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A Woman Intervenes.

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vight in the milst of gloom, should suddenly blossom out into a smiling countenance and a general hilarity of manner, was something extraordinary. People thought it must be a case of brain trouble. They watched the young men with interest as he walked with a springs step up and down deck. Every now and then a bright smile illuminated his face, and then he seemed to be ashamed that people should notice he was feeing hilarious. When he was alone with himself he had a habit of smitting his thigh and bursting out into a laugh that was long and low father contained at this change than Fleming, the politician. George mst him on deck, and to the great surprise of that worthy gentleman, and the deck. Day me, how thoughtless of me, I had forgotten you were standing. he great surprise of that worthy gentleman, amote him on the back and sold:

"My dear sir, I am afraid the other day, when you spoke to me, I answered a little gruffly. I beg to apologize. Come and have a drink with me.'

"Oh, don't mention it," said Fleming, joy-On, don't mention it, "said Fleming, Joy-ously; "we all of us have our little down turns now and then. Why, I have myself, when liquor is had or scarce. You mightn't believe it, but some days I feel away down in the mouth. It is true, I have a recipe for getting up again, which I always use—and that reminds me. Do you remember what the governor of North Carolina said to the governor of South Carolina?" governor of South Carolina?"
"I'm sure I don't," said Wentworth; "you

ace I'm not very well versed in United States Well, there wasn't much politics about his remark. He merely said. It's a long time between drinks; come in and have something with me.' It seems to me you haven't tasted anything in my company since the voyage by

I belleve," said Westworth, "rist is a true statement. Let us amend it as soon as possible, only in this case let me pay for the trinks. I invited you to drink with me. Not at all, not at all," cried Fleming: "not while I'm here. This is my treat, and it is futny to think that a man should so ad a week with another man without knowing him. Really, you see, I haven't known you til

And so the two worthy gentlemen disappeared into the smoking room and rang the electric bell.

electric bell.

But it was in his own stateroom that George Wentworth's jocularity came out at its best. He would grasp John Kenyon by the shoulder and shake that solemn man, over whose face a grim smile would appear when io noticed the exuberant jolilty of his com

"John," Wentworth cried, "why don't Well, it seems to me," replied his com-

rade, "that your are doing laughing enough for us both. It is necessary to have one member of the firm solid and substantial. 'm trying to keep the average about right When you were in the dumps I had to be chestful for two. Now that you feel so funny, I take a kind of melanbooly vacation, to rest me after my hard efforts at cheerfulness." "Well, John, it seems to me too good to be

ue. What a plucky girl she was to do so, h a thing! How did she know but that the little vix-n had a revolver with her, and "I suppose she didn't think about the mat-

Have you seen her since the dramatic in-

"Seen whom?" Miss Brewster?"

"No, no; I mean Miss Longworth?"
"No; she hasn't appeared yet. I suppose
she fears there will be a scene, and she is aixlour to avoid it."

"Very likely that is the case," said Wentworth. "Well, if you get to see her, you can tell her there is no danger. Our gental friend Fleming has had a talk with the newspaper woman, so he tells me, and the way he describes it is exceedingly pictur-esque. He has threatened her with giving away the 'snap,' as he calls it, to the other New York papers, and it seems that the only thing on earth Miss Brewster is afraid of is the opposition press. So she has promised to say nothing more whatever about the

Then you have been talking with Flem-Certainly I have; a jovial good fellow he is too. I have been doing something more it than talking with him; I have been drinking with him."

you threatened to strike him."
A day or two ago, John! It was agos and ages ago. A day or two isn't in it. That was years and conturies since, but not by I was an old man then; now I have become young again, and all on account of



Oh, yes, as I was felling you, she met e on the deck. D'ar me, how thoughtless me, I had forgotten you were standing.

"No, no, I have been in my room so long that I am glad to stand anywhere."

of a public scene, and I am sure, by the last look I caught of that girl's eyes, she will stop at no scandal to have her revenge. I am you use this material in the making of china.

form the subject of some future chapters.

