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he said, "You're only a boy. You want patting my pillow just like my grandto get on in the world, don't you? mother used to when I was a little I'm offering you a good chance: the kid and had the mumps or the measles best you ever had. You don't owe "Are you still reaming around in the Norcross anything more than your Oregon woods?" job, do you?"

show you what I can do for you in a big trees from falling on me and better field than railroading ever was, smashing me. or ever will be. It'll pay you-" and he named a figure that very nearly sort of feebly. And then: "Where made me fall dead out of my chair. Of course, it was all plain enough. The boss had him on the hip with that at Cousin Batil's. They wanted to kidnaping business, with me for a take you to the railroad hospital that Norcross', we must never lisp it to a witness. And he was trying to fix the night, but when they telephoned up

bushes any longer, Mr. Hatch," I said, brought you home with him in the ambracing up to him. "I haven't told bulance." the sheriff, or anybody but Mr. Nor- "That night," you say?" I parroted cross, what I know about a certain "It was last night that the door fell little train hold-up that happened a on me. wasn't it?" few weeks ago down at Sand Creek! "I don't know anything about a door, siding; but that isn't saying that I'm but the night that they found you all not going to."

mouse, I might have known that I ago. You have been out of your head was no match for such a man; but nearly all the time ever since." I lacked the sense-lacked it good and Burnt and crippled? What hap-"You're like your boss," he said

of your way to make an enemy when day you'd be able to tell us. Can't there is no need of it. That hold-up you tell me now, Jimmie?" joke!" I retorted.

"I know he didn't; and that's why | "And you say I've been here hangwe're all anxious now to dig a hole ing on by my eyelashes for three days? and bury the thing decently. Perhaps What has been going on in all that we had all been taking a drop too time. Maisie Ann? Hasn't anybody much at the club dinner that night." kicked the whose kettle of fat into nearly. Mr. Van Britt has been up

"Of course, it was a joke!" I rip- He has been awfully anxious for you. ped out. "And your coming here to to come alive." night to try to hire me away from Mr. "But Mr. Norcross?" I Nercross is another. The woods are "Hasn't he been up?" full of good shorthand men, Mr. Hatch, She shook her head and turned her is all right. Have you heard any frightened look come but for the present I think I shall face away, and she was looking thing from Mr. Norcross yet?"

"That's all nensense, and you know Jimmie?" it—if you're not too much of a kid to know anything," he snapped, shooting out his heavy jaw at me. "I merely wanted to give you a chance to get, rid of the railroad collar, if you felt, I like a fighting man; and you've got nerve. Take a night and I sleep on it. Maybe you'll think dif-

ferently in the morning." The Chiropractor, CATER & WORTH get off with a whole skin, but by this time I was completely lost to any

desk for quite a little while before. remembered the two telegrams, and the fact that I'd have to go and stick the three-bladed knife into Mr. Northe messages into my pocket, flicked

town and hunt for the boss. headquarters stair in the dark and outside door that served for the stair train for the East." case entrance from the street. When know just what. In the Hay little shoulders.

the sun was shining brightly through away; one from Mr. Chadwick and the

ple-faced woman in a nurse's cap and liver them when I got shot; but I didn't.
apron start to get up from where she liver them when I got shot; but I didn't. was sitting by the window. Before Instead, I said: "And you think that uld come over to the bed, some was why Mr. Norcross threw up his, ahead of nursey. I had to blink hard ly make up my mind that the tip-toer know what it was," and at that she was Maisie Ann. She looked as if she down among the pillows. might be the nurse's understudy.

When he got ready to speak again "You poor, poor boy!" she cooed,

That brought my dream, or one of them, back; the one about wandering Put on your hat around in a forest of Douglas fir and to having to jump and dodge to keep the "No more woods for mine," I said,

here to try to find Mr. Norcross, "I guess we needn't best about the Cousin Basil went right down and

burnt and crippled, lying at the foot If I had had the sense of a field of your office stairs, was three days

pened to me, Maisie Ann?" "Nobody knows; not even the docshortly. "You'd go a long distance out tors. We've been hoping that some

business was a joke, from start to I told her all there was to tell. finish. I don't know how you and Nor- mumbling around among the words cross came to get in on it; the joke the best I could. Then she told me was meant to be on John Chadwick. how the headquarters watchman had The night before, at a little dinner we found me about midnight; with my were giving him at the railroad club, right hand scorched black and the he said there never was a railroad rest of me apparently dead and ready hold-up that couldn't have been stood to be buried. The ambulance surgeon off. A few of us got together after- had insisted, and was still insisting ward and put up a job on him; sent that I had been handling a live wire; him over to Strathcona and arranged but there were no wires at all in the to have him held up on the way back." lower hall, and nothing stronger than ---Mr. Chadwick didn't take it as a an incandescent light current in the entire office building.

At that I swelled up man-size and | She gave a little nod. "Everyhody,

can find me when I'm ting sun when she asked, "When was ing that you could tell us something can help." the last time you saw Mr. Nercross, when you should recover sufficiently "I'm well enough new, if they'll



she wanted to know. office I don't recall anything particular ing that he had made up his mind down easy. except that I felt my way down the that the Pioneer Short Line wasn't Mr. Van Britt has told you about worth fighting for, and that he was those two telegrams that came after groped across the lower hall to the resigning and taking the midnight Mr. Norcross left the office." I said,

I had felt around and found the brass have had to do it if both arms had were probably in the pocket of my knob, something happened, I didn't been burnt to a crisp clear to the coat right now, wherever that was fraction of a second that I had left. | Shoulders. | Should | Shou as you might say, between the hearse I don't believe that for a single minthat the door was falling over on me She was shoking her head again stealent in the circle won are not and mashing me flat, and after that, sell without purning her face so that selling the tenth new, Jimmie. You wed like an endiem succession of there were no reservoirs that come least affile to

other from Mr. Dunton. I heard Mr.

