at Barton-on- He spoke English all but perfectly and you think of it, sir?" he asked hoarse the Sound and other scenes and inci- proceeded at once to talk a great deal. dents of the girl's life; and Mrs. "If you mean what do I think of Farnsworth was equally detached from narrowly missed you at Seattle, and

lightful and all any one could ask in rest of my life in this same friendly



and act like a man," I retorted. Then, man who has been asking for us here. sorry I had been so harsh, I added: His visits have alarmed the servants, "We must take good care of Mrs. but there is nothing to fear from him. Bashford, Antoine. It would be your You know"—she smiled at Mrs. Farnsold master's wish. It would be wise worth—"it's rather he who seems to to keep a guard at the house for the fear us; that, at least, is our imprespresent in case your mysterious stran- sion, though we have no idea why he should do so. Still, it's rather good He couldn't have failed to note my fun to find yourself an object of spechange of tone about the unknown cial attention and to be followed, even pursued. We've even led him on a lit-

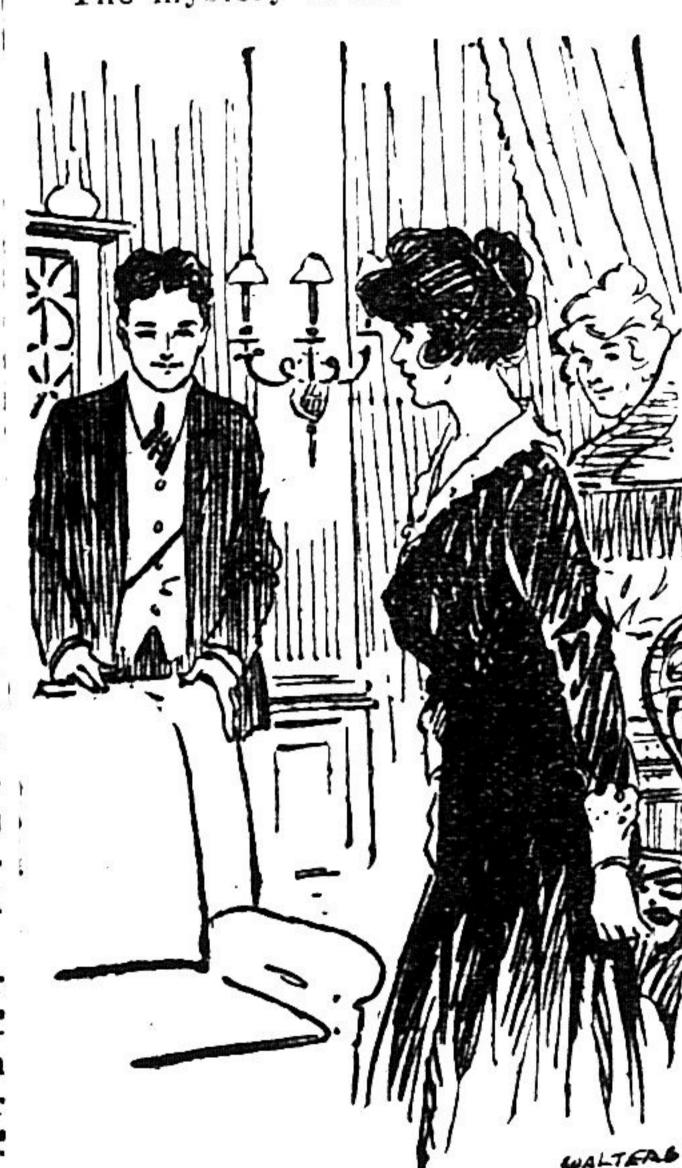
"Very good, sir. But if you please, find him crossing on our steamer. We possible combination. sir"—he had reached the garage and threw him off in the Canadian Rockies, There is no severer test of grace I am always curio he lingered, fingering his hat nervous- where we stopped for a day, and eludly-"if it wasn't for the ladies talking ed him in Chicago, where he was evi- than a woman's manner of using a fan. maker's imprimatur. I

toine. Those ladies just play at be- "But please don't get the idea that

"You've seen enough of us perhaps Though this seemed to impress him, o understand that we enjoy little adstory about the disguise is rather against that; but we will give him the benefit of the doubt. What we are hoping is that something really amusing may come of his persistent pur-

gratulations on his play. While my we're for giving him every chance to "He is the Count Giuseppe Montani," seeming even more depressed than said my aunt, "who represents himself as a connoisseur—a lover of the beau-

