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LIVING TOO FAST, her leveliness that I could not

Confessions of a Bank Officer. CHAPTER II.

MISS LILIAN OLIPHANT. How could I look Tom Flynn in the face after what I had done, or permitted to be done? He had been my competitor in the race for the situation in the bank, and probably would have obtained it if my uncle had not whispered the old slander in the pars of Mr. Bristle- | National Bank. bach, the president. It is true this plan had originated with Captain

were procured for me by such a base sacrifice of honor and integrity. I did not do so. If I protested at all, it was so faintly that my worldly-minded uncle only regarded it as a piece of "buncombe." It not for me to blame him, for I regard myself as equally guilty of the infamous deed-more guilty. for Tom was niv friend. It was not the glorious triumph which I had anticipated, and I could hardly felicitate myself that I was to step immediately into the the enjoyment

ahead of my fortunite triend. 1 congratulate von, Paley, with all my son." said Tom, with enthe place myself, but I am really Life Insurance Agent, I should have been if I had been all the forms of society in decent

of a salary of twolve hundred a

" You don't mean that, Tom," suggested, and felt that I was almost incapable of giving birth to a

"Pon my word, I do, Paley. was thinking this forenoon that, if the place fell to me, I should re proach myself for having stood in felt first right about it. Nov I am am delighted with the result."

" I thank you, Tom - I did not expect any such magnanimity from any person in this world;" but, I comforted myself with the thought endure the disappointment which

should very gladly have believed that I owed my good luck to the personal influence of my uncle, All Descriptions of Binding but I was confident he had used that old slander to procure my appointment. Tom left me after had promised to meet him at Mr. Oliphant's in the evening. I was

sad, and I felt mean. evening. Miss Lilian Oliphant was a bright vision before my eyes. wondered that she had been condescending enough to notice a person happy moment drew near when I

was to see her again, I even forgot my own infamy towards Tom. an immense sum for a young fellow for an air-castle. I pictured to myself a pleasant home with Lilian as Policy-holders ....... 1,170,855 the presiding genius of-the place, shedding unutterable bliss upon my existence. Twelve hundred dollars would hire a house, farnish it, and enable me to live like a lord. It Lilian did dress well, if she was

the pressure with the magnificent sum which would be mine. I was admitted to the parlor in which the family were seated. Tom and two other gentlemen were there, conversing with the young the largest Accident Insurance Com- ladies, all of whom were evidently "got up" for the purpose of making 436,000 policies and paid in actual an impression. Miss Lilian gave me a cordial welcome, and introduced me to the rest of the party holders alone over \$2,565,000. An Mr. Oliphant had heard of-my accident policy costs but a trifle. No a policy and share in the general good fortune. He congratulated me, and did me the honor to say that I should soon be the cashier

of the Forty-ninth National Bank. I was treated with distinguished the lion of the occasion. Discount | was-Clerk of the bank, I was a bigger man than any of the gentlemen

Esquesing, Feb. 1, 1877. 31-3m justice, for I was so fascinated by loveliness before me.

keep my thoughts about me, and Tom and Miss Bertha beat us badly. But Miss Lilian attributed our misfortune to ill-luck, and smiled as sweetly as over. I may as well

hasten to the catastrophe, and det tice. clare at once that I was deeply and ] irretrievably smitten, as I had income?" I asked eagerly. tended to be from the first. She was very kind to me, and seemed to look with a favorable eye upon it would be this evening," I added me ; but I could not, of course, with a holdness which absolutely know whether she would require | confounded me.

even a bigger man than the dis- "Do come this evening, then. count clerk of the Forty-ninth We can make up a set without any I left the house at eleven o'clock | Why didn't she say something

with the most intense regret. I about that bouquet, and thus enable Halliard, but I consented to it, to knew not how soon I might see me to advance a step nearer to the say the very least. I could have her again, but I ascertained where conquest. She did not, and I was prevented him from carrying it into she went to church, and I went afraid the five dollar trifle had been operation. I could have protested there the very next Sunday. It placed to the credit of Paul Grain the strongest of terms that there was cloudy, and she did not appear. hame. I went away, but I hasten was no truth in the story, and that I was sad and impatient. It seem- ed to the florist's and bought anoth-I would not take the place if it ed to me that I must see her again er bouquet-price seven dollars. soon, or I should do some desper- On the card I wrote, " In memor ate deed. I tried to invent an of a pleasant call. P. G\*\*\*\*\*\*d." excuse for calling at her father's She could not make Grahame ou house on Sunday evening, but my of that. ingenuity failed me. I dropped in | Early in the evening I rang upon Tom Flynn, and talked of bell, and was ushered into the parnothing but Lilian Oliphant. I lor. On the piano was my bouquet, hoped he would take the hint, and and near it stood Lillan, who, as I propose to call upon her that even- entered the room, was in the act of ing, but he would not; in fact, he inhaling its fragrance. I think was going to a prayer-meeting, and she blushed a little when she saw only invited me to go with him. me. It was not Lilian's church, and I | "What a beautiful bouquet

