## Laugh and the World Laughs With You

BY MORGAN JOHNSON.

#### SYNOPSIS.

Richard Severance, popular dramatist, author and bachelor, occupies a flat with his man, Grayson. Severance has been given but three months to live by a specialist. Wishing to the stand or not; for, although it was keep his mind off his approaching a warm day and the June sun shone death, he advertises in the "agony" brightly, the glass seemed strangely columns for adventure.

Miss Valerie Fenwick has been left Mr. Winter had conducted the ina fortune by her uncle, provided she terview with tactful kindness. He marries within two months, otherwise had steered clear of snags and shalshe loses the fortune. She takes her lows in a way which had earned him troubles to her lawyers, Winter & Severance's smused admiration. Suave Sparvell, who see Severance's adver- and businesslike, he brought his proptisement.

#### PART II.

lar moment I have never realized how and dangerharbors!"

"Here's two more just arrived, sir," haunts me in my dreams!" he announced in a sepulchral voice.

scorche it might bring a ripple to doring what his own conduct would be extraordinary day. even that carven mug of yours. Per- were he placed in a similar position. use. O death's head!" He ripped another envelope and -sprang into his imagination.

frowned over the inclosure "H'm-listen. What do you make fully, "is a charming young lady-I of this?"

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JOHN-WINTER.

eyes alight with whimsical mockery. The blue eyes opened wide "Short, snappy and to the point, breathless surprise. eh? The reference to chivalry is dis- "Not Mr. Richard Severance, the Well, old thunderbrow, shall I hie me ground

the corners of his mouth were twitch- 60,000 pounds petty!"

you think?"

"I think it's 'eartbreaking, sir!" he Winter. breaking!"

Severance threw up his head to other way out." laugh, caught sight of his man's face, Mr. Winter cleared his throat noisand, leaping up, laid a hand upon the ily. To be perfectly candid, he was

unusual gentleness. "It's not quite bull by the horns. fair on you. Perhaps I'd better pay "I should simply hate the idea of you off and let you go!"



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"No, sir," gulped Grayson. "That'd be worse. I'd sooner stay and stick Severance turned swiftly to the window. He found it difficult, however, to see if there was a taxi upon

osition to a conclusion.

"I realize, my dear sir," he added, putting the last finishing touches to a "Grayson," remarked Richard Sev- really magnificent arabesque, "that it erance, solemnly, "until this particu- hardly fulfills your conditions of risk

assured Severance gravely, "the bare his lips. "No, sir?" said the resigned Gray- thought of a marriage ceremony turns "'Ave atque vale!" he murmured gether. son politely. He had just entered the me cold. I was best man at my late softly. "Good-bye, my dear; your life sitting-room bearing the results of the colonel's wedding, and the vision of a is just beginning!' second morning post upon a salver, gallant man petrified with fear still Then he shut the door abruptly,

"Thick as the leaves in Vallom- heart warm toward this irresistible home. The legend of Damocles-modernized

"My client," said Mr. Winter, wisthave known her since childhood. It seems cruel that she should suffer for an old man's petulant freak!"

As he spoke the door opened. "Miss Fenwick, sir," announced the bling turkey in his effort to effectively bells.

Both men rose from their seats to pay homage to the delightful vision in the doorway. Mr. Winter beamed over his glasses.

"Good morning, my dear. Let me Severance leaned back in his chair, introduce Mr. Severance."

arming, my dear Grayson-a touch of author!" she exclaimed, and then with genius, in fact! It conjures up all shocked sympathy as she read her makes one feel a modern Don Quix- so sorry. My affairs must seem very from the soul of the departed. He sighed. "I'm afraid I'll petty and banal to you-" She hesiforth to tilt at windmills? What do | Severance grinned pleasantly.

