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WWW A LOVE STORY OF TODAY.

BY ANNA A. ROGERS.

In the navy, with its constant and rapid, illogical, overwhelming relief, as she clung changes, its almost limitless possibilities tightly to the receiver. from day to day, the fates themselves seem to sit alert spinning on one's very doorstep. One unconsciously treads lightly and whispers in hopes of being forgotten, if only for a passing hour. Many a hasty word dies on the lips because of the aching memory of a cruise just passed, the haunting fear of one fast approaching.

Of course there had been misunderstandings between them before, in the usual rise and fall in the tide of all human relations, but never before anything like this.

Ensign Phelps had just returned from a long wearing cruise to find a condition of things political that suddenly dwarfs the sense of humor, never rampant, happened to be further attentuated by studying late have you go at once like this-after this

Mrs. Phelps had tried to face it all, but And a few seconds later; the two dreary years of separation had left Then, too, she had instantly recognized and through her head, and she asked rapidly: resented that feeling in him that comes to all men at such times-the sense that the den order mean-does it mean-war? Is deep purposes and ends of his life had there any news? Something I don't know? brushed her aside, that he wanted both arms and after an interval; free for once. The brute that fights to win "Yes, yes, I'll try. No one knows yet, of

"Yes, yes-I'll listen carefully,"

next; and then silence. "What? What? Say it again, very slowly. can't understand. Surely I haven't under- straight. You should get this tomorrow or stood!" her voice was sharp, with a sudden dread. Again silence, and then her answer: "Not today? At once? The ship ordered it was all a lie, every word of it. Try and Porto Rico? Have I got it right? O,

Guy, have I got it right?" She listened and a low moan of pain escaped her.

"But-but surely you'll come home for a minute? I'll see you again?" The answer sent a shiver through he proportions of things feminine. Also his from head to foot, and she said, fiercely: "I cannot stand it, Guy. I cannot!

into the night for his approaching examina- morning. Could I see you-just see you, Guy-if I went straight to the yard new? "It's too terrible, too cruel," Suddenly her with nerves that shivered at a breath, she started violently as a thought flashed

"Guy, be honest with me, does this sud-



"IT IS NOT WAR-IT IS PEACE, THANK GOD!"

that, awake and on fire within him. Noth- is still cold and hard and strange. Say ing of this had been spoken between them, something to me-one word I can cling to and yet it was at the root of their quarrel to help me!" that spring morning, when words were said back and forth that seemed to sween up the love, devotion, patience of two lives like all about? Is that it? Please whisper it,

ashes on the hearth where a fire has died. and I'll try and catch it." He strode along the grav, chill streets on the way to his ship at the pavy yard and woman's laugh, a word in an unknown voice she stood still, wide-eyed and white, and a tantalizing, incessant vibration from the for them both the past and future were endless feverish crisscross of life going on wiped out and the present only lived in one forever, in which she had no part. of those flaming agonies of distillusion of which one somehow survives such a surpris-

ing number in the course of a lifetime. in that overwhelming sense of finality that spoke. She rang again and again, and there belongs to passionate youth.

She was conscious of no particular animosity just then, only a sort of wonder and awe that this should be the end of it all. The end of a happy girlhood, when his words of love had made a woman of her in a day; and happy years of wifehood, when they were lovers still; and even happier motherhood, that had set her apart sanctified forever in his eyes-so he had stooped and whispered to her, that night when the light burned low near by, and she had fallen asleep with her hand in his.