year. I could not even enjoy the triumph of being, for once, actually her. I did not sleep half an hour that this kind remembrancer." night. I was madly, desperate in O, not at all; it was the best love with Lillian, and I was afraid. I could find, but it is altogether thusiasm. "I should have liked that some young fellow with only a unworthy." thousand a year might snap her up better satisfied with the result than, while I was waiting to go through It is beautiful, delicious. not to take my desk in the bank sent me one, but it was, not so till the first day of the new year, a week hence, and I induced my

employers to let me off from the last four days' service, for the reason | was you, Mr. Glasswood. I interthat I was so infatuated with Miss Lillian I could not do anything. I name." walked by Mr. Oliphant's house cour way. I rever should have twenty times a day, but I had not floor, and her chest heaved with the plack to call. On Tuesday emotion that agitated me more satisfi d-more than satisfied; I afternoon I sent her a beautiful than her. I fancied it was all that, if the place had been assigned Paul Grahame. It was an awful her king. But I consoled myself ly as though it had been as good

ed by her father's house seven we played into each others hands, times, and probably I should have and won the game in which hearts tour I was penniless again. the eighth I had not seen Lillian | suits. at the window. The stars favored I ought to have gone home at a ten-days trip attended by such a immediately, though we had innie. The dear divinity saw me; ten o'clock, but I staid till half helpmate as Lilian with less than tended to stay two days longer. Before the store closed I received she smiled, she bowed to me, and past eleven. I was cordially invit. this sum in my pocket. First-class She pouted, but I told her official notice of my appointment, I thought she blushed. Whether ed to come again, and I may say I hotels, private parlors, carriages, should lose my situation If I did and informed my employers of my she did or not, I blushed, and the went again, until my visits includ- the opera in New York would make not go back. She thought I might intention to leave them. They did die was cast. The thrilling glance ed every evening in the week, not large demands upon my purse. I get another situation rather than and say much, and I am not sure the fair being bestowed upon me excepting Saturday and Sunday, was rather sorry that Tom Flynn break up the pleasant excursion so that they were very sorry to have inspired me with a resolution equal when all but "fiddlers and fools" had offered to lend me a hundred abruptly. I told her I could easily me go. I went to my boarding to the occasion. I rushed to the stav at home. Before the snow dollars, for if he had not done so I get another situation, but it was house, and dressed myself with the door, and before I had time to melted we were engaged. utmost care for the occasion in the change my purpose, I rang the

I was admitted. I asked Miss Lilian Oliphant, and shown into the parler in which she so insignificant as I was. I was was seated. My heart throbbed thinking only of her, and as the like the beatings of the ocean in a tempest, and my face felt as if blast of fire had swept over it; but I survived. I was more than fas-Twelve hundred a year! It was | cinated ; I was infatuated with the fair being before me. I am free to like me, and with such a foundation say that no such vision of leveliness was ever realized before or since in

my experience. pleasure, Mr. Glasswood," said she, more self-possessed than I was.

"I beg your pardon for calling," stammered. "I'm sure you needn't do that, rather extravagant, I could stand for I'm very glad to see you, she replied, kindly helping me out. "I didn't-really-I thought-

It's a beautiful day, Miss Olio be embarrassed.