"'Whom the gods love . . .' Grayson stared woodenly at the quoted lightly. "And personally, Miss know that the good folks have finished wallpaper; but for all his self-control, Fenwick, I shouldn't call the loss of their worship and are on their home-

Valerie's troubled gaze sought Mr. exclaimed, in his distress flinging as- "I don't think we can go on," she pirates to the four winds, "'eart- said feebly. "It's too awful and coldblooded! We'll just have to find some

beginning to feel that way himself. "My poor Grayson," he said with Severance, with a laugh, took the

> all that money going toward civilizing unhappy cannibals!" he declared, the imp of whimsicality now fairly dancing in his eyes. "But there's just one condition I must make and insist upon. such a row?" You know I've always fancied a wedding breakfast at Prince's. So while committee, you know." Mr. Winter is fixing up other necessary little items. I'll just dash round Athletes use Minard's Liniment. and have a bottle or two put in the ice bucket!"

Valerie was not a hundred miles off The beginning of 1927 meant someeffort not to make a fool of herself. nust be a very brave man!"

"Hear, hear!" applauded Mr. Winunnecessary vigor.

clown in a circus who has been prais- put up. ed for his admirable portrayal of The anniversary was kept with fit- Don't be impatient even the flap-Hamlet, flushed to his ears. Somehow ting ritual. Half an hour before mid- jack has to wait its turn. the maiden with the blue eyes and night on the last day of 1926 the Dean flowerlike face had an unhappy knack and Chapter met for a solemn act of of getting under his guard!

upon its puppets.

clared Severance gayly. "Now, I'm lunatic. going to come down to gross earth! again with a bump!"

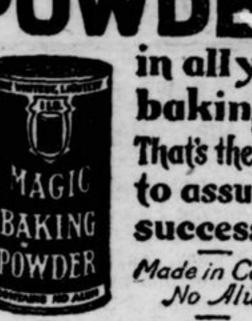
"You leave the Princess very lonely," murmured Valerie in a low voice. She hesitated and then shyly, "Won't you come and see me before you sail for Egypt? . I .. I haven't thanked you properly yet."

Severance shook his head sadly. "I dare not, my dear!" "Why?" The word came in a soft

whisper; she leaned toward him, eyes very bright. "Because - because - " floundered Severance. He made a sudden gesture. "You see, I might fall in love with my wife," he smiled, "and that would

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He bent forward into the shade of many embryo criminals this world! "Upon the contrary, Mr. Winter," the cab, and brushed her fingers with

> waved to the impatient driver, and Mr. Winter laughed. He felt his swung away as the gears whirred

brosa," murmured Severance. "Buzz young man with the whimsical eyes He walked through from Piccadilly 'em down. And Gravson, half a min- who sat so coolly and unconcernedly into Jermyn street resurrecting in his ute: don't go. Here's a regular in his chair. He could not help won- mind the kaleidoscopic events of that (To be concluded.)

## The Call of the Bells.

We hear them ringing so often, but do we think of them as more than a summons to church?

Our forefathers had many more uses for bells. In their superstitious way they believed that thunder and lightning could be driven from the parish by the ringing of the church That sophisticated insect

The "Passing Bell" is still heard in some country parishes of England to bespeak the prayers of the faithful for some soul in extremis. The bell is rung or tolled nine strokes for a man, six strokes for a woman, and three strokes for a child. So do the villagers know for whom to pray.

It used to be quite usual in some parts of East Lancashire to ring the bells as notsily as possible after a funeral, of delightful possibilities— answer. "Oh, it's too dreadful. I'm would frighten away the evil spirits

The "Dinner" or "Pudding Bell" is have to go and see what it's all about. tated, obviously fearing dangerous still rung in some country parishes. When Winter lingers in the lap It is rung immediately the morning service is concluded, and the story We inconsistently carp not at all ," he goes that it is to let the people at home When Summer lingers in the lap ward way to "Dinner" or "Pudding."



