count of Aunt Judy's encounter with the pur- nolia Park was charming ; but a close inspec-OUEENIE HETHERTON.

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CHAPTER XLVII.

MAGNOLIA PARK.

Thirty years before our story opens, Mag nolia Park was one of the finest places in middle Florida. + But after the death of Mrs Hetherton, who had been born and married there, and who spent a part of every winter in her old home, there was no one left to care particularly for it, as Mr. Hetherton had lands enough of his own to look after. So the place began to go down, and when the war swep like a wave of fire over the South, it was lef tenantless and unprotected save by an old negro, Uncle Sim, and his wife, Aunt Judy who lived in the whitewashed cabin on the

grounds, paying no heed to the rumors of freedom which reached them from time to time, as the terrible conflict between brother and prother went on. They were as free as they ever wished to be, they said, and all they asked was to be left alone and left to die on the old place. So they staid, and did their best to guard the house of which they were so proud, and which, at two different times, was made a kind of hotel for the soldiery, who were acouring the country. A night and a day the Boys in Blue halted there, carrying off whatever they conveniently could of the many valuable articles with which the house was furnished, and one of them, an officer having a hand to hand fight with old Judy who tried to wreuch from him a pair of silve candlesticks he was stuffing in his pockets. He took away the candle-ticks and also a black eye and a bloody nose which Aunt Judy had given him as a memente of his stay a Magnolia Park.

A week later, and a party of the Boys in Gray swooped down upon the boys in gent the night in the house and fed ou Judy's corn cakes and bacon and killed Uncle Sim's big turkey and turned the once hand some rooms into barracks, but were pre vented from committing as extensive depra dations as their predecessors had done, simply because, aside from the six legged piano, on which they pounded Dixie vigorously, and the massive bedsteads and chairs and tables. there was little or nothing to steal. Warned by the lesson learned from their first visitors Sim and Judy had dug a deep hole at the side of their cabin, and lining it with blankets had filled it with the remaining valuables of the house; then covering them with another heavy blanket, they heaped dirt and sand upon them, and built over the spot a rude hen-house, where several motherly henbrooded over their young chickens. After this, Sim and Judy lived in comparative easuntil the war was over and peace and quie reigned once more in Florida. Then the pre mises were let to a young Kentuckian, wh soon grew tired off his bargain, and gave i

, and the house was empty again. When Mr. Deresford first took charge o the Hetherton estate, he wrote to Frederick asking why he did not sell the Florida lands which yielded him nothing. But this Fred-erick would not do. Maguolia Park had been changed his mother's home, and a place where, as boy, he had been very happy; and, as h could afford to keep it, he wrote to that effect to Mr. Beresford, telling him to let it if he could, and if not. to let it alone. So Mr Beresford let it alone except when some on wished to rent a few acres of the land, which

was the case when Reinette decided to go here,' she thought. there. Then he wrote to the man whose planation adjoined Magnolia Park, telling him that a daughter of the late Mr Hetherton was about to visit Florida, and asking Lim to see that a few of the rooms were made comfortable for her. Unfortun-ately this lettor was miscarried or lost, so that Reinette's arrival was wholly unexpected and produced the utmost consternation in the white washed cabin, where Uncle Sim and Judy were taking their evening meal, and feeding the four dogs hanging around

Beinette had traveled day and night until dis chile." she reached Thomasville, Ga., where her strength gaveout, and she was obliged to rest two. Her striking face and foreign air together with her singular escorts, Pierre and Axie, attracted much attention from the guests at the hotel, who were very curious to know something of her. But Axie whose parting injunction from her mistress had been " to keep her mouth shut, and not go to blab bin'about Rennet," was wholly uncommuni cative, except to say that the young lady was chilly.'