I ventured to hint that I had

broke down completely. me, but I bore my honors with turbed me that evening, so that I But Lilian appeared to love me claimed the venerable seeker after Beacon street, I would rather

"Thank you! When shall

"As soon as you please." "If it were as soon as I pleased

did not wish to go. It would be a | she exclaimed with rapture, after pleasure to walk on the Common the preliminary formalities bad and think of her, if I could not see been disposed of. "I am very grateful to you, Mr. Glasswood, for

"Why, it is positively lovely friends are very kind. It was onl and conventional order. I was the other day that Mr. Grahame

> pretty as this one." " Did he, indeed ?" I asked "How stupid I am! Why it

rupted the initials as those of his Miss Lilian looked upon the boquet labelled " In mem my of the right-and it was. I played whist, pleasant evening. P. G." When and the old gentleman and one of I had done so, I happened to think the other daughters teat us worse that one of my companions during than before. I trumped my partthe pleasant evening alluded to was ner's tricks, and put my ace upon

roses: I have since found it to be to add that I made it so myself. knew the routine of bank business well, though I had much to learn. I tried to discharge my duties faithfully, and though Mr Bristlebach, the president, was i hard man, I won even his approval. need not dwell on this season of happiness, for as I look back upon ling to a man of his resource, and, well lined.

to his situation with a salary of many extraordinary expenses, and to eat again at six, Lilian wanted smart, for I won the approbation eighteen hundred dollars, and a it would not be at all strange that to see who were at the tables; but of even Mr. Bristlebach. I made promise of an additional two hun- he was temporarily "short." I my pretended illness saved me, no mistakes. I was not nervous. dred if I proved to be competent to found the worthy old gentlemen in and, what was more important, When I drew my month's salary discharge the duties of the office. the insurance office, up to his eyes saved the two dollars for the back of one hundred and fifty dollars, all My uncle and others were my in the news of the day. I talked hire in Boston. "Splendid day!" laughed she; bondsmen. Never did a young with him for some time about in- "What shall we do when we get into the purse of "dear ima," for but I saw that she was beginning man look forward to a brighter fu- different topics, about my mother's home ?" asked Lilian, as we sat board which would have been high

Every evening in the week I haven. Then I rose to depart, in steamer. spent a very pleasant evening at went to Mr. Oliphant's and was the most natural, manner in the her house on the proceeding Friday; treated as one of the family. Dur- world, though I was rather grieved to come," I replied, with enthusi- keeping. I made some inquiries, and she was kind enough to say ing the year I had been paying as- to see that he was not sorry to have asm. she had enjoyed it very much, and siduous court to my beautiful me go; in fact, he returned to his "I played so hadly then that I good clothes, for I wished Lilian to the door, and then, as though I had house?" consideration, and without exactly shall hardly dare to try again," be proud of me; I sent her bou- forgotten something, I hastily reknowing why, I felt myself to be I replied. "I was-really, I quets, I took her to the theatre, the traced my steps. opera, the concerts, and to balls and "By the way, uncle-I am sorry had discussed this question before, was a party to the swindle; that "What?" she asked, when I parties, a single one of which in to trouble you, but—could you lend she had not been ... le to make up "dear ma" had instructed her what some instances spoiled a twenty me three hundred dollars for a few her mind. "I was going to say that I usu- dollar bill. I took her out to ride, weeks?" Miss Lilian was very gracious to ally play better, but something dis- and paid for many costly suppers.

I had found the end of my twelve part of his being. con. Esquesing. Terms—For Durhams We played whist, and Lilian was the matter hundred dollars so easily that I "The fact is, uncle, getting mar- at the Revere House at this season "I had not known before," replied whist, and Lilian was the matter hundred dollars so easily that I "The fact is, uncle, getting mar- at the Revere House at this season "I had not known before," replied the season of the season o ALEX. WALDIE, my partner; I did not do myself with you?" laughed the vision of dared not think of getting married; ried in these times is an expensive of the year; and I heard a gentle- Baxter, "that my face was a mirbut my promotion decided me. luxury, and I find myself a little man in Washington say that Mrs. ror."

"I don't know, but I didn't Lilian offered no unreasonable ob- short, though, of course, I shall be Peeksmith had not a single apartseem to have the command of my jections, neither did her parents, all right as soon as I get settled ment unoccupied." and the happy day was fixed. Tom down.'

"Then you must come again and Flynn, who had taken my place as | "It's rather a bad sign for a! It was provoking, but I had to redeem your reputation, if you feel discount clerk in the Forty-ninth young man to have to borrow money linvent my excuses as I went along. that you did not do yourself jus. National, was to stand up with me. to get married with," he added with I did not venture to suggest that Somewhat oddly, as it seemed to a glance of severe dignity at me. my entire salary would not pay the I me, my good friend advised me not to marry, and we almost quarrelled trouble you, then, if it is not con- the places she named. If was too over some plain talking which he venient," L'replied in a thoroughly weak and vain to tell her the truth. did. The die was cast; I would off hand manner, as though the lit. I deceived her. She had no know, not have retreated if I could. CHAPTER IIL

GOING TO HOUSEKEEPING.