At the City Hall. "Why is that councilman making

"He's chairman of the antinoise

## York Minister's New Century.

crying; she blinked desperately in an thing more to York Minster than just the start of another year. For this worst of it. Mabel called from up-"Mr. Severance," she said softly, "most august of temples," as Sir Walyour generosity makes me incapable ter Scott once called it, the occasion Mother." f saying much, but I-I think you marked the commencement of a new

Already there are thirteen hundred to a woman ber tongue. ter, polishing his glasses with totally crowded years of history behind York Minster, which dates back to the year Severance, feeling suddenly like a 627, when a small wooden church was

penitence at a temporary altar in the Three hours later, outside Prince's nave. Just before midnight a proces-Restaurant, Richard Severance help- sion arrived at the west door of the ed his wife into a taxi. Mr. Winter, a Minster, and the Archbishop of York to its neck continues to sing. few minutes earlier, had betaken him- knocked thirteen times-once for each Honesty. like homely women in self off to Ely place, chewing the cud century-with his pastoral staff. As street cars, stands up longest. of reflection and marveling mightily the sound of the last knock died away. at the strange and wonderful denoue- the door was opened, and he entered to-day's luck. ments which life occasionally inflicts to celebrate the long ages of Christian

"I feel like the ogre in the fairy Within the last hundred years the A humbug "bite" is slow to heal. tale who for a few short hours has Minster has been the scene of two usurped the part of the Prince," de- fires, one of which was caused by a their notes.

Superfluous Question. "Harold, let's have soup for lunch." "Sure, what kind, dear?" "Canned, of course."

### NURSES

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Most investments look good until you try to borrow some money of them.

(On With Laughter)

The average politician's ideal of relieving the farmer is to have more pickpockets at County Fairs.

"Two halves make a hole," said the ram, as he joined a life-saver mint to-

"Do you take jodgers?" "Yes. What lodge do you belong

A little nonsense new and then will

True Love Needs No Valentine.

His wife loves him, yet she don't care if he goes around with other women. You see, he owns a merry-go-

The only upward trend that brings no protest is in women's skirts.

#### A Mere Legend. "Will you walk into my parlor?"

Said the spider to the fly Then replied, "Indeed, not I!

might walk into your drawing-room Or living-room, but say! Are you so dumb you do not know That parlors are passe?" It is the girls of to-day and not the

wrongs against them that should be

A good way to keep from wearing

Condoning Turpitude. Though we complain 'tis an outrageous

Fall.

Trying to keep a good man down about as hard as trying to keep a good for nothing one up.

1890: Knee swells, 1926: Swell

The Tooth of the Matter. It is a pleasant sight to see The guards manoeuvring with skill

But, ah, the difference to me When my good dentist starts to of the moment. Price of the book 10 Jack-"I called on Mabel last night

and I wasn't any more than inside the door before her mother asked me my ly, giving number and size of such John-"That must have been em-

Jack-"Yes, but that wasn't the stairs and said, "That isn't the one,

The key to a man is his thought:

Truths. Many a bad husband beats a good

Opportunities still lie on every hand -so do a lot of people. To get rid of a crowd-take up a

Yesterday's preparation accounts for

Few people are really importantmany act that way. Bankers know a lot of "birds" by

Revenge promises much but gets lit Many have a "kick" coming who never get it.

Many a fellow whom you think is square is a rounder. A lie is legless but it travels fast. Girls will be girls-so will a lot of

Pearls worn by others are always mitations Face powder never tastes as good as A smile has more than its face value.

Many a girl marries for a support, and accordingly sits down on her hus-

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Gaunt shadowed symmetry of leaf an weed. Frost arabesques of lace. She wears the vast enchantment the snows.

perfection, wind-strewn seed With all unconscious grace. -Marie Emilie Gilchrist, in "Wi

Rayed wheels and silver stars of br

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The town where she lives has only one skilled window dresser, and the displays of the other stores suffered by comparison. Feeling sure that the merchants would benefit if they dis played their wares attractively, she visited the different stores and solicit patterns as you want. Enclose 20c in ed the work of dressing their windows. stamps or coin (coin preferred; wrap She convinced several of the mer-it carefully) for each number and chants that an artistic arrangement of address your order to Pattern Dept., the goods in their windows would Wilson Publishing Co., 78 West Ade- make an appeal to the public that

#### Provide Sultable Displays.

By agreement she gives each store one complete change of window displays every two weeks and a rear rangement that given the effect of change once a week. She also provides suitable displays for such days as are celebrated locally or more widely. Since she does not have to spend anything on the work, she figures that the two dollars a window that she receives for it is good pay for what is only part-time work, for it brings her at least forty dollars a month.