"I will ask her what it is," she thought, So Aunt Judy lead the way to her quarters. a Miss Hetherton, of Merrivale, who was " but I'll be a friend to her, as I wish some which were as neat and clean as soap and going to visit her father's plantation in Florida; while Pierre took refuge in his native toogue, and never spoke a word of English to A pine knot was blazing on the hearth, diffus. alone with these strange attendants." any one. To question him, therefore, was ing a delightful degree of light and warmth impossible; so nothing definite was learned through the room, and Queenie felt better and thes desolate than when standing outside in the chill twilight, which had suc eeded the at your birth." with regard to the beautiful stranger, whose manner repelled anything like familiar ad-For a moment Queenie sat as rigid as if warm spring day, Before entering the cabin, vances, and who, the second morning after Axie, accompanied by Sim and Judy, made the tour of the house, deciding at once that to pass the night in that damp, cheerless place, was utterly impossible. Queenie through her frame, and she shook from head her arrival at the hotel, started for Magnolia Axie, accompanied by Sim and Judy, made Every other day the mail was brought from Tallahassee to Thomasville in an open vehicle, which was neither large nor comfortmight have gone to town and staid at a hotel to foot. able, and this was the only overland comuntil something like decency and cleanliness was restored to a few of the rooms, but Boston had gone, and so there was no munication between the two towns. For tunately, however, for Queenie, a gentleman and his wife, who were returning to their home in the North, had come from Tallahasalternative but to sleep in Judy's cabin. This, good and kind, and I want a friend so much. however, Queenie did not mind. Reared as Mother did not die in Rome-that was Mar-she had been in France, she had none of the American prejudices against the African right to be born." see in a hired carriage. which was both cover-ed and roomy, and of this she availed herself on its return. Then amid hursts of tears and broken sols race, and ate her hot corn cake. which Aunt It was a long ride of more than thirty miles Judy baked for her, and drank her coffee Queenie told her story from beginning to end hut Queenie enjoyed it thoroughly, the counfrom Judy's cups with almost as keen a --from Chateau des Fleurs down to Magnolia relish as she had ever dined at the St. Mau-Park, where she had come to hid from all try was so different from anything she had ever seen. When she left Merrivale the snow ice. Once, indeed, as she remembered who had ever known her. Had Queenie tried was on all the hills and winter was every Chateau des Fleurs and Hetherton Place, she could not have found a more sympathizwhere; but here in southern Georgia and and then glanced at her humble surrounding, ing listener to her restal, and when it was there came a great lump in her throat, and innshed, Mrs. Strong's tears flowed almost middle Florida the warm spring sunshine lay on everything, and the day was like early her hands involuntarily struck at the air as if as freely as her own, as she took the young June, with its clear blue sky and balmy air, to thrust something from her. But she girl in her arms, and kissing her lovingly, filled with the perfume of the vellow jassmine meant to be very brave, and when at last she tried to comfort and reassure her, while just in its glory. Thousands of Cherokee was lifted by Aunt Judy into the clean, com- at the same time she administered a little roses were climbing over the fences and show fortable bed, which had been made for her reproof. reproof. "I think you should have staid with Maring their white faces on the tops of the shrubs and vines, which seemed to embrace them lovingly, while here and there a tall magnolia with its wax-like leaves of dark green. To Queenie, who loved nature in all its as pects, every turn in the road, or change of scenery, brought fresh delight, and in her enthusiasm sh forgot for a time her trouble, and was much like her former self. flashing and sparkling with all her old brightness and and a small, sunny apartment, which had once been used as a breakfast room when there were no guests at Magnolia Park, had talking continually to the driver, a very intelneated. and Queenie replied that Axie was ligent young mulatto, who rejoiced in the dig was going with her to see her settled, and nified name of Boston. It did not take been cleared of its rubbish and cobwebs, and swept and scrubbed until not a particle of Queenie long to get his whole history, for his boyish heart was completely won by her beaudust remained, either on floor, walls, or process. window seats. As for glass, there was none; tiful face, her animated gestures, and the way "There can be no harm in that, can there ?" neither was it needed that bright morning she had of looking at him with her bright, she asked, and Mrs. Strong replied : when the sunlight came in so soft and warm, restless eyes. He was born two years before the breaking out of the wah, he said, and his "Oh, no, it is not an unheard of thing for bringing with it the sweet perfume of the ladies to be at the hotel alone, but 1 think father and mother lived near Tallahassee, on yellow jasmine and the white orange blos they usually have some acquaintances there, the very spot whar they was raised, and he soms. The wide-mouthed fire-place was and and you have none. If, however, you insist boasted that of all the hundred blacks on " de | tilled with clumps of Cherokee roses upon going, I shall write to the proprietor of ole plantation ' his father was the only one br inches of the magnolia and pine, while long who didn't "out an' run when de Yankees sprays of the jasmine were festoned over the mautel, giving a very artistic effect to that the St. James to have a care over you, and also to some friends of mine, residents in comed an' sot 'em free." side of the room. The pit under the hen house, where the valuables had been hidden " Spec's though, he wanted to go mightily, he said. " so he wanted to see what sort of when the soldiers made their raid upon Mag-nola Park, had been opened and some of its ting dat freedom was dey was all gwine to see : but he wouldn't leave his old mistis who contents adorned the room, while upon the was sick in bed, so he staid behime with me largely of the nature of that treacherous little round table, placed between the winand mother, an' has staid there ever since dows, a small silver coffee urn was standing, with bits of rare old china which would have gettin' very far wages, and laying up a little them the right way, but biting and scratching something every year." driven a lover of br.c-a-brac crazy. Aunt His mother, he said came of another line. the St. James, I dare say, but I think I can Judy's chintz-covered easy chair, in which and belonged to the "old Marsell estate, which was now run out an' gone to ruin." keep you from their claws, if you will go. Possibly the change may do you good. It will "What estate did you say ? " Queenie sked, "Do you mean the Marshall property the floor for a carpet. blanket, with a border of blue, spread upon This blanket, which -Maynolia Park ?" Aunt Judy had bought with the proceeds of her poultry yard, was the pride of her heart insist, you can take the train for Jackson ville.' To this plan Queenie assented, and spent

loiner of the silver candlesticks, but Queenic tion of the premises after breakfast convinced paid no attention to that, so intent was she her that, for the present at least, she must seek quarters elsewhere. Rooms there were "I am going to Magnolia Park," she said. in abundance, and furniture, but everything

years ago." "You don't say so, shu nuff." Boston ex claimed, showing all his white teeth. "Does 'em know you're comin'-gran'pa and gran'

they'll be mighty oversot." "I don't know whom you mean by your grandfather and grandmother." Queenie said. Who are they? and do they live at Magnolia Park ?