I was married in the spring, and he bank gave me my vacation on the joyous occasion, so that I was enabled to make a bridal tour of ten days to the South. I went to Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, and while I distinctly recollect that I enjoyed myself exceedingly, and travelled like a prince, I can more vividly recall it to me, but I did not exactly like to board for a few weeks till we he rapidity with which my funds were expended! It had cost me all my salary to pay my board and to take Miss Lilian to the opera and the balls, but I could not afford to deprive Mrs. Glasswood of any

Before we started I was "hard up," and I tried to contrive some clever expedient by which the oridal tour might be dispensed with. I suggested to Lilian that the journey was not absolutely necessary; that some very " nobby people staid at home after they were married. Her chin dropped down as though a ten pound weight had been attached to it, and she looked so sad and gloomy that I could not think for a moment longer of depriving ber of this triumphal march, for so I am atraid she regarded it. Of course, I did not hint to her that I could not afford to spend two or three hundred dollars in travelling, for we were still lovingly cheating each other into the helief that she was a princess and I was a representative

of Crosus himself. There was not a dollar to my hundred dollars. I am surprised culated that I could easily pay but I did, and he put my "value blunder on my part, for how could with the reflection that she must as gold itself. But a hundred dolshe know whether Paul Grahame be thinking of something else, or lars, though Tom seemed to think or Paley Glasswood was the sender | she would not so often have played | it would pay for everything which of the flowers, which had cost me the king before the ace was out. it could possibly enter into the We played a double game, of which head of a groom to procure, was On Wednesday afternoon I walk- whist was the less important; but expended in trifles and before we

passed it seven times more, if on were trumps, if we lost on all other Iswanted three hundred dollars, I told Lilian that I had received a On the first day of the new year with the loan I now needed. I until the other was obtained.

business mission to Europe.

" Never mind it, uncle. I won't expenses of boarding at either of the favor I asked was of more con- ledge of the world, no experience sequence to him than to me. "I of the value of money, for her poor shall expect to see you at the house father had actually ruined himself

you need three hundred dollars, I been taught to believe that a hus-

can let you have it," he added. | band, when interpreted = was Don't trouble yourself. Two or the illusion. three of my friends wanted to lend | "I think we must find a place to accept such a favor outside of the | can get a house, and then we wil family. Aunt Rachel, I dare say, go to housekeeping," I suggested. will be glad to accommodate me." "Write a note," said be rather

amount I required. wrote the due bill, to think of the else. address with which I had managed Halliard managed some stocks for the circumstances."

her, and he was anxious to keep in ner good graces. I put the check in my pocket with the atmost nonchalance, and credit at the bank, and I had not a again begging my uncle not to dollar to my credit anywhere else. fail to be present at the ceremony was fretful one day, and unguard- I left bim. It was all right with edly mentioned to Tom Flynn that me for the present. When I start-I was short. The generous fellow ed on my bridal tour I owed about promptly offered to lend me a six hundred dollars, which I cal now that I was able to accept it, in six months with my increased salary. When we returned from received," into his wallet as choice. Washington I had barely money enough left to pay the hackman for conveying us to the house of my wife's father. If I had not been so cautious to count up my money, and estimate the expenses of the return trip, I should have exhausted my exchequer before we reached were ready to start upon the bridal home. When I found I had just enough left to pay these expenses.

for it would not be safe to start on letter which compelled me to return should have asked him to favor me not exactly prudent to give up one I took my place in the bank. It could not ask him after what he almost broke my heart to cross her looked to me then like a bed of had done. My uncle, Captain Hallin anything, and if I could have liard, was a rich man, though he met a friend good-natured enough a bed of thorns; though I ought was a calculating and a careful to lend me a hundred dollars I us. Of course I don't expect you one. I had been a favorite of his might have been spared the annoy- to pay anything near what it would lin my earlier years, and I knew he ance. I met no such friend, and cost at Mrs. Peeksmith's. had a great deal of regard for the | we went on cheating each other as ( honor of the family. I had hardly before. It was stupid in me to do only one grade below Beacon Street seen him since he helped me into so, but I had not the courage to for twenty. I expected she would my situation, for he had been on a tell her that I was not made of say ten, or at the most fifteen dol-

that when our paying teller was would understand the case, and expenses of supper about the dispatch. promoted to a higher place in an- readily see that a young man about steamer. We had dired at four I went to the bank and took my other institution, I was advanced to be married must incur a great o'clock, and though it was absurd place. I flatter myself that I was

health and the affairs of Spring- that evening in the cabin of the ut ten dollars a week. Though

