girl's interest was such that on the

The boss was disturbed at his

daughter's trip into the lowest quar-

"This ain't no kind o' play, gid!

she was glad to go with her.

"What's the matter?"

"Matter? Nothing. Why?"

me, Gloria. What is it?"

"No, I'm not," she insisted.

not speak. "Can't you answer?"

of escape, and finally stammered:

"To all the big things, yes."

She hesitated, but finally

"Oh, I suppose so," she admitted in

"People are nice to you."

"What's different, then?" -

She did not finish the sentence.

"I don't understand, that's all."

resolved only to name persons in

"Old John Loomis' daughter?"

"Out of groceries, didn't he?"

"Is he the big wholesale grocer?"

"Huh! A beautiful lot o' airs she'

"Groceries, nothin'. That's just a

in a year to feed a first class boardin'

house. I wouldn't let him sell any-

thing to the poor farm. Don't let

that girl o' his put it over you any,

And they say he passes the plate

in church! Gad, I hate a hypocrite.

Her father was so wrought up that

Gloria was afraid to speak further,

but when he insisted she told of sev-

eral instances of which she had been

pleased to term antagonistic atmos-

phere, and in each case Kerr related

some disgraceful characteristic of the

head of the family. Once he did not

ety woman whose history he knew

well. This intimate knowledge of Bel-

mont affairs and his belittling refer-

ences to leading citizens made Gloria

reach the conclusion that in some way

he was in a class by himself. This

caused her to soothe him with the

"Father, I think they're jealous be-

She might not love him, but her

pride in him and her loyalty to him

were all the greater for the lack of

love. She felt that she was at fault

for not having that true fillal regard

which other daughters had for their

fathers, and therefore whenever she

could she strengthened her faith in him as Belmont's leading citizen. Sh

CHAPTER XI.

Om the day of his interview with

was proud to be his daughter.

I'm afraid he's got us beat."

sngall was hopeful still.

"It's three days till election," he

urged. "Anything can happen in that

cause you're head and shoulders above

I'll make him sweat for it."

"That's him. What 'd she do?"

Gloria thought for a moment, and

"Yet-I-what?" he urged.

"Who, for instance?"

"Well, Letty Loomis."

It's just—an atmosphere."

made his money?"

"You go every place."

"Ain't they?"

back East."

general way.

The boss' suspicions were not

"Has anyone done anythin' or said

ters of Belmont.

sion by saying:

anythin' to you?"

"Nothing."

be so lulled

to society?"

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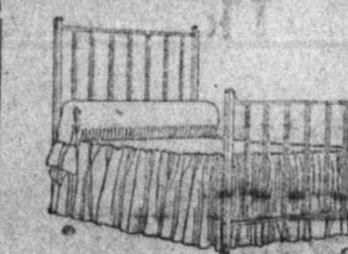
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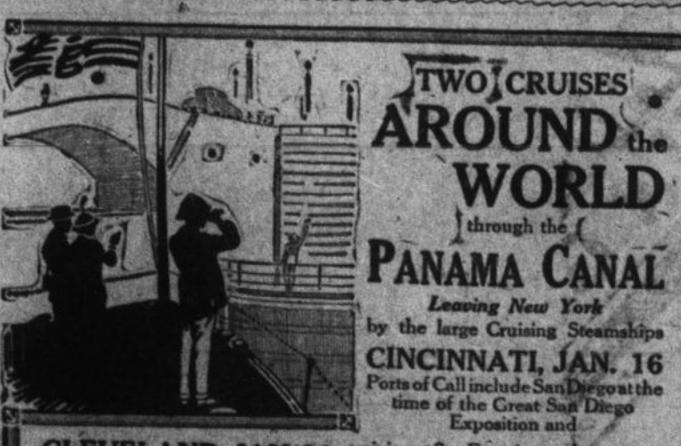


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Gloria's admiration of her father's powers did not lessen upon their better acquaintance. Strange as it may seem, her loyalty to him was strengthened by each turn of fortune's wheel which thrust her back upon herself. he complained. "Why don't you stick The frivolous veneer in her nature was being worn away, and the real Gloria was beginning to appear. Kerr's was indeed a powerful person- me?" ality, and Gloria was coming to see why he was so successful. A woman's intuition and not an understanding of the facts in the case was the girl's tutor. She hugged to her heart the comparison of Joe Wright and her father. In the younger man she saw some of the traits which made her father a power-magnetism, reserve strength, and a logical mind. Wright had that and more: he had all the social graces. To her, however, his greatest appear was that he was youth. eternal youth, and love.