"Yes, miss. Dey was raised dar," Boston eplied; "bred and born many years ago when ld Mas'r Marsall lived thar, an' they's stuck by through the wah and everything. are there no neighbors-no people "And

near ?" Queenie asked, beginning to feel a sense of lonliness at the prospect of a park like a swamp, and a house like a stable with only two old negroes for companions. "Neighbors," Boston replied. "Yes, miss

neighbors 'nuff, an' all of dem de quality Thar's Miss Strong, de ole governor's daugh that is miss should use our governor's datafi-ter, what cried when dey palled de stripped flag down-de governor cried. I mean, not Miss Strong She's de very fustest quality, wid a head full of brains : writes for every paper in de country, I reckon. She's awful nice; and her daughter, too, Miss Nina, with eyes a heap like yourn, an' de same way of her head like a bird, an' lookin urnin' at ver till vou feel so quar. Specs, mebby

h'es yer kin : she favors you mightily." And Boston looked admiringly at Queenie vho had bewildered and intoxicated him as she did everyone who came within her sphere.

Park.

he wind

But Queenie knew nothing of Mrs. Strong, or per daughter Nina. She had no relations in Florida, she said, and the resemblance between herself and Nina Strong, if there was stead the previous night to leave a parcel brought for Miss Nina from Thomasville, and my, was merely accidental. The day was drawing to a close by this he had told of the young lady-Miss Hether-ton-whom he had brought to Magnolia Park.

time, and the sun was just setting when they Mrs. Strong remembered well the tall, handat last turned off from the highway into the some boy, Frederick Hetherton, who, when oad which wound through the fields for s she was a child, had passed a winter at the quarter of a mile or more up to Magnolia Park, which was then one of the finest places in the State. She remembered, too, the "Dat's 'em; dat's de place," Boston said, stately lady, his mother, who had more

pointing to a huge wood n building standing than once dined at the Homestead, and upon a little rise of ground, and surrounded she had no doubt that the young girl of whom she had no doubt that the young girl of whom by tall magnolias. Boston told her was the granddaughter of Once it must have been a little paradise that lady and daughter of the boy Frederick. but now it was stripped of all its glory, and tood there desolate and dreary, with the

lights broken from the lower windows, while even for a day, in that dilapidated, forsaken spot ? '' I will go to see her at once and bring her here and there a door was gone, and the shut ters hung on one hinge, or swung loosely in Involuntarily Queenie held out her hand to thought, upon which she acted immediately.

Introducing herself to Queenie, who ad-Axie, who took it in herstrong palm, and said, vanced to meet her as she descended from ucouragingly : "It may be better inside. Anyway, I can

her carriage, she said : "If I mistake not, you are the daughter of soon fix it up, and the situation is lovely.' Frederick Hetherton, whom I knew when I was a little girl. Though several years older Attracted by the sound of wheels, the four he noisy pack saw Boston, their barking of these trees and those in the grounds of my own home." The mention of her father by one who had iuto whines of recognition, which brought Uncle Sim and Aunt Judy round the

seen and known him brought the tears at corner of the house, where the latter stopped and with her hands on her fat hips, eyed the once to Qaeenie's eyes, but she dashed them strangers curiously. "Somebody gwine to visit Miss Strong ton was ber father, she led Mrs. Strong into most likely, but why did Boston fetch 'em the room which had been temporarily fitted up for her, and sitting down beside her she an-

But when Q seenie alighted, and going up to swered, as well as she could, the questions

had come to stay, her consternation knew no bounds, and while dropping a courtey to Queenie, and saying to her, "An' shoo' you're welceme, miss," she was thinking to herself. North wrote to a friend of mine who is sup-"For de dea' Lord's sake, whatever'll I do wid sich quality as dis, and whar 'll I put her? Thar ain't a room in de whole house fit for a direct heir of the 'Hetbertous. It is rather some windows filled with gaudy and costly nigger or a cracker to sleep in. An' she's de asorry place for a young girl to come to, but merchandise, before which women promenreal stuff dat ladies is made of. Can't chea I suppose you do not intend remaining here aded with beautiful and envious eyes

long." "Yes; always -- always. I have no other "Yes; always -- always. I have no other "Honey," she said at last to Queenie, who was looking ruefully around her. "I's no home." Queenie replied, and her voice was whar to ax you to sit down jes dis minute but choked with tears which she fought bravely in my cabin, whar I done scoured de flo' dis blessed day. If I had known you're comin' Mr

Mrs. Strong was a kind hearted, far seeing I'd done somethin'." Queenis explained that a letter had been woman, and as she studied this girl, scarcely older than her own daughter, and, as Boston visit, and added, with a little shiver. "Let she felt strangely drawn toward her, and felt me go to your cabin. I am very tired and too, that over her young life some terrible storm had swept.