and my pocket and was on my way to desort. I know what it was, and you

"What was it?" I\_whispered, more than half afraid that I was going to hear a confirmation of my own breathwas frilled and tucked to a fare-you taking conviction. And I heard it, "It was what I was telling you

> You told him what I told you, didn't "No; I didn't have a chance not

any real chance." "Then somebody else told him, Jim mie; and that is the reason he has resigned and gone away. Mr. Van Britt thinks it was on account of the two messages from Mr. Chadwick and Mr. Dunton, and that is why he wants to talk to you about it. But, you know, and I know, Jimmie, dear; and for Cousin Sheila's sake and Mr. has been appointed, and he is on his way out here from New York. Everything has gone to pieces on the rail road, and all of Mr. Norcross' friends, are getting ready to resign. Isn't it perfectly heart-breaking?"

It was; it was so heart-breaking Have you ever known of his doing Museum. that I just gasped once or twice and anything like that before?" went off the books again, with Maisie I had to admit that I hadn't; that, Ann's frightened little shrick ringing on the other hand, it was the very in my ears as she tried to hold me thing you'd least expect back from slipping over the edge.

CHAPTER VI

What Every Man Knows---I wasn't gone very long on this see time!" I protested. "What was Mr shaded electric light was turned on Mr. Dunton threatening to fire him?" when I opened my eyes and found "The thing he wouldn't do would Mrs. Sheila sitting by the bedside. be to go off and leave all of his The change in Mrs. Shella sort of friends. Mr. Van Britt and Mr. Hormade me gasp. She wasn't any less nack, and all the rest, to fight pretty as she sat there with her hands alone. You know that as well as I clasped in her lap, but she was dif- do, Jimmie Dodds!"

ferent; sober, and with the laugh all gone out of the big gray eyes, and a look in them as if she had suddenly become so wise that nobody could ever fool her. asked, when she found me staring at

I told her I guessed I was, but that my hand hart me some. "You have had a great shock of some kind-besides the burn, Jimmie," she rejoined, folding up the bed covers that the bandaged hand would rest easier. "The doctors are all puzzled. every day, and sometimes twice a day. Does your head feel quite clear now-

so that you can think?" "It feels as if I had a crazy clock "Not a word. We have been hop- hurry up and get well, Jimmie, so you to talk. Can't you, Jimmie?"

hooks, I thought I might tell her a with Cousin Basil. He has been very across our Northern Canadian terris other countries, so far as can be lot if I dared to. But that wouldn't anxious to talk with you as soon as tory, where fishing streams are to be proved in the laboratory. "I told Maisie Ann all I knew about him up?"

the boss didn't have any," I

"It wasn't a quarrel?" she suggested.

"Because nobody has seen him since I saw how it was. She was trying a little later that same night," she to find some explanation that would said, saying it very softly and with, clear the boss, and perhaps implicate cross. When I did remember, I shoved out turning her head. And then: "Mr. the Hatch crowd. I couldn't tell her Van Britt found a letter from Mr. the real reason why he had run away. It was just a little typewritten note, about that; we must keep it to our After closing the outer door of the on a Hotel Bullard letter sheet, say two selves. But I tried to let her

I sat straight up in bed; I should grams hadn't been delivered—that they They were enough to make any man

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good a right to the old house as Bri-In one sense, it was the birthwithin its walls that the Pilgrim Fathers assembled before they em-

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strangely from British lips. one contends that the Elgin a

on to my sham belief that it was the thing he had done: either that, or "Every man reaches his limit, some

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"I have," she flashed back, "and I want you to hurry and get well so that you can help me trace it out. "Me?" I queried.

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"What do you think?" I asked.

you were able to talk. May I send

Of course I said yes; and pretty little time before I did-with Mr. Rip- soon after she went away, our one ley. I didn't know where they were and only millionaire came in. He looked as he always did; just as h "Mr. Ripley says they sat in the Turkish bath where they shave and

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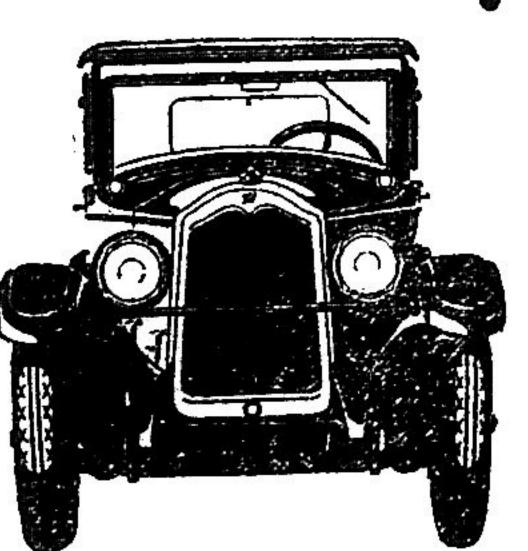
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Association. To-day it is almost an fine roads over which he can ride in perfect comfort and enjoy beauaccomplished fact. From Halifax on tiful scenery, but the pleasures of a the east to Sault Ste. Marie at the vacation in Canada are not held out though it was night-time, and the Mr. Chadwick getting scared out, and a fine highway, with only a ferry two event railways have from coast

ed for traffic this year. There is every means, comfortable touring camps prospect that the Kenora and Luke are situated along all the main of the Woods district will be opened travelled routes where you can live "You are feeling better now?" she stupid! even Mr. Van Britt and Mr. sked, when she found me staring at Ripley. They insist that Mr. Norcross has already a number of sections humble "bus" or the highest priced. built that need only linking up. The touring car that money can buy the

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