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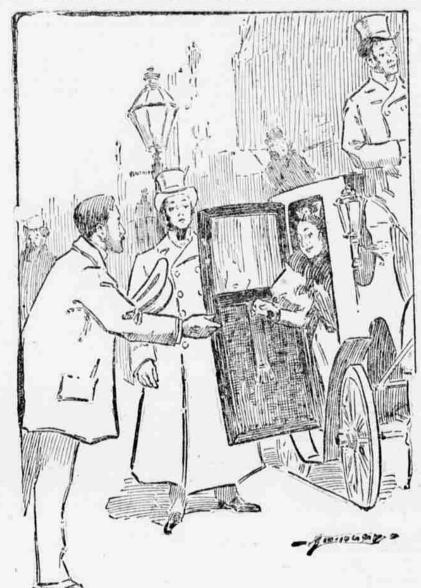
CHAPTER XI.

After all, it must be admitted that George Wentworth was a man of somewhat changeable character. For the last two or thredays he had been moping around like one who
meditated suicide; now he suddenly became
the brightest individual on heard, when every
happen to the ship. For a man to be moody
and distraught while danger was interested and this hand to her, and
distraught while danger was interested and this hand to her, and
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distraught while danger was interested and this hand to her, and
distraught while danger was interested and this hand to her, and
the took it. "I am afraid to stay here with
you," she said, "for fear—"
"Oh, I know all about It; you surely do
not know what I hive done?"
"Oh, I know all about It; you surely do
not know what I hive done?"
"You cannot know about it; you surely do
not know what I hive done?"
"You cannot know about it; you surely do
not know what I hive done?"
"You cannot know about it; you surely do
not know what I hive done?"
"Not a bit of it, John," said Wentworth having settled to
kenyon affection of all concerned the business
that had taken them to Canada, now turned
that had taken them to Cana

went beginning.

Wentworth was an energetic man, who did not allow the grass to grow under his feet. He speedlily discovered that a Mr. Melville at I am glad to stand anywhere."

"Then won't you come up on deck with tagest china establishments in the country, with offices in London, and this man be 'Oh, I'm afraid," she said, "I am afraid sought an interview with, taking with him



HOW ARE YOU, MR. KENYON," SAID EDITH LONGWORTH BRIGHTLY HOLDING

sorry to say that I am too much of a coward Is there much of a market for it, and at to meet her. Of course, from her point of what price?'
view, I have done her eternal wrong. Per- Melville to hapa it was wrong from anybody's point of in his hand, examining it critically.

Miss Longworth," said John Kenyon cordially, "you need have no fear whatever of meeting her. She will say nothing." "How do you know that?"

"Oh, it is a long story. She went to the captain with her complaint and received very t on deck. Get a wrap and come with me.
As Kenyon gave this peremptory order h th him." realized that he was taking a liberty he had "And yet a day or two ago I understand no right to take, and his face flushed as he wondered if Edith would resent the familiarity of his tones; but she merely looked up at hin with a bright smile and said:

"I shall do, sir, as you command."
"No, no," said Kenyon, "it was not a command, although it sounded like one. It was a very humble request; at least, I intended

As she left for her stateroom a rousing cheer was heard from up on deek. She stopped and looked at Kenyon.

"What does that mean?" she said. "I don't know," was the answer. get your things on and we will go up and When they reached the deck they saw

Just becoming visible in the castern borizo were three trails of black smoke, apparently

The word was whispered from one to the ther: "It is the tug hoats. It is relief." Pew people on board the steamer knew that good weather. The lnc want pumping showed everybody who gave a thought to the matter that the leak had been serious, but as the subsidence of the vessel was imperceptible to all save experts, no one but the officers really knew the danger they were in. Glad as the passengers were to see these three boats ap-proach, the one who most rejoiced was the

effects the captain. Edith Locquerth and John Kenyen pased the decit together, and idd not form the control of the decit together, and idd not form the manager of the mine the decit together, and idd not form the manager of the mine the decit together, and id not form the manager of the mine the decit together, when it that the manager of the mine at Pollow, the binded to her temples with a good and of oranger at Pollty, who have that a there and is a companied at Pollty, who have that at afterward his companied at Pollty, who have that a threat the temples with a second of the mine at Pollows, the pollows are the pollows and the pollows are the pollows a Edith Lengworth and John Kenyen pace the deck together, and did not form two of the crawd who could not tear themselves

