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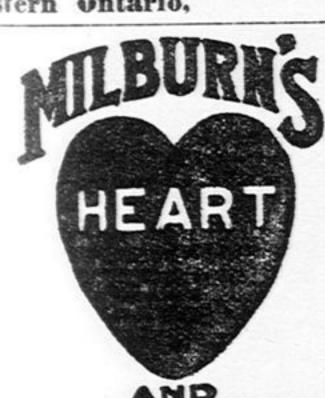
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\$2,000,000 fer my congratulations. I presume . 600,000 to receive them in all due form, accompanied, of course, by the regulation blush, and half-disclaimer manner of its verity."

"No," answered the girl addressed, though bright spots of scarlet had mounted to her pale cheeks, as she rose from the chair in which she had idly reclined. "I utter no disclaimer of a fact which has been already proposits of \$1 and upwards. Prompt claimed in our little world. I have indeed promised to become Mrs. John Franklin."

> "And you are very, very happy?" "He loves me very dearly," was the ambiguous reply. "I am very fond of him. Somehow his will carries mine along with it. I tell him his wooing er men. It is a sort of carrying the ened into months. fortress by storm. I am not sure in his disposition. It is all with him stern, matter of-fact reality."

"How, then, did ne teach you to care for him?"

"I really do not know, since he is in every respect a totally different man from my imaginary idol; but he is so strong, so masterful, he does not give me time even to put the enigma fairly before myself."

So the conversation ran on, until, at the close of an hour, Miss Rue, bidding her friend farewell, said, gayly:

but, after all, I am half prepared to condole. What is itt he poet says

Two hearts that beat as one?"

Is not that the poet's idea of marriage? However, perhaps all that afterward. In your case, certainly, I trust so. One thing is going to take you away from us all, UGH MackAY, Durham, Land Valu- into a new city, new friends and new associations."

Ella. Wait until I am quite settled in my new home, when I shall send for Auctioneer for the County of Grey you to become a veritable beholder of torment."

But long after her friend had left her Isa sat buried in thought. Somehow the words she had just heard jared to loan any amount of money on real she be happy as John Franklin's wife? tinels of romance and sentiment, set so regally. seemed an unknown region. They "I dressed early," she said, "that I were her dwelling place. Could she might not keep you waiting." lure him upward, or would he drag her | "Ah, it is Mrs. Laurence's recep-

> and all forgetful of your engagement go?" to ride with me. Absolutely, slippers The lovely face clouded, and the Somehow, a fresh, bright air from added: the outside world appeared to enter "Perhaps I should say, if you went and, for a moment, as he bent almost to be other than a drag." reverently to kiss the lips upturned to | His flushed face, his eyes bright with his, one read in their depths an almost | fever, attested the truth of his words. "Forgive me, John! I did not know it ister to his needs. was so late. Indeed, I will be ready But-in those other rooms some one

> In spite of the fact that the mom- ter alone to sleep it off. at last returned, and stood before him escaped him, nor even the sigh which in her close-fitting riding-habit, show- rent his heart. patience playing about her beautiful have been awaiting her, but could not

> ionate kisses, have cried aloud in his served. Voices roused her. thanksgiving to God, that He had given "I have not seen beautiful Mrs. him this woman's heart, in its exquisite Franklin to-night," said one.

How could she understand the such women ever marry!" thought. weight, and breadth, and depth of "Indeed! Do you not believe in marsuch a love? So he only smiled, as he riage?" ent exigencies of dress. Their gait held open the door for her to pass but

admiration, so much so perhaps that say we have not much thought, and might not disappoint him, that she It was at a party, given in honor of band—this man, had talked to her of John Franklin's three months' bride, women as something too holy to

with his handsome face and dreamy now heard speak of the plaything of an a herald. Reining up his steed by eyes, was duly brought forward and hour! presented as one of the "lions" of the occasion.

"Well, Isa, dear, I have come to of- he put to her the foregoing question. arose in contrast. She had put forth resented them. From him she regard- reality pass her by . the air of mystery attending the af- ed it as a poet's privilege. Besides, to Making hasty adieux to her hostess fair has worn off, and you are ready him she could talk as heretofore she she stepped into the hall, only to be had never talked, not even to the man confronted by a messenger.