She looked about in dull amazement at the familiar things about her that made up their simple little home. There under the lamp were his books and a pad and pencil where he had sat studying last night, and near it her work, where she had been beside him sewing in unwilling silence after her long isolation. The indent of her head was still in the pillow on the lounge where she had at length thrown herself and lay watching him until she fell asleep toward midnight. She glanced about half dazed; and then and spoke to her in that low, sweet, com-

Ruth, her old colored maid, the only servant she had ever had, came in from the kitchen pelling voice of hers that went back to Mrs. Phelps' babyhood down in Maryland. She obeyed the voice from habit and went mechanically about her morning duties, in the whimpered. Ruth hovered about, in and out, performance of which a certain warmth and on a hundred foolish loving errands. She pliability returned to her frozen mood. A played and laughed botsterously with the sense of anger and outrage began to burn again at his last stinging words, whose probe went deep with the sure cruelty of tress' heart again and again, coming nearer

She took her little girl and went out or her homely round of marketing, largely trumped up by keen witted old Ruth. On returning she toiled wearily up the

long association.

three flights of the apartment house-the elevator so seldom ran after the men had gone home for the day. She sank exhausted on the lounge in the tiny dining room and let the child pull off her gloves, one obstinate finger at a time. Her eyes were shut and a nerveless reaction had set in when she heard a young step bounding up the stairs and a sharp ring at her bell She was half conscious that Ruth opened later," said Mrs. Phelps. Probably some the door and that a boy's high voice was friend at the yard, who knew of the ship's

saying: "Can't I see the lady herself?"

She sat up as he approached. lady-youse'll have to hurry," he panted and was gone again in a flash.

Mrs. Phelps sprang after him, and called down the stairs;

"Sixty-one," he shouted from two stories

of premonition sending her heart into her A moment later she stood alone in the

telephone closet at the corner, and through the transmitter a soft "Hullo" sped on its scold," said Mrs. Phelps, a smile breaking way. Then she listened. Yes, I'm Mrs. Phelps. Who are you?" she had not recognized the voice that had

and has been trained fifteen years for just | course. But, Guy, speak to me-your voice

"What?" A pause "You are in the paymaster's office? Clerks

She listened painfully-only a burr,

"I can't hear, O Guy, I can't hear a word, she panted. "Don't go yet. When can 1 ng number in the course of a lifetime. hear from you? Just one minute: I want the baby at her feet plucked at her dress to say something, Guy!" The telephone bell and the mother did not even feel it, wrapped sounded with sharp impatience even as she

was no answer. "Come back: I must say one word. Central, give me 61, please give me 61. Guy dear, won't you come for one single second? I'm-I'm so sorry for this morning. It was all my fault, every bit of it." She plead sobbing into the senseless thing in her hand, that no longer responded. She rang again,

Then she sprang rigidly erect and whis pered: It is too late-he's gone-perhaps forever." Her head fell forward, she swayed oward the closet door, fumbled at the handle, opened it and cried in a voice faint and

pitiful "Will some one-help me?" Her falling sight saw Ruth hurrying toward her through the street door; her failing hearing was cooler. But he did not know the young pierced by the shrill young voice of a news-

boy dashing round the corner: "Ex-tra, ex-tra! President's message read in congress! War sure to-" His voice was

lost in the roar of the streets, and Mrs. Phelps sank unconscious into Ruth's arms. Twenty-four hours passed. Half through the night and all day long the cries of the newsboys reached the shrinking hearing of the young wife. Her sweet face was stiff few lines from me yesterday, and undoubtand ashy with suffering; her hands so cold that her child shrank from her touch and have injured; and, further, you have insulted baby to drown all other sounds when she caught the first far cry that wrung her mis-

and nearer down the street. As the day drew to its close Mrs. Phelps lay once again silent and spent on the old lounge; and again she heard a quick step fail in meeting me this day. From your might have been killed only for a queer low words at the door. It seemed like the confused memory of a dream. She did not even open her eyes until Ruth said close beside her

"One these yer mess'ger boys, Miss Nannie, jes' broughten this yer passel fo' you. It do smell like it might be some sort er bo'quet," she added smiling.