Melville turned the specimen over and over great knowledge of his business enabled him to instantly recognize the value of the mineral, but his face showed no eagerness or enthusiasm. When he spoke it was not to answer questions, but to ask some on his

Where does this come from?"

"From a mine in America." "Is there much of it there?"
"I control a mountain of it."

"Really. You are canvassing for orders, No. I intend to form a company for the working of that mine."

working of that mine."

"What price are you asking for the property? Is the mine in operation, or is it merely projected?"

"It is in operation; that is, it is being operated as a mica mine, but my partner, Kenyon, who is a mining engineer, says this is

more valuable than the mica. We are asking £200,000 for the mine." "That is a very large sum," said Melville, placing the specimen on the desk before him.
'I doubt if you will get it."

Well, we expect to get it. Kenyon is at this moment with Mr. Longworth, who spoke

of joining us. Longworth's objection was that the sum asked was too small." "Old John Longworth is a good man to be associated with in a scheme of this kind." "I am speaking of his nephew, William

'Ah, that is no quite the same thing. All, that is no quite the same thing. I know both uncle and nephew. Did you wish ms to take stock in the company."

"I should be delighted to have you do so, but what I called for was to find out what you thought of this specimen, and to get an idea of the demand there is for it."

"Well candidly I don't him work of the candidly I don't have to the candidly I don't have to the candidly I don't have the formula to the candidly I don't have the candidly I don't have the candidly I don't have the candidly I have the candidly t "Well, candidly, I don't think much of it. You see this kind of spar is one of the most common things in nature."

"But not in that state of purity, surely?" But not in that state of purity, surely?"
"Porhaps not, but still pure enough for our purposes. If you will leave this specimen with me I will consult the manager of our works. I am merely giving you my own impression; he will be able to offer you a more definite opinion. If you will leave your address with me I will ask him to write to you. That will be more satisfactory."

This was somewhat disappointing but

As she said this tie numble footman threw

"There is really very have hardly begun ret. really very little to tell. We have hardly begun set. Wentworth is today looking over the figures I gave him, and I have been making a beginning by seeing some people who, I thought, might be inter-

"And were they?"
"No; they were not."
"Then that was the reason you were look-

"I suppose it was." "Well now Mr. Kenyon, if you get dis-couraged after an interview with the first person you think will be interested in the mine, what will you do when a dozen or more people refuse to have anything to do with it?"

"I'm sure I don't know. I am afraid I am not the right person to float a mine on the London market. I am really a student, you see, and flatter mysers for a man of science. I know what I am about when I am in a mine, miles away from civilization; but when I get among men I feel semehow at a lose I do not understand them. When a man tells me one thing today, and tomorrow caimly forgets all about it. I confess it—well—con-fuses me."

"Then the man you have even today has forgotten what he told you yesterday. Is that the case?"

that the case?"
"Yes; that is partly the case."
"But, Mr. Kenyon, the success of your project is not going to depend upon what one man easy, or tag, or three, is it?"
"No: I don't supplies it is."
"Then, if I were you, I would not feel discouraged because one man has forgotten. I wish I were acquainted with your one man and I would make him subspect of himself. and I would make him ashamed of himself

Kenyon flushed as she said this, but made no reply.

The conchran looked around as he came to Holborn, and Miss Longworth modded to him he went on, without stopping, up int

Oxford street.
"Now, I take a great interest in your "Now, I take a great interest in your mine, Mr. Kenyon, and hope to see you succeed with it. I wish I could help you, or, rather, I wish you would be frank with me, and let me know how I can bein you. I know a good deal about city men and their ways, and I think I may be able to give you some good advice, at least, if you will have the condescension to consult me."