ORIEL ELLERSLIE.

BY J. ALLISTER CURRIE

college, with the last five. dollars of my patri-"I am Miss Hetherton, and granddaughter of had gone to decay : everything was moldy and mony wherewith to line my pockets. These the Miss Lucy Marshall, who married a Mr. worm eaten, and smelled of rats, and must, were my extrinsic advantages, and I enumerate Hetherton from the North a great many and foul air. And still, as Axie said, there them repeatedly as children count their penwere great capabilities in the place, and with nies and misers their gold, with a vague ex

"Does hard work, a portion of the house could be gran'. made not only babitable, but very constort bare facts in my case were very rigid, and not his thoughts about her welfare except in an able and attractive. Meantime, Queenie must at all brilliant. I intended ultimately to study objective and passive way, did not seem evigo away, for it was impossible for her to stay a profession, and would have been glad to dent. Oriel cared for the shop and for the there was a dreadful thunder storm that night, at an early hour.

do away, for it was impossible for her to stay there while the renovating process was going on. But where to go was a question which troubled Queenie not a little, until Aunt Judy suggested an idea to her by saying, "Thar's Jacksonville on de river. Why not go thar a syell? Heaps of de gentry from de Noff is thar, and a sight of mighty fine dresses at fine city—bigger dan New Yord, I reckon." Queenie had heard of Jacksonville, for a

fice city—bigger dan New Yord, I reckon." Queenie had heard of Jacksonville, for a lows suggested itself to me, and with many grimaces and shrugs, and prolonged whistles, family from Merrivale were passing the and a fair calculation of other chances, I dewinter there and she at once scized upon Judy a suggestion as something practic

able. She would go to that winter Saratogs of the South and see what it was ike. Possibly she might be amused with lessened a little. She would go that very day, she said, for she was full of a burning restlessness and desire for change. But Judy, who, through Boston, knew something of the deficient dignity by a proper and careful at tention to externals, therefore I affected derunning of the trains, told herit was then too late ; she must wait until the next day, and pass another night upon the kitchen table. licate whiskers, stiff linen, a gravity of counuless they could clean up some of the mastenance and a perpendicularity of attitude which would have disguised me from my quondam chum. All this, with the sive bedsteads which had been so long upoc cupied. From this, however, Queenie was my quondam chum. All this, with the saved, for while they were speaking, they laborious perusal of Blackstone, in every insaved, for while they were speaking, usy materials, the sound of wheels, and, shading her terval of leisure, was sufficient to make a eyes with her hands, Aunt Judy saw entering model young man of almost any materials, and I believe I was so successful as to approve and I believe I was so successful as to approve the formation of the carriage of Mrs. Strong. The successful as to approve the formation of the carriage of the sound of the carriage of the successful as to approve the successful as the At any rate the school prospered and aspect. was likely to become profitable, and thus for a single individual, at least, it would fuifil its its chief end and aim.

One of the most important, though not the most fushionable, thoroughfares of Nottawa was Mill street. It radiated from the centre of the town, and with various aspects and characters extended nearly two miles before near the rural terminus of this street, and my boarding place was at an indefinite and she blushed and left the sentence unfinished it was evident that she must not even incur vexatious distance towards the interior of the the slight expense of such an avenue of the strangement. town, I was not long in becoming tolerably well acquainted with the paving stones, and other prominent features of the scenery which my unceasing daily walk presented. Miss Ellerslie, it would give me the greatest which my unceasing daily walk presented. The school, as duly set forth in the adverfirst tisement, was located in a genteel district, an adjective which very well described a successich of smart, new houses of somewhat fautastic architecture, surrounded by small, near yards, and thrifty shrubbery, among which sparkled with delight as she gave me permiswere often seen rather noisy and overdressed sion to call on my return from school, when I nogs now came rusning down the road, bark was a little girl. Though several years older women and children, gvidently well to lo is beau would receive Ler father's decision respecting the world, and och little engrossed by local the proposed arrangement. On being intro-right, and cluog closer to Axie. But when have spent hours with him under the shadow

sunk away from this pretention, and grovelled and struggled on in ancient and contracted edifices, through unwholesome odors issuing from the low doors of the crowded shops, past multitudinous sign boards, which was losing her taste for the evinced strange shifts, and weak despairing gaut pursuits which had formerly efforts to earn a livelihood, and by many tokens of squalor and discomfort, and quite forsaken of better things, as might be seen by the occasional erection of a substantial her told her that she was Miss Hetherton, which her visitor put to her concerning her granddau hter of Miss Incy Marshall who used to live at Magnolia Park, and that she shipboard.