What Gloria could not understand was why Wright was avoiding her. In her ears she could hear him whisper as he had that night: pring on the hills, Beloved,

On the side of a meadowed slopes And Love in our hearts, Beloved, Love, and Spring and Hope. Now was spring here, and hope and the promise of love, but he did not come. After her return from St. Louis she had waited in vain. Then she had asked to have him invited to nner. When Mrs. Gilbert telephoned he refused owing to press of isiness, but asked to speak to Glo-She-came to the telephone and

they had a pleasant chat. He told her that he was busy finishing some magazine articles which the editor was pressing him for, and that he was working night and day. For the time being Gloria accepted this explanation. The day of their telephone conversation there came from him a box of red roses at the dinner hour. It must not be thought that Glo

ria was entirely cut off from society. It was the society she craved, the intimate association with certain ones, which she was not finding. To all the formal functions Gloria was invited. but she no longer cared for big bails as formerly. Her dances were all taken, but there was something in the atmosphere which dampened her spirits. Although every one was superficially pleasant, there was no cordiality in it at all. So she busied herself more and more with remodeling her

country home. One day at Locust Lawn a man en gaged in digging the foundation for the new porch touched his hat and called Mrs. Hayes by name. She stopped to talk to him and betrayed a knowledge of his family affairs which astonished Gloria. After they had passed, the girl questioned her

best about the workman and how she came Mrs. Hayes explained.

Gloria looked at the man in the trench, bending his back in pain that she might have a place to serve tea in the afternoon and loll in a swinging in the moonlight. He was but a unit out of those teeming millions of units to whose existence she had all ways been indifferent. Had she been told in other days that this man's family had almost died of want she would have let it stay in her mind no longer than the news that a hundred poor girls had been burned to death in a fire trap a bribed factory inspector had branded as safe. In other words, she would not have considered the matter at all. To have dominion over palm and pine to Gloria meant only that from these lands should be gathered the best there was for the lords of the earth. And of that order she knew herself to be one.

Sin and suffering were familiar to her in the abstract, sodden wretches she had seen invade even Fifth avenue, but that back of all were stories of weaknesses, misfortunes, oppression, inhuman exploitation, and man's inhumanity to man she had not considered. She believed they were born into their caste just as she was born

Mow as she listened to this workman talk, heard his story from Mrs. Hayes, learned that he had little children dependent upon him just as she had been dependent upon her father before he had made a settlement upon her, making her independent, Gloris began to realize that there was such a thing as the fellowship of man. She was not uncharitable. Whenever any appeal had been made to her she had always emptied her pockstbook thoughtlessly and considered her duty done. Now the thought of personal service came to her. She was ignorant of what she could do, even of it power to bring her any measure of appiness, but it was worth trying.

They had driven in silence almost to town before Gloria turned to Mrs. Hayes and said: "Mrs. Hayes, the next time you go

to the mission I want you to take mo." Several days later Gloria went with Mrs. Hayes to view at close range the L. L. wish-I believed in miraclessible

ou do, was Dr. Hares rue ul com "Only a miracle can save us," adde udge Gilbert gloomily.

"I tell you, gentlemen," insisted Kendall, "I still think Dave Kerr can swing it."

"All the same," answered the cor oner, "when I went out to stick my good money in real estate options on factory sites I wash I'd been riding Balaam's ass."

The others' laugh at his expense was cut short by the entrance of by vid Kerr.

"How 's it look, Mr. Kerr?" asked "It might be worse," was the reply.

We count the votes, don't we?" Gilbert was not optimistic. "I'm afraid it isn't going to be that

"Have you heard anything from the aleventh?" queried Kendall.

"I had a talk with Sweeney this morning, and he said he could put enough stock-yards people in the 'leventh to deliver the ward all right. days Mrs. Hayes went to the musion Banerschmidt was in my office at the same time. He's up against it in the

"Then we can't count on much out side the river-wards," said Kendall.