Again Kenyon flushed. "You are making game of me now, Miss Longworth. Of course, as you said on shipboard, it is but a very small matter.";

"I never said any such thing. When did gay that?"

"You said that \$50,000 was a small matter."
"Did I? Well, Lain like your man who has forgotten; I have forgotten that. I remember saving something about its being too small an amount for my father to deal with. Was no that what I said?"

"Yes, I think that was it. It conveyed the dea to my mind that you thought £50,000 very triffing sum index "What a terri ble memory you do not worder a your city man for the city. Are you sare wha you told him did not happen longer ago than vesterday?" "Yes, it happened some time before."

"Ah, I thought so. I am afraid it is your own terrible memory and not his forgetful. I kin sent "Oh, I am not blaming him at all. A ma has every right to change his mind, if he wants to."

"I thought only a woman bad that privi 'No; for my part I freely accord it to verybody; only sometimes it is a little de ressing."

'I can imagine that. In fact, I think n one could be a more undestrable acquaintane han a man who forgets today what he pron ised yesterday, especially if anything particular depended upon it. Now, why cannot yo come to our house some evening and have a talk about the mine with my cousin or my father? My father could give you much valu able advice in reference to it, and I am anxiou that my cousin should help to carry this project on to success. It is better to talk with them there than at their office, because they are both so busy during the day that I am afraid they might not be able to give th time necessary to its discussion."

John Kenyon shook his head. "I as afraid," he said, "that would do no good. do not think your cousin cares to have any thing to do with the mine."

"How can you say that? Did he not did use the matter with you on board ship? "Yes, we had some conversation about it there, but I imagine that I really do not think he would care to go any farther with

"Ah, I see," said Edith Lougworth. "My cough is the man who Torgot today what he said yesterday."

"What am I to say, Miss Longworth? I do not want to say 'yes,' and I cannot truthfully say 'no." " "You need say nothing. I know exactly how it has been. So he does not want to have anything to do with it? What reason did he give?"

"You will not say anything to him about the matter? I should be very sorry if he thought that I talked to any one else in reference to it."

With

"Oh, certainly not; I will say nothing to

time, interview him, and discover how he reconciled it with his conscience to get out so dull a sheet every day.

She wrote to her editor in New York that London, though a slow town, was fuit of good material, and that needed had touched it in the writing line since Dickens' time; interefore she proposed to write a series of articles on the metropolis that would wake them up a bit. The editor cabled her to go and see a sufficient number of people and get your company formed. I fancy you will find it not so casy as all that. Besides his business inferest I have in it. I have a very friendly interest in Mr. Wentworth." As she said this, she but over toward John Kenyon and spoke it a lower tone of voice. "Please do not step in? I win to talk with you, and a poke it a lower tone of voice. "Please do not tell him so, because I think that he is a young man who has possibilities of being said."

It shall say nothing about it," said Ken-for a fourth blast he couldn't refer to the remainder.

In the withing line since Dickens' time; the young man by he carriage. "Will you not step in? I win to talk with you, and a young man who has possibilities of being said."

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"I shall say nothing about it," said Kenyon, dolefully.
"Please do not. By the way, I wish you would give me Mr. Wentworth's address, so that I may communicate with him if a good idea strikes me, or I find out something of value in forming a company."

Kenyon took out a card, wrote the ad

diess of Wentworth upon it, and handed it Thank you," she said. "You see I deeply sympathized with Mr. Wentworth for what he had to pass through on the

manner."

"Well, you did fot look very delighted when I first caught aight of you I thought you were most dejected, and that gave me thing are not grateful for what their friends do for them. I am glad, therefore, that Mr. to m. I said to sak you to come and talk to m. I said to self, there is something wrong with the mica mine, and with a woman's curiosty, I wanted to know all about it. Now tell me."

do for them. I am glad, therefore, that Mr. Wentworth is an exception. Well, suppose you talk with him about what I have said before you make up your mind. I shall be quite content with whatever share of the profits you allow me.