"Put it down, mammy; I'll arrange them sudden sailing, had remembered her and sent her silent message of sympathy in this blood asserted itself. He fired in the air, sweet way. It was often done from one "Holding telefoam-corner drug store, sad-hearted wife to another, just to help a little in the endless pathos of their com-

"Land sakes, Miss Nannie, ain't you put them posies in water yet?" complained What number? Where from? Did you Ruth, again appearing at the door, watching for some spark of interest in that set white face before her yearning eyes. "Dat's no way to act, Miss Nannie, an

"The navy yard!" she exclaimed, a thrill you know dat right well. When folks takes de trouble an' de 'spense to buy you some flowers you'd oughter spunk up 'nough,

shorely, to say 'howdy' to 'em. "All right, mammy dear; please don't for an instant through the rigidity of her

She arose and began to untie the string he had not recognized the voice that had She arose and began to untie the string about the pasteboard box. She raised the "O, Guy!" she cried, softly, in sudden, lid and lifted out a great pile of pink and of palliation could be gotten from him.

FAMOUS FINANCIAL BUBBLES

all about her. She stood staring wildly at an envelop that had slipped to the bottom of the box, addressed to her in her Glittering Weiners. husband's handwriting. It was as if it came from a grave, that awful silence of

yellow roses. The baby ran toward her

with a soft coo of delight. Then Mrs.

over her heart. Then she seized the en-

flowers, which I can only hope will go

wife, for this morning. I beg your pardon-

tough spirit of a 'regular' by long service.

ame piercingly up from the street below:

"It is not war-it is peace, thank God!"

JACKSON'S FIRST DUEL.

laughter of Colonel Waitstill Avery told me

he full story, says a writer in Youth's Com-

Waitstill Avery was a Massachusetts man

him a letter of recommendation from no

less a personage than Jonathan Edwards.

He soon acquired reputation and influence,

the state. It was his custom to take stu-

dents of law into his family, who became

In 1874, when Andrew Jackson was but

Young Jackson next applied to Spruce

McCay, a lawyer in Salisbury, N. C., in

whose office he was fitted for the bar, and

he shortly made his appearance in the

ouris. When Jackson was 21 years of age

e and Avery met in the trial of a case at

such as grocers used before the neat paper

Now Avery had by this time dropped what-

him to Jonath.n Edwards, and was uncom

monly fond of a joke. He procured a piece

of bacon just the size of the book, and while

out the volume from its wrapping and sub-

o Lord Bacon. It was an important case.

then and there. He asked for no apology-

friend had seen the original, and in copying

it had corrected the orthography, but these

"August 12, 1788.-Sir: When a man'r

feelings and character are injured he ought

to seek a speedy redress. You received a

edly you understand me. My character you

audience. I therefore call upon you as a

cation, and I hope you can do without din-

ner until the business is done, for it is con-

that had laughed at Jackson's predicament.

When the word was given Jackson fired

quickly and his ball flicked Avery's ear,

then advanced and offered Jackson his hand,

cratching it slightly.

which was accepted.

ANDREW JACKSON.

gentleman to give me satisfaction for the

utors of his children.

meouth appearance.

performed by Jackson.

what Bacon says!"

meeting at once.

are the exact words:

"Ex-tra! Congress will declare war!"

Ours not to reason why,

Ours but to do-

rooded over them both.

And remember

with eyes half blinded by tears:

the sea. For a second she was afraid to ALL BURST AND SCATTERED MISERY touch it and stood with her hands pressed

velope and with one swift motion of her trembling forefinger ripped it open and read South Sen Bubble-Each Made a The pilot leaves us at Scotland light-Nation Poor and Wrecked ship in a few moments. He will take this Countless Lives. back to the city. Also an order for a few

next day. I am on my knees to you, my forget it if you can. Stamp it out of your nemory, for it has no real existence against all the rest-all the happy years. Just try no slouches" at the bubble business. But and remember those and love me a little, "Do not believe the papers-do not read them. Peace may come out of it all yet; land, and John Law, the Scotchman, who and if not-try and be brave. A sailor has rigged all France with his Mississippi need of a plucky wife, one drilled into the