> share her every thought. The very room in which she sat evi- sending for you." denced his care for her. Every ap- A dull fear took possession of her pointment of her home was perfect in heart. As fast as her horses could bear its luxuriousness; no single wish was her she returned to her home. Her

knowledge to herself. his gentle tender watchfulness was it.

her soul echoed his question.

castle, to which all men respecting the finished, "but that I felt I could not but that I shall some day wake up position of host and guest were wel- quite stretch out clean hands for my to discover myself a martyr. You come. That there could be danger future happiness did I not let you know he has not a particle of romance lurking to his wife in this he never know how very near I had mistaken dreamed. It never entered the hon- the tinsel and let the gold pass me by esty of the man's nature. That Isa -accepted the torch which, going out, should be admired, was natural. To God's sun shone in the heavens above him she was an exquisite flower, which me. Oh, John, say you forgive me! by some strange caprice of nature had Take me back to the great heart from transplanted its roots into his heart. which I have wandered." ed himself in words. He left it to an- difficult, pressed instead a kiss on the other to whisper in her ear that which bright hair. Her face was hidden, and brought crimson to her cheeks as she she could not see the tear which rested listened, but to which, worded as a poet | there with it. words, it seemed no wrong to John to listen. As though the cruel rocks would not pierce and mangle the tender flesh as cruelly, even though daisies and field-flowers hid their edges-aye, though you transplanted "Well, Isa, I came to congratulate; there the hot-house exotic! "Why did we never meet before?"

At first the question seemed to have no hidden meaning, but there came a time when it grew almost into a wail, and when neither the man who asked it, nor the woman who heard, dared put into words an answer.

"So few men understand the peculiar needs of women, their high-strung, natures, the chord which jars, or the chord which strikes in unison," he said to her one day. "Ah, me! when I see cannot forgive him, and that is that he men possessing such peculiar privilege and unmindful of it, their minds engrossed by baser themes, I almost shudder at their blindness! You are going to Mrs. Laurence's reception this "Ah, but I shall not forget the old, evening, of course?"

"Certainly, I shall be there." "And I, awaiting the inspiration which is at once my passion and my

With which words he raised the small white hand he held to his lips with an easy grace, then bowed, and left her.

John came home tired that night, red upon her - jarred from their very his head throbbing with a dull, heavy resumed his old business, and is prepar unison with her own thoughts. Would pain-came home to find awaiting him velvet, above which rose the peerless, Old mertgages paid off on the To him the realms of imagination, gleaming shoulders, and the white whose gates were guarded by the sen- throat, on which the small head was

tion night," he answered. "Would it "Well, little one, dreaming as usual, disappoint you very much if we did not

and morning-grown! Ah! I see, you man's watching eyes were quick to diswish to test my Benedictine patience." cern it. Before she could reply, he

with the speaker. His clear, gray without me. Once there, you will eyes, sparkling with fun, showed the hardly miss me; and my head is assertstrong, earnest nature of the man; ing its existence too painfully for me

worshipful devotion for the girl who, a | His wife's first impulse was to snatch few brief minutes before, had declared off her dress, replace it by a dressinghim lacking in romance or sentiment. gown, and, darkening the room, min-

in a moment!" she contritely exclaim- was waiting for her. After all, it was only a headache. John would be bet-

ent ran into sixty seconds twenty "Isa; remain with me," his heart times told, her lover felt himself rich- said, as she bent to touch his burnly repaid for the waiting when she ing brow with her lips; but no word

ing to such advantage every line and An hour later Mrs. Franklin entered curve of the perfectly rounded figure, Mrs. Laurence's drawing-rooms. She and an arch smile at her trial of his looked about for the man who was to

The love in his heart rose up in a | She was not in a mood for gayety tomighty wave as he looked at her. He night, and so, finding a quiet retreat, could have snatched her to his breast, she slipped into a window recess have covered the lovely face with pass- where she could watch the scene unob-

setting, for his own, his very own, to "No, but she will be here," answered guard, God helping him, his life long; the other, in a tone of proud confidbut she might not understand, he ence, and her heart beat fast and louder as she recognized it. "What a pity

"I would not marry an angel. What!

while he followed as reverently as in ties, and caprice? My dear fellow, poets soar in the clouds, it is true, but they step accompanying it. A skirt that And yet it was this man whom she see too much of the earth to thus fetrests on the ground, back and front, had declared wanting in poetry of soul. ter their wings. Women are made for is scarcely suited to walking, nor in- Ah! are not the waters of the ocean men's amusement—the playthings of deed to any exercise. It is the divine Sara, without a doubt, who is respon-Sara, without a doubt, who is respondiver, who would drag forth its inner- haps, be a temptation, but in time a sible for this process. Younger lovelier women most sec. e at An i can he put into fit- wife ages. Younger, lovelier women fected such rowning for years. And the rest Swear what vows you will, so that, you "Why want a conserver met be- keep your eyes wide open that they

they seem to have eagerly thrown sentiment always? Sarely we must not had left her sick and suffering husthemselves into the maze of this dif- measure our acquaintance by time?" had left her sick and suffering hus-

that Roscoe Willis, the young poet, breathe the air with men, whom she tion banquet, preceded, of course, by