"Ah, that is not business, Miss Long-worth," "No, it is not; but I am dealing with you that is, with Mr. Wentworth—in this mater, and I am sure both of you will do what

right. Perhaps it would be better not to tell him who is to furnish the money. Just cay you have met a friend today who offers, or a reasonable share of the profits, to upply all the money necessary for the preminary expenses. You will consult with im about it, will you not?"
"Yes, if it is your wish."

"Certainly it is my wish; and I also wish ou to do it so nicely that you will conceal my ame from it more successfully than you co ealed my cousin's name from me this after-"I am afraid I am very awkward," said

John, blushing.
"No, you are very honest, that is all. You have not become accustomed to the art of telling what is not true. Now, this is where we live. Will you come in?"

"Thank you, no, I'm afraid not," said
John, "I must really be going now,"

"Let the coachman take you to your sta-

No, it is not worth the trouble; it is ally a step from here."
It is no trouble. Which is your sta-ion, South Kensington?"

Very well. Drive to South Kensington station. Parker, she said to the conchinan; and then, running up the steps, she waved er hand in goodby as the earriage turned carriage and horses to his name, drove n this gorgoods equipage to the under-ground station and took the train for the

As he stopped from the carriage at South Kensington, young Longworth came out of the station on his way home, and was simply dumfounded to see Kenyon in the Longworth's carriage.

John passed him without noticing who is

was, and just as the coachman was going to start again. Longworth said to him: "Parker, have you been picking up fares in "Oh, no, sir," replied the respectable

Parker, "the young gentleman as just left us came up from the city with Miss Long-"Did he, indeed. Where did you pick him "We picked him up in Cheapside, sir."

"Ah, very good. I will just step inside, and with that, muttering some imprecations on the cheek of Kenyon, he stepped into the carriage and drove home. (To be Continued.)

THE OLD KENTUCKY RIFLE.

tapiam J. W. Crawford, "The Post Scout," B Recreation. am growdin' close to eighty, gittin' mighty near the end,
My hair is white an' scattered, an' my back
has got a bend.
I am shaky on my trotters, an' my eyes
has got so dim n scarcely see you mountain that so of ea I have clim. value mighty high,
An' thar's one which all the money o' the
earth could never buy.
Among my goods an' chattels here I prize
it mere than all.
That o' Kentucky rifle hangin' thar ag'in

Its stock is scarred an' battered, an' its bar'l is full o' nicks;
Its lock is worn with sarvice till I scarce kin hear its clicks.
It's lost the shinin' beauty 'at it had when I was yourg.
But when it speaks it hasn't lest the sharpness of its tongue.
It was my lone comminion when this country was a wild,
I loved it dear as father ever loved a favored child.
An' I've seed some skeery moments when to me 'twas all in all,
That ol' Kentucky rifle hangin' thar ag'in the wall.

Lots o' deer has fell before it; yes, an

Lots o' deer has fell before it; yes, an' many a panther, too.

An' in early days some Injuns knowed about what it could do.

An a squir'l's eye peopin' at me from the very tallest tree.

I could bu'st all into bits an' bring the critter down to me.

An' the Chris'mas shootin' matches, master mine! but wa'n't they fun?

An' I reckon I surprised 'em with the shootin' 'at I done.

Every turkey 'at I drawed on caught the vengeance of a ball,

From that of Kentucky rifle hangin' thar ag'in the wail.

I have seed the new inventions they are makin' now-a-days, An' I own they're mighty slick in a variety An' I own they're mighty slick in a variety o' ways;
They are han'some fur to look at, you can load 'em with a smap.
An' you never have to bother with a flint-lock o'r a cap;
You kin shoot 'em mighty lively when you bring 'em to the scratch,
Never have to ram yer bullets, never have to cut a patch.
But fur close an' halr-breadth shootin' I could one day down 'em all
With that oi' Kentucky rife hangin' thar ag'in the wall. ag'in the wall.