> century and, curiously enough, while Law began his operations a little earlier, the two schemes were worked virtually side by

hook her fist in the direction of the voice, by the tradition that his victim was the and half laughing, half sobbing, she cried: favorite of the duchess of Orkney, who, tiring of him, hired Law to slay him-but

It Grew Out of a Practical Joke and He Ever Regretted It. None of General Jackson's biographers the management of the nation's revenues. give the details of his first duel, and he himcluded a goodly portion of what is no self never cared to speak of the matter in ater years; but some years ago a grand-

the United States, under the title of the Province of Louisiana. This province, which was of vast area and really unlimited potential wealth, was believed to be ever richer than it was. The most fabulous stories were told of the wealth of its mines who went to North Carolina, carrying with the productiveness of its soil, the range of its products. Working with the prince of Orleans, then regent of France, Law organized "The Company of the West," and in time became attorney general of popularly termed "The Mississippi Company," and the entire province was turned over to the organization. To exploit the new territory and to help the company in its ostensible task of enriching France 17 years old, and ambitious to become a which was terribly impoverished, a bank awyer, he applied for his situation. The was formed and upon it was conferred the radition is that he was refused because a power of issuing a steady stream of paper laughter of Avery's took a dislike to his

Of course, Law sold his stock in his com-It was Inckson's habit to carry in his saddlebags a copy of "Bacon's Abridg- of 15,000,000,000 livres, or \$3,000,000,000. ment," and to make frequent appeals to it Relatively this sum was vastly larger than n his cases. This precious book was always a like sum would be now, and promising a ividend of 12 per cent. Law had bags of the present day were invented. The mium as fast as he could turn them out with unwrapping of this much prized volume be- a printing press. His bank was made the fore a court was a very solemn function as Royal Bank of France, its notes circulated troller of the kingdom. The entire nation ever of Puritan sedateness had commended hailed him as its financial savior and he was courted by the highest in the land.

Jackson was addressing the court he slipped At length Jackson had occasion to appeal and he would not trust to his memory. He would confound his opponent by reading assistance and then give her an opportunity rom the book itself. While still talking, he to invest. The scheme succeeded; but nised the bearskin flap of his saddle bags, another weman, who had a false alarm of rew out the brown paper package, carefire sent out from a house near one in fully untied the string, unfolded the paper which he was dining, in hopes that his atwith the decorous gravity of a priest handing the holy things of the altar, and, then, together, for he suspected the ruse and ran without looking at what he held in his hand, away as fast as his legs could carry him. exclaimed triumphantly, "We will now see The court, bar, jury and spectators were bar the thoroughfare at both ends from convulsed with laughter before Jackson saw 6 a. m. to 9 p. m. Rooms, desks, winthe trick that had been played on him. Of dows, even housetops in the vicinity, course he was furious. He snatched a pen rented for fabulous sums to persons who and on the blank leaf of a law book wrote had shares of stock to sell and others who a peremptory challenge, which he delivered wanted to buy. Peasants filled their pocknothing but blood would do. He commanded Avery to select a friend and arrange for the as the Hunchback, from a physical de-Avery made no answer to this peremptory formity, realized what was to him a fortune demand, thinking his peppery antagonist by renting his broad back daily for a simwould laugh rather than fight, as he grew lilar purpose. Some of this seems remarkable and unbelievable, but it is set down man. Jackson grew hotter instead of cooler. for sober fact in the annals of the day. Next morning he sent this note, which was full of bad spelling. My North Carolina

Of course Law went as mad as anybody else, and naturally. He even had coin demonetized, so that it was lawful to pay debts only in notes on his bank. And of course the collapse came soon, within a year or thereabouts, in fact, for in November, 1720, there was a grand smash. Law's paper money became worth no more Company of the West were withdrawn