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Torrence to know I had any doubts as points in this unwritten tale that to understand why he has haunted the

Their day had been spent, they ex- know of this Italian gentleman. I am you would remain until he leaves.

"Certainly," I assented, pleased that

they expected to spend the rest of quiries my aunt asked how close we followed the women across the Pacific. "I was sad when I found I had so

His age might have been thirty. He Tashion without adding a particle to was a suave, polished, sophisticated person. Nothing was more natural spookish things, Mr. Singleton. It I became alert immediately when, as than that he should pause in his travsibly he was in love with Alice Bash-

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strikingly beautiful tonight than I had room lights." thought her before. She was again in I was gone hat Mrs. Farnsworth laughingly admit- white-it was only in daytime that she When I reached "While there's no danger whatever ted that they had led the gentleman wore black-and white was exceeding. door Montani it's just as well to take no chances, on a trifle, "but with all circumspec- ly becoming to her. As we talked she to the table plied listlessly a fan—a handsome dropped the fan : immediately at any hour of the night. "We met him here and there in trinket of ostrich plumes. A pretty closely. He faced Tokyo, and later were surprised to woman and a fan are the happiest moment he deter

A clumsy woman makes an implement sian who is the leading inc. of this plaything, flourishing it to em- of the world. But it is phasize her talk, or, what is worse, see." lieving in such rubbish. If they really he man annoys us," interposed Mrs. pointing with it like an instructor be- As we stood talking of other instructions. fore a blackboard. But in graceful he plied the fan carelessis hands it is unobtrusive, a mere bit of for the pleasure of the fall "

decoration that teases and fascinates exhaled, and when Aller and when put it down carefully whether he the beholder's eye. With all his polse and equanimity I found it. was distinctly conscious that Monta- He really did seem to line and ni's dark eyes were intent upon the idly thing about ceramics and plant in swaying fan. I thought at first it was, lively enthusiasm, the places in the her hands that interested him as they been set out on the table. The unfailingly interested me, but when, as to whose authenticity my to be he i from time to time, she put down the entertained serious doubles. Maintifan his gaze still followed it. And yet unhesitatingly pronounce I gentulie at I

there was nothing novel in the delicate stated very plausible reasons for h combination of ivory and feathers. I opinion. had seen many fans that to all appear- On the whole, he was an interest it ances were just like it. Once, as she fellow. When he had to picked it up and lazily opened it, I saw spections he lingered for the interest him bend forward eagerly, then, find- minutes and took his in the ing that I had noted his eagerness, he that he was spending the had it rose, pretending that a brass screen inn near Stamford. before the fireplace had caught his eye, "Well," said Alice when the and asked whether it was not a Flor- his machine had died and the entine production, which shook my you think of him?"

faith in his connoisseurship, as I had "A very agreeable gentleman. I at-

bought the thing myself from a New swered. "If he doesn't know I order

York brassworker who had made it to lains, he fakes his talk admirably." "And as to fans-" suggested Mrs. my order. Montani spoke of the porcelains. Farnsworth. "Oh, to be sure! They don't show to, I had not intended to mention Monbest advantage in electric light, do tant's interest in Alice's fan, and the they? But I can have a few of the remark surprised me. prize pieces taken into the dining- "Oh, I saw it all from the library," laughed Mrs. Farnsworth. "My back room," said Alice. Mrs. Farnsworth had excused her- was to the door, but I was in the self to finish a letter, and from my mirror. The moment you at i Acces

the big desk in the library. Alice rang the fan-pounced is the "Oh, don't trouble," she said. "An- caught him examined it

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