'Oh, certainly not; I will say nothing to him at all."

"Well, he gave no particular reason; he simply seemed to have changed his mind. But I must say this, he did not appear to be very enthusiastic about it when I taiked with him on board ship."

"Well, you see, Mr. Kenyan, it rests with me now to maintain the honor of the Longworth family. Do you want to make all the profit there is to be made in the mica mine—that is yourself and your friend Mr. Wentworth?"

"How do you mean 'all the profit?"

"Well, I mean—would you share the profit with anybody?"

"The line of thing makes me love it as I never did afore—when I hered the ringin summons callist loyal men to war.

All the fire that nevered my daddy in the revolution days.

The I shouldered the ringin summons callist in the loyal men to war.

All the fire that never my daddy in the revolution days.

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ARE YOU THIN?

Do You Want to Be-

come Fleshy? stience, and as he stood gathering breath or a fourth blast he couldn't refrain from soliloquizing in a low tone: "Ah, may the divil fly away wid the ould fool!" But Pat dropped the telephone like a hot potato and A FEW SIMPLE RULES

Flesh and Not Fat is What is Needed.

What thin people want is flesh and not fat, To be symetrical and properly proportioned every person should have a certain amount of ch. To be plump does not necessarily an to be fat. Fat is undestrable, it closes and to be lat. Fat is understate, it cogs indereres with the healthy action of the heart and lungs, and when excession predisposes of fatty degeneration of vital organs, to say nothing of the discomfort more or less result-

ing from excessive allipose tissue.

Common sense would suggest that if one wishes to become fleshy and plump the thing most needed would be flesh forming foods; in other words, albuminous foods, like eggs, beef, catment, etc. The kinds of food that make flesh are the foods forming the greater part of our fails bill of fare.

"Johnny," sharply called out Deacon Ironside, "get up! It's 6 o'clock."

Johnny came tumbling down the stairway.

relates the Chicago Tribune, in exactly three minutes, fully dressed. "You're improving," said the deacon, imity. "This is the first Sunday morning grimly. This is the first Sunday morning I ever knew you to come down in less than an hour. I won't have to stand over you with a club this time to get you ready for

fell to his knees in dismay when he heard Father O'Halloran's voice once again:

Dr. Macknight, a Scotch clergyman, who was the author of several books upon religious subjects, had among his parishioners

and waste of time. One day this blacksmith was asked by a stranger if Dr. Macknight was then at the manse. "Na, na," replied

the blacksmith, with a shake of his shage; head, "the men's gone to Edinbre on a vera useless Joh." The doctor had gone of

o the printers with his learned and valuable work called "The Harmony of the Four Gos pels." The stranger inquired curiously what the "useless job" was. "Awest," said the blacksmith, looking at his questioner sharply

on it murited, "he's gone to mak" four men

agree wha ne'er cast out!"

who thought the doctor's wri

'Now I hear you perfectly, Patrick.'

"For church?" echoed Johnny, "I guess What are you talkin' about, father? Hunkins Brost circus in goin' to pass our house in about half an hour on their way out to Jimtown. I was awfully affeald Pa niss seein' it. This ain't Sunday. It's Saint-

"Er-I guess you're right, Johnny," feebly rejoined the good deacon, rubbing his

Gadzook-I see that a clergyman who was unning for the legislature in Ohio has been caught attempting to extort a bribe. This is a sad illustration of the clergyman in politics. Zounds-Oh, no; it is an illustra-tion, rather, of politics in a clergman.

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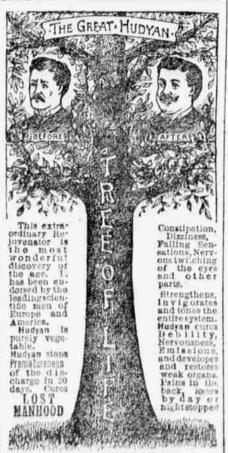
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