"We shall live on love for years tion she said nothing about house-

hoped I would call again soon with | charmer. I spent all my salary, newspaper with an eagerness which | she added; but thought she did not | then said something about engaging my friend, Tom Flynn, and have and more than all, for I was in debt seemed to intimate that I bored seem to be exactly pleased with the rooms, nearer to the bank. My at the end of this time. I wore him, I took a few steps towards diet. "Shall we board or keep dear wife protested. She could not "Which do you prefer, my dear all the comforts of a home, and was

> " If we can board at the Revere "Three hundred dollars !" ez- House, or at Mrs. Peeksmith's in

"How provoking!" of Mr. Oliphant at the ceremony, in a vain attempt to keep up the and remember the levee is at eight style of living he had enjoyed in o'clock. Don't fail to be there, more prosperous days. Nearly all his profits went upon the bucks of "Stop a minute! I suppose if his daughters, each of whom had

"O, it is of no consequence. money. I did nothing to disturb

"We must go to housekeeping if we can't get rooms at the Revere, crustily, as he went to one of the or at Mrs. Peeksmith's," added desks, and drew a check for the Lilian. But dear ma will take us to board for a time. and really I I could not help smiling, as I could not thing of going anywhere

my case. I am confident if I had after I paid the hackman, I had whined and begged until the sun just twenty-five cents left in my went down, he would have been wocket. "Dear ma" was willing hard enough to refuse me. Possi- to take us to board for a time, unbly he did not like to have me apply | der the circumstances, though it to Aunt Rachel. She was a maiden would be a great inconvenience to sister of my father, who had about her. She would not think of taktwenty thousand dollars; and lived ing anybody else, though she had with my mother. Her inheritance plenty of house room. I ventured had been the same as my father's, to hint that, as a prudent man, but, having no expenses, she had should like to know what the terms kept certain lands in the middle of would be, though really it did not the town till they increased in make the least difference to me; in value so that she was made indepen- point of fact. "Dear ma" did not dent. As I wished to be her heir, like to speak of such things; she I had always treated her with the was going to take us simply as a utmost consideration. Captain matter of accomodation under

"Of course. Mrs. Oliphant: understand you, and I am very grateful for the sacrifice you propose to make; but it is always well to have things clearly set forth,"

"Certainly it is. I always believe in having things in black and white. I suppose it would cost von fifty dollars a week to board at Mrs. | Peeksmith's ; but I should not think of charging von that," she continued, with a benevolent

mentally ejaculated, for at the Beacon Street house the boarders walked on Wilton carpets, looked out through windows decked with velvet draperies, slept unon rosewood bedsteads, and bad seven courses at dinner, while Mr. Oliphant's house was an old lone, its furniture worn out and dilapidated itt carpets threadbare, and the fare—when they had no extra company-below the grade of a cheap boarding house. If I had not loved Lilian with all my soul. I should have deemed it a charity to take her off her parents' hands As it was, she was cheap at any price. "Whatever you say will be all

a handsome salary now, and I am willing to pay a fair price!" "I think thirty dollars a weeks would be no more than the cost to

right," I replied. "I am getting

Whew! I could board at a house money, and I permitted her to lars, but, poor "dear ma!" I sup-Three hundred dollars was noth- believe that my pockets were still pose she needed the money to deck out the next daughter for the sacriit, I appreciate it; I could not with some sacrifice of pride on my We returned home, but on the fice. I could not object. It was part, I made up my mind to wait way I was obliged to pretend that all in the family; but I determined My services were so satisfactory upon him with my request. He I was sick, in order to save the to find a house with all possible

but about twenty dollars of it went and found I could board better for "Of course, we shall do that," half the price I was paying. I leave " dear ma's," where she had Lilian ?" I asked, for though we in her own family. I saw that she to do and what to say.

To be continued. Baxter was on one occasion

brought before Judge Jeffries. had attacked him in the tenderest, "It would not be possible to ob- "Richard," said the brutal chieftain such rooms as would suit as justice, "I see a rogue in thy face."

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