Bleached silken grasses, patterns of She stipulated that the two jewelers on the list should allow her a reasonable sum to spend for flowers. By choosing the flowers to harmonize with the rich velvets of jewel cases and accent the beauty of the glass, silver and pottery containers that are on sale she has more than justified the expense.

Friends, interested in her project and pleased with store windows that game animal are urged by the Ameri- are a credit to their city, lend her antiques, curiosities and other things to complete and beautify her window de-

Clever ideas in window-dressing are a display called "The Seven Ages of Shoes.' Hoving collected seven pairs of old shoes, from a baby's pair up to an old man's boots, she had the shoeplaced in the window, where they proved to everyone who stopped to look in that by skillful repairing even a hopeless-looking shoe can be restored to reputable appearance and further wear. The girl's charge for logue of Jokers' Novelties and the idea was five dollars. It has brought the store a great deal of repair work, made new customers and sold more shoes.

### Have Your Ideas Ready.

To girls who feel that they have taste and ability that they could use to advantage in such work, a word of advice may be useful; have your selling ideas ready for the merchant long before the selling time.

If a store has a drapery department er an art department, submit unusual designs to it. Many small stores have no salesman who is competent to cut "overdrape" patterns or to make a drawing suitable for a luncheon design that is to carry out a special plan If you are clever, you can make from curtain materials or wall paper designs that can be repeated in the sofa cushions or the bed spreads; from china you can copy designs for decorating luncheon sets to be used with that china. Charge according to the importance of your work.

Trade journals will give you ideas; the special needs of your community will guide you; the surplus stock in some merchant's store may be your inspiration. If your ideas are novel and practicable enough to sell goods no merchant will begrudge you the price that your idea is worth to him.

### Noon in the Plaza.

It was high noon, and the rays of

the sun, that hung poised directly overhead in an intolerable white glory, fell straight as plummets upon the roofs and streets of Guadalajara. The adobe walls and sparse brick sidewalks of the drowsing town radiated the heat in an oily, quivering shimmer. The leaves of the eucalyptus trees around the Plaza drooped motionless, limp and relaxed under the scorching, searching blaze. The shadows of these trees had shrunk to their smallest circumference, contracting close about the trunks. The shade had dwindled to the breadth of a mere line. The sun was everywhere. The heat exhaling from brick and plaster and metal met the heat that steadily desended blanketwise and smothering, from the pale, scorched sky. Only the lizards-they lived in chinks or the crumbling adobe and in interstrees of the sidewalks-remained without, motionless, as if stuffed. . . . At long intervals the prolonged drone of an insect developed out of the silence, vibrated a moment in a soothing, romnolent, long note, then trailed slowly into the quiet again. Somewhere in the interior of one of the adobe houses a guitar snored and hummed sleeply. On the roof of a hotel a group of pigeons cooed incessantly with subdued, Equid murmurs, very plaintive; a cat, perfectly white, with a pink nose and thin, pink lips, dozed complecently on a fence rail, full in the sun. In a corner of the Plaza three hens wallowed in the baking hot dust, their wings fluttering, clucking comfortably. -Frank Norris, in "The Octopus."

## News Fi

New Westminster, the past year the Gove Extraction Plant here pounds of yellow pine thousand pounds of this New Zealand and other to Pennsylvania. Six pounds of spruce seed the British Forestry Co. addition to the above fig produced 200 pounds of bemlock, and 532 of red Edmonton, Alta, For

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take it for expert ser hospitals, in governm in asylums, in homes and anywhere that par habilitated by this sol In the United States Occupational Therapy ly increased in the pas It is practically certs mand for Occupations will be greatly enlarge the next few years.



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cornered the teaching