Kerr nodded his head. He could have added that the river ward mer "Society!" she rapifed with fine would vote early and often, but that scorn. "Why doesn't society stick to there was no occasion for it. It was an open secret that for several weeks floaters had been colonized in the He had been quick to catch the note levee district.

of unhappiness. His daughter had not "We can't count on much besides meant to say anything, but the words | them wards," explained Kerr, "unless had slipped out before she could think, the Belmont News goes out of busi-She now tried to erase the impres- ness."

> "What can we do about it?" inquired Hayes. He saw defeat staring them in the face.

"Sam," replied the boss after a mo "You're keepin' somethin' back from ment's silence, "every man's got his price-in some form or other."

"News or no News, we've got to win," exclaimed Kendall desperately. "I've staked everything on it in Chicago and I must get results-and that "But somethin's back o' all this. You means a franchise and nothing but a ain't happy. Anybody can see that. franchise." Now what's it all about?" He wait-

"Then we've got to have that paper ed for her to reply, but she would at any cost." "It's mortgaged for all it's worth,"

Forced into a corner, unable to turn said Gilbert. the conversation, Gloria saw no way "That won't help us in the next three days," snapped Kendall." "It's-it's-well-it's just an atmos-"There ain't no use mincing matters," concluded the boss. "We're up

against it. There's only one thing to do; see what he'll sell for, and pay him his price." Judge Gilbert looked at the matter

from the point of view of a business "It won't be cash down for the a lifeless manner. "Perhaps I'm not whole thing. We merely assume the

used to western ways, yet the nice mortgage, and then pay him whatever people look just like nice people look he'll take to clear out." Kerr had figured all this out. With him time was the most important "They seem to keep me at arm's consideration.

length. I don't see why. You're the "We've got to get busy mighty biggest man in Belmont, and yet Iquick," said the boss. "When are you going to see him?" asked Kendall.

> "Right away." "We can't very well go to his office;" said Gilbert. "Even that little move would give him more of an advan-

"Get him over here," ordered Kerr. "Telephone him. He'll come. You needn't say who's here."

Judge Gilbert picked up the tele-"I tell you-she didn't do anything phone on the table and asked Williams, his secretary, who sat in the outer office, to get Mr. Wright at the got a right to put on," snorted the Belmont News on the line for him.

boss. "D' you know how old Loomis Judge Gilbert's offices consisted of an outer room where sat his secretary; within, where Kerr and his lieutenants were in conference, was the stall. He's got a warehouse chuck library, a large room looking out on full of rotten whisky he sells in pro- the main thoroughfore of Belmont; hibition Kansas. That's his real busi- and from this, opposite the outer reness. He don't sell enough groceries ception room, then opened, two smaller rooms, one of which Gilbert used as his private office, the other

as a room for consultations. When Gilbert finished telephoning, he said, "He's busy going over the proofs of some late stuff for this afternoon's paper, but he'll be over in half

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sons-and neither is fortune, for the

hesitate to give his opinion of a soci-

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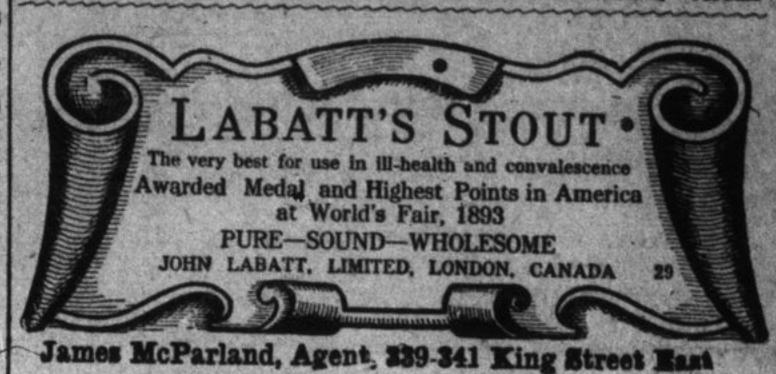
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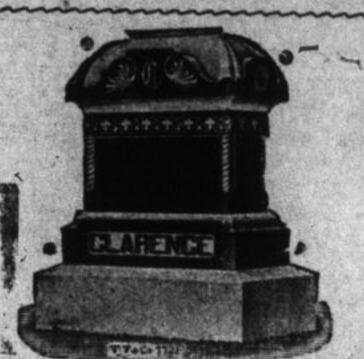
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