ding district aristocratic mansions rose in

Wealth holds many secrets past contro-

down in body and spirit, with hope so crushed tomer a fat, good natured woman made her had spoken words of the highest approval, out of him that he had ceased to wish and appearance. Not many or irrelevant were the and made proposals which I had no reason to struggle. Listless and melancholy, he went words which explained my errand. "La! expect even from his partiality. But to what in and out of that circumscribed apartment. are you Mr. Rowland? Well, I'm dreadful end was I living and toiling? The young Respectably graduated from a first-class in and out of that circumscribed apartment. are you Mr. Rowland? wandering with a weariness and dimness most sorry, but I had a letter for you, and to make heart cannot ask another question so These painful to behold. All his remaining vitality all sure, and no mistake, I put it on when it listens vainly for a reply. A convic metate was associated with his daughter. Her slight the shelf in my best vase where I tion of my duty would not permit of my est whisper caught his ear when he was deaf keeps my earrings, but he who never minds deviating from the course of life marked out to the uproar of mobsand holidays, and what woman's trumpery, as he calls' em, tore it up for me; but the dearest hope had died within a little time and money, and a great deal of pectation of increasing their possession by over concerned her was certain to be impressed for a pipe lighter afore I had a chance to know me, and it did not seem wrong to employ on his consciousness. But that he ever busied it, and so that's gone." Inis thoughts about her welfare except in an "But where are Mr. and Miss Ellerslie?"

See.

"He died of the hot weather, and avon, entered the office. He usually went up town

I believe I was using the last shred of plausiand a fair calculation of other chances, I de-termined to martyrize myself to a school. Accordingly, in the course of a few weeks, in the progress of events, and by the favor of several worthy, elderly gentlemen, who were shrewd enough to detect my singular adap-tion to the method in the transformation of the several worth of the to method in the several worth of the to detect my singular adap-tion to the the openation of the transformation of the transfo what she saw and so the pain at her heart be tion to the employment, and my peculiar taste before her. It was Tasse. It so happened that I piqued myself on a practical knowledge whence he came, or whither he went. No you. Young folks should be merry." school of young ladies in the flourishing town of Italian, having studied it under very fav venerable age, it behooved me to eko out my deficient dignity by a proper and careful at the school of young ladies in the flourishing town of Italian, having studied it under very fav vanbe circumstances in early youth. There was a large class in my school which ad-particulars. Neither had the direction of the train which bore him from the town "Touble, eh?" Not material distinction to the establishment, been remembered, even if it had been known. It was impossible to do less than to con-My feelings were such as might be expected, gratulate Miss Ellerslie on her acqueintance as during the following week I exhausted we'll see what can be doue." with that beautiful tongue. She at once dis-clumed any considerable proficiency in the without any consistent result. It was not very and his kindly voice rung in my ear, and it language, but she had been led to revive her encouraging to learn from one person that was no wonder that I opened my heart partial familiarty, with a study, over which he had traveled eastward, and to be con and told him my short and sad history she had spent many happy hours, by having fidently assured by another that the opposite fit doesn't look very en course had been taken. Waiting, that dreadful plied, in his cheery way,

> the back ground. She said this smiling, but harrowing and again hopeful, according to should you. I wish I could see a way to help the quick tears gathered in her eyes, and to my mood, busied my weary brain. The post you. At any rate, you should make the best conceal them she carried a parcel across the conceal them she carried a parcel across the was my only trust, but it brought nothing to of it. If she can't be found, you must learn room. The hot blood tinged my cheeks when the purpose, and indeed contributed to make to resign her, and for your comfort the sooner was certain that she knew me, an agreea-

ble fact which no imitation by word or manner had before confirmed. I invited her to join my class, and offered to fix her an hour the crewded huildings melted away into the for recitation which would enable her to do of my lost one, and even this poor hope was and I have been saving her for the best fellow sparse settlements on the county so. But there was no time during the to be torn from me by an event which it was and I have been saving her for the best fellow in grant day when she could be absent, and besides in excusable folly and improvidence to conclusion chief wish to see her your wife." county so. But there was no time during the situated day when she could be absent, and besidesshe blushed and left the sentence unfinished. travene. A communication arrived from To of my father, who had accidentally become ''Not at present," he returned, "not while of my father, who had accidentally become acquainted with my ambitious desire to pro-After a moment's embarrassing hesitation. I secute my legal studies, and with the embarrassments which impeded my advances. pleasure to read with you at any hour which may suit your convenience, as you already know me by reputation. I trust my offer will not seem bold, and that you will accept it as freely as it has been made." Hor eyes be very glad to have Oriel amuse herself with her books once more, that he had in vain endeavored to persuade her to resume her old employment, and that the feared she was losing her taste for the ele been negotiated.