Even in the darkness a hot blush dyed her cheeks. A consciousness of And three weeks later, at her own how near the brink of the precipice she home, in a morning call, with the won- had stood dawned upon her; the silent; derful dreamy eyes resting on her face, untiring, watchful care of her husband From another man she might have her hand to grasp a myth, and let the

who for months, had had the right to "Mr. Franklin is so much worse," the man said, "we took the liberty of

left ungratified; and yet she felt an husband no longer recognized her. emptiness in her life she dared not ac- "What is it, dear?" he would say in

his unconsciousness. "How have I privilege. Before she had met Roscoe Willis it failed? Isa-oh, my darling, my darly was wearing away. Somehow, her ing, tell me how to make you love me!" husband's smile had pierced the mists! Then he had suffered, too; and she, about her heart, and taught her that in her blindness, had seen nothing of

better than words, until she had found It was many days ere the mists of a man from whose lips words flowed fever -scattered, and John Franklin, as water bubbling from the mountain weary and tired, woke up to the emerspring. And listening, as he asked, gency of living. Somehow he did not 'Why have we never met before?" seem to care to buckle on his shield again; but one morning, with the sun-So it began. She did not know that light streaming into his room, his Roscoe Willis' presence was growing wife, kneeling by his side, and hiding Office and Residence a short distance has been different from that of oth- necessary to her as the weeks length- her face on his breast, whispered her confession.

To her husband, his home was his "I would never have told you," she

But John Franklin had never reveal- But John, to whom words were ever

# Only Three May Remain Covered in Pres-

ence of the Sovereign.

The more ancient peerages of the British realm have attached to them certain curious privileges, granted to tities of tea. The poor people-and ancestors of the present holders by the Russian people are the poorest in monarchs of the past, and many are existence-use the so-called "brick" the quaint and ridiculous ceremonies tea. This is the cheapest sort, being the present holders have to perform mixed with the stems, and compressofttimes in order to preserve the right ed by some adhesive gum into dry to their titles.

Scrivelsby Court, near Horncastle. onous to any one else, is consumed by condition that he and his successors for all time should officiate as royal champions, stipulating that if at any time the owner of the manor failed to appear, either in person or by deputy, as champion at the coronation banquet the Scrivelsby estate would be forfeit to the crown.

For 800 years a representative from Scrivelsby Court never failed to perform this duty, even though in 1292 the manor passed into the hands of the Dymokes, who have held it ever since.

Attired in complete armor, with Hall during the progress of the corona- care to enumerate.

the side of the sovereign he then had to challenge all comers to deny the justice of the monarch's claim to the throne, and offer to fight them on the

Needless to say, no one coming forward to accept the challenge, a goblet of gold, filled with wine, was handed to the champion, who then drank to the sovereign's health. This goblet was always retained as a souvenir. (

A peculiar right is possessed by Lord Inchiquin, who can dress his servants in the same liveries as the royal attendants. In the reign of Henry VIII. Lord Inchiquin was king of the southern part of Ireland, and in return for giving up his authority the merry monarch granted him this

It may surprise many to know that her Majesty has such a servant as a sandal bearer. This office is fulfilled by the Earl of Rothes.

Another curious right is possessed by the Spencers. When a royal christening is about to take place with or without leave, an earl of that name is entitled to be present if he feels disposed to avail himself of the privilege, though to be in order he must present himself with his coat decorated with solid gold buttons, each of which must be of a certain weight.

On one occasion an Earl Spencer, much against the will of the Queen, presented himself for admission to the royal christening, resolutely refusing to forego his right.

Of the validity of his claim there was no doubt, but as a last resource the Lord Chancellor directed that the gold buttons on his coat should be weighed to see if they complied with the conditions. One of them was found to be below the prescribed weight, and this proved to be a sufficient reason for excluding the Earl from the ceremony. Lord Kinsale of Ireland and Lord Forester of England, together with the Master of Trinity College, Cambridge, possess the privilege of remaining covered in the presence of their soveeign and not removing their headgear, as other subjects are bound to do.

The Russians drink enormous quancakes of various sizes, resembling in For instance, the office of royal its appearance "plug" tobacco. This champion is held by the Dymokes of tea, which would probably prove pois-William the Conqueror granted Scri- the Russian workingman at the avervelsby to Robert De Marmion on age rate of about 20 stakan, or tumblers, a day, the Russian stakan being equal to five of the little thimbles of cups used at afternoon teas. Taking into consideration that black, sour or bitter, brick-like bread, raw onions, garlic, dried leather fish and strongly salted herrings are usually the chief articles of food of the people at large, one must not wonder at the enormous quantity of hot tea needed to quench a Russian's thirst and help on his digestion.

# MORE STORIES.

Mrs. Muggins-Your house has three stories, hasn't it?

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