gane pursuits which had to menty over negotiated. her pride and enjoyment. The simplicity of I was not insensible to the consideration, his decayed intellect was pitful. I felt my lip quiver, while Oriel hardly restrained her pasted in a life time, and that not even my he begged I would not suffer any embarrass lip quiver, while Oriel hardly restrained her emotion. The poor girl was indeed bearing devotion to Miss Ellerslie's fortune should ment arising from the premature life's burdens alone. The unromantic hour of 81 a.m., on alter-

nate days, was appointed for the Italian, and time, I might reasonably hope to benefit her, refuse him permission to send his carriage Mr. Ellerslie always sat by the small stove in if it were not madness to expect ever to cross for me that very evening. He expressed reso much joy and comfort within, that there the street during the reading. It was a very could be nothing but blank dulluess left for short time and admitted no by play, especially fuenced me. He was a clever, good natured, friendship, and besides it would be an event as Oriel was prepared to fill every moment with legitimate employment. In a little while one half of these precious thirty minutes was devoted to conversation, and never did a for-with he date and the was a clever, good natured, intenting, and dendes it would be all events buckless fellew, who never essayed to raise in my retired life to opend an hour in his handsome residence, the fame of which shed one half of these precious thirty minutes was devoted to conversation, and never did a for-wit, he had entered life buoyed up by no or-niece, my thoughts were too greatly enlorn or hopeful lover strive to conquer an obstinate rhythm as did I to make our Italiau those rough and disagreeable obstacles which

weath holds many secrets part control obstingte rhytin as did to make our framat those fough and disagreeable obstacles which if the interview were and the inte though not quite reduced to the level of star-trough not quite reduced to the level of star-tures, and as our familiarity increased, of charged him to watch over its interests. It was not merely more personal matters, of everything indeed service he cheerfully assumed. It then oc-room filled with miracles of upholstering and of charged him to watch over its interests, a hold, and conducted to a capacious drawing the effort to subsist, but to live decently. It but that of which our hearts were the fullest. cured to me that it was a duty on my part, art. My host immediately excused himself. Was too often the struggle of humanity which My year was almost ended, when I called which had everything to do with his success and I sank down upon the silken cushion, and could appreciate something better, which for Oriel on a Sunday morning, according to in a novel position, to exhort him, to restrain was busy during his absence drinking in the longed to do more than solve the problem : previous arrangement, and accompanied her his rhyming tendencies, and that concealing beauty which surrounded me, tracing the conta appreciate something better, which for Oriel on a Standay morning, according to in a novel position, to exnort him, to restrain was busy during his absence driving in the previous arrangement, and accompanied her his facetiousness and that concessing beauty which surrounded me, tracing the in a novel position, to exnort him, to restrain was busy during his absence driving in a novel position, to exnort him, to restrain the beauty which surrounded me, tracing the his facetiousness and sentiment, he should delicate harmonies of form and tint, and not and wherewithal shall we be clothed?" Thanks to the access of dignity which She was handsomely attired in a suit which guardian as a linguistic, mathematical, and a distinguished and pleasing result. My eye

an occasional twilight in sighing a n occasional twilight in sighing a requiem. On that evening, to my surprise, Mr. Worth

informed me slowly and imperfectly enough I know not what beside, and has confided to that, not long before Mr. Ellerslie's death. s me his opinion that all is not right with you. I

I said some despairing, mournful words which would not be repressed, and Mr. Worth

"Touble, eh?" Not the hypo as I was afraid We can manage a case that has point and substance. Tell me what it is my boy, and

His gentle hand rested ou my bowed head,

'it doesn't look very encouraging," he re-blied, in his cheery way, "I'm sorry you are to the shop a few days previously. It irritated of all alternatives in some cases, was alone disposed to brood over this trouble. I was in her ambition when she fell too far into left me, while discursive conjectures, now love once myself, but got over it, and so matters still more unpromising. To remain at Nottawa seemed my best and the better. I regret, my dear boy, that you the better the better. I regret, my dear boy, that your only course, if I would be within surest reach tain intentions in your behalf. I have a neice of the least sign of the existence and locality as beautiful, I dare say, as your lost fancy.

"I beg your pardon," I instantly cried,"but

your regrets are so vivid, but in time you will think differently." I almost despised the man who made this

He was himself a lawyer, possessing a highly re-spectable business, but desirous, on account any risks, "My dear sir, as I have not the of approaching age, to find relief from the honor of an acquaintance with your niece, more laborious duties of his office. He was and as consequently my declaration cannot pleased to allude to the favorable estimation be accused of offensive personality, I must be in which he had been induced to consider permitted to say emphatically that I cannot

me, not only in consequence of personal en-comium, but because of my descent from the nost excellent of men, and he was dis-posed to make the trial; there would be no cause of dissatisfaction on his part. He de sired I would inform him by letter if I that he was sorry to find me so positive, and would be in Toronto on a certain day yet he could appreciate constancy and decis-and meet him at a specified room in the ion. However, if he must give up his daring Rossin House, where all preliminaries project, he would try to do so cheerfully, bu should at once be settled and an arrangement still could not willingly see me sacrifice myself to sentiment, dear as it might be to me deter me from entering a direct and certain avenue to reputable emolument by which, in house, and finally requested that I would not grossed to suffer the slightest discomfiture

rushed to the door with outstretched arms.

Oriel, my lost Oriel !" and the dear one hid

smile of scorn curled his lips; "they calls willingly for Queenie, whose grandmother, it Magnolia Park, sometimes, but it's more Miss Lucy Marshall, she remembered with so like a swamp dan a park, with all the weeds much pride at the belle of Tallahassee. Cookand truck grown that higher dan yar head. Mighty big house, though, with heaps of ing the breakfast fell to Axie's lot, as she was supposed to understand the northern taste and know what the young lady liked, but it but looks like old stable now -- all de winders broke, an' de do'os off de hinges. My was Judy who made the hot corn cakes which gran'pa, an' gran'mu, lives dar, an' has lived smoked upon the table when at last Queenie gran'pa, an' gran'mu, lives dar, an' has lived ther always sense dey's born. Dey's drefful was ready for her breakfast.

proud of de ole hut, too, an' shot three or four dem Federals who's tryin' to carry off de she entered the room where somuch had been pianner. anner." Boston had given a rather exaggerated ac. Gone. Florida was not so bad, after all, and Mag- liberty."

the day and night at Mrs. Strong's, and the next morning started with Pierre and Axie for the St. James Hotel

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-Whenever actors or actresses get a holiday, they go to see some other actor at some "You remind me, ' Fawcett, other theater. the stage manager of Covent Garden, used

Then she said : "I think I heard Mr. Hetherton's wife in part owing to a sympathetic senti-times, and which fashion had not yet con-times, and which ment which was born of a light demued, I shall never forget how beautiful forms. purse, I was in the habit of noting the slight shell never forget how beautiful forms. "And find compensation by falling in love absently noted the fine effect of her lustrous

but insignificant indications which hinted at but insignificant indications which hinted at corroding cares, and crushing trombles, and fierce conflicts with destiny, and hoarding higher from the earth than mine, her devotion the mater back avery long way the stopped higher from the earth than mine, her devotion the mater back avery long way the stopped which her from higher from the earth than mine, her devotion the mater back avery long way the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than mine, her devotion the stopped which her from the earth than a more stopped which her from the earth than a more stopped which her from the earth than a more stopped which her from the earth than the stopped which her from the earth the from the earth the stopped which her from the earth the from the earth the stopped which her from the earth the f generals it was but short work to descend to homewards through elegant, shaded streets, final hand grasp, left me to go my way. Punctually to a minute I was at the apparticulars, and to choose from among the and past lovely gardens, and before the walk atter some prominent object of interest.

A little shop, neater and smaller than its sweetness can ouly be tested once in its prime neighbors, attracted my attention. It had n marvelously narrow front of only six feet, my arm, and which opened up to us a future in the prime data which opened up to us a future is a weetness can ouly be tested once in its prime is a weetness and weetness can ouly be test

and of this the window had usurped so much as bright as ever two young, loving hearts seizing me by the hand he serutinized me said, "No familiarities, if you please, sir. to the prejudice of the door, that you were looked into. I was to be her protector from head to foot, while he conducted the You have formally declined the hand of my wonder to yourself when you ascended the henceforth, and I was strong and not without usual conventional inquiries and seemed to niece, and I wish your conduct to be in keeping discover nothing which displeased him or dis with your positive asseverations.'

a wonder to yourself when you ascended the henceroren, and a seven discover nothing which disposed the appointed his expectations. My own obser-the limited entrance. The apartment did The partial indisposition of Mr. Ellerslie appointed his expectations. My own obser-vation was likewise satisfactory. Oriel, startled and bewildered by what she the limited entrance. The apartment due to the partment of an interstee appointed in sequences of the source of th had heard, sprang from my arms and stood

'That's right, girls have some spirit,' supported in the rear by a room appropriated doubly busy with our respective duties. I have been by solution of the pre-to domestic uses. Every portion of the pre-mises which could be improved by ordinary enough for me that she was recovering that was sufficiently demonstrated by the benig-"I have changed my intentions," replied I,

mises which could be improved by or charged my intertions, replaced, industry, witnessed to the labor which had been expended. The glass of the window and show case was scrupulously clear, the walls were covered with fresh and cheap paper, the industry and I was alone, and our future was inde-lonely and I was alone, and our future was inde-lonely and troubled heart. When he found industry witnessed to the being. In the demonstrated by the demonstrated by the demonstrated by the being. In the demonstrated by the demonst

but to this gueene objected. The new a token of the contribution of the contributic of the contribution of cles would have obtained little more from me wrote frequently to Oriel, but was not able to conjunction with the economic virtues, an law, to whom he desired to entrust his than a passing glance, had not their presiding make any arrangement that would bring cer- honrable independence. I had every reason genus been a young lady of extreme beauty tain replies, and I drifted from city to city im- for self congratulation on my business proshonorable independence. I had every reason for self congratulation on my business pros- "Then I am indebted to Oriel for your un

then leave her with Pierre, while she returned of form and feature, with a high-bred, though to the Park to superintend the renovating subdued elegance of manner, as unsuited to foreseen. Only one little note, in elegant I could deserve good fortune.

subdued elegance of manner, as unsulted to foreseen. Only one finds how, it doesn't how a subdued elegance of manner, as unsulted to foreseen. Only one finds how, it doesn't have a subdued elegance of manner, as unsulted to foreseen. A year passed away in arduous and suc-the humble accessories that surrounded her, At the end of two months, with indescribe cessful study without any event deserving of and the repulsive vulgarities with which she able impatience. I made my way back to remark, and that it was unchangeably over month. I did it only to ascertain what stuff come in daily contact, instead of dragging Nottawa, and being confident of the counter shadowed by my profound ignorance of the your set to through one of correct head being the able impatience is and if you had not proved by my profound ignorance of the your set of the proved being to the shadowed by my profound ignorance of the proved being to the shadowed by my profound ignorance of the proved back to the shadowed by my profound ignorance of the proved back to the shadowed by my profound ignorance of the proved back to the proved back t her down to their level, only served to throw into conspicuous contrast her gracefulness position, whose partial favor towards me had in Nottawa; in vain to ease the indescribable Output the investment of constant and in the investment of the inv

and to make more strangely evident the evidenced every token of sincerity. I was ab sorbed with a plan which should insure to ver all was thrown the charm of perfect sin. Oriel ease and leisure until her life's home sinking in midocean ever left as little trace descent of a little trace descent of the prover did a human being experience. also to some friends of mine, residents in town whose attentions and friendship will be sadness that flitted in successive shadows of great service to you, and shield you from the curious, gossiping ones who are to be found everywhere, and especially at great hotels. Cats, I call them, for they parlake plicity and unconsciousness, and a patent could be prepared to receive her. Did you behind him, as had Oriel on her departure

I look back with profound admiration to which disguised both complexion and apparel, possessed little save unbounded hope and a animal, smooth and purring if you stroke that facility and hardihood of invention which I made my impetuous way up Mill street. It strong will? Why else did she give me no levised excuses that enabled me to call at the was the last seething hot day of summer. The sign or token? Had she been waiting an if you do not. There are plenty of them at little shop almost daily after I had discovered sidewalk swarmed with motley groups, a few answer to that letter so unfortunately destroyif you will go. you good. It will But you must up the interludes of necessary duties. Some with the stractions of its keeper. Oriel Ellerslie, if you will go. you good. It will But you must up the interludes of necessary duties. Some with the stractions of its keeper. Oriel Ellerslie, you good. It will But you must up the interludes of necessary duties. Some with the stractions of its keeper. Oriel Ellerslie, well dressed strollers, swelerting laborers, dirty and dust and flies, and intolerable sunshine. "Oriel, Oriel, how have you lived?" was my oriel, Oriel, Oriel, New have you lived?" was my spend to day and to night with me, as you times it appeared written over scraps of paper on my desk which had to be watched and de on my desk which had to be watched and de stroyed. A degree of enthusiasm is pardon. collar and cravat. But what a change! The vision able in a young man who loves for the first threshold and windows were besmeared with often visions of time, when especially about the beautiful ob-stains, abominable odors of hot fat and ject of his regard there hangs a certain mys-smoked herring rushed in my face, and the against too often trimming the midnight The only friend whom Oriel appeared to all ring again. I darted backward into the and I was able at the worst to bend it to

possess was her father, an aged gentleman of venerable mien, who still retained many taken the number nor the spot, entered once severe labor. which must have distinguished the prime of debased to the uses of the most paltry of lingered in the descried office. The wind his manhood. His manner and conversation pastry cooks. The show case was broken, and oughed the stage manager of Covent Garden, used his manner and conversation party coulds. The show case was broken, and that a cierical training totally units a nan totally

"Yes, but I presume you are not ready to thank me for concealing her for a twelve

Oriel shuddered at the thought of this posa deeper consciousness of the blessed results of well doing than I at that moment.

In a few months I entered the bar, and on the same day formed a business co-partnership with my esteemed friend, Mr. Worth, and the next week I was married.

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-The following story is causing painful feeling in Rome: A young man named Moretti, a tailor, was condemned to a shore term of imprisonment for some alleged fraud in his dealings. A girl to whom he was betrothed went to the police magistrate to ask about his fate and prospects. The magistrate to d her that he would assuredly remain many years in prison. The girl, in despair, poisoned herself forthwith. Soon afterward Moretti was found to be innocent, and was at once discharged. On learning the end of his be trothed he, too, poisoned himself. The magistrate had sentenced him at the insti-As has been said a year had passed. It gation of the girl's mother, who wished to break off the match.

> -The Rev. F. W. Fraeger, of St. Paul, says the court, and that a clerical training totally unfits a man

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the night. Sleeplessness made me pale and

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