Thousands of persons who had fondly believed themselves rich beyond the dreams same. And I further call upon you to give of avarice were then found to be penniless, though some shrewd individuals who sold me an answer immediately without equivoout at the highest mark were lucky enough to make great fortunes. The name of Law sistent with the character of a gentleman speedily became a byword and a reproach. when he injures another to make a speedy Law himself was arrested after his carreparation. Therefore, I hope you will not riage had been smashed in the street and friendship that was still entertained for "P. S.: This evening after court adhim by the regent, who had the fallen financier spirited away to a place of safety. Avery concluded to accept this challenge; Law died in Venice in 1729, almost povand so, in the dusk of the summer evening, erty stricken, but still convinced that his the duel came off in a hollow north of Jonesschemes were sound and that failure had boro, in the presence of the same crowd come only through the machinations of his

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to gilt-edged profits sure to be realized if three times to Oxford, and this set Disraeli | man." Occasionally their little passages at this were allowed. The Bank of England flying off into a sudden surcastic disquisi-

In mid-September South Sea stock was bridge; and the Salamanca student who lives ment to keep the house in order. Mr. Gladworth 1,000 per cent, but before the end of on bread and onlons would put to shame by stone was always a stickler for precedent, the year it was worth nothing and the prop- his various accomplishments the greatest and precedent being on his side he insisted

They Never Became Private Friends-An Amusing Passage at Arms.

so often the case with public opponents in spondent of the New York Sun. Their first Lyndhurst's, when the two men whom their hosts had brought together on purpose that other at first sight. There was a great dif- casm. antipathy, for Disraeli tried hard on many occasions to ingratiate himself with Gladcensorious from the first. On the other

authorities made a similar proposition, but tion upon the meager results of university lowing case; When Mr. Gladstone succeeded were beaten by the South Sea company and training. "Oxford takes a thousand young Disraeli as chancellor of the exchequer, on while the annuitants were not forced to men of the best families, makes them pay the fall of the first Derby ministry, the make the exchange with one accord they from £300 to £600 a year for their educapractically went stark mad, so that inside tion and turns out less than a dozen passa- usual, repapered and repainted, and the bill of six days two-thirds of them had traded bie scholars annually. There is more Latin- was sent, as usual, to the retiring chanastery than in the whole of Oxford and Camprig who ever learned to write Latin doggerel under Keate and Gaisford,' Gladstone, of course, did not like this and it may be partly in consequence of this sarcasm that he went on a tour to Italy in the same year (1836) and tried to satisfy himself as to the attainments of Italian monks. But perhaps Disraeli's attacks on the duke of Newcastle did more than anything else; to render Gladstone's dislike of him implacable. The duke was a diligent, but feeble and short sighted administrator as secre English politics, writes the London corre- tary for war. He was held directly respon sible for the breakdown of the army's staff meeting was at a dinner party at Lady transports and commissariats in the Crimea,

and the whole nation railed at him. But Gladstone was his friend and always tried they might become friends, disliked each to protect him from Disraell's terrible sar-Disraeli's onslaughts on Peel had ference between their ways of showing this often made him pale with anger, but Peel servative orator's cuts at Newcastle hit a some very desirable changes made in its stone, whereas the latter was distant and man who was generally felt to have deserved policy, hitting, and could not himself parry the hand, Gladstone made a commendable effort blows. But to hear his friend abused alto be strictly just toward his fututre rival, ways exasperated Gladstone to frenzy, so and he was one of the few members who that he would be almost inarticulate when persistently cheered Disraeli's maiden he stood up to make a defense. On one of pressing the situation. I am a man who has speech. The late General Pecl used to respect these occasions Disraeli alluded to him as been trained to methodical thought and the "Right honorable and excitable minis". late that Mr. Disraeli said at Lady Had- the "Right honorable and excitable minis"dington's on the day after his speech: ter, amid general laughter. "Gladstone,"
"Well, Gladstone cheered me, and I would says an eye witness of the scene, "uttered rather have his applause than the fawning something like a growl. He jumped up, of some of those curs who bark at me." A threw his hat on the scat behind him and amounting to £800,000 a year, had been few nights after this, however, Gladstone plunged his hands into his coattails. A roar granted and the payment thereof was a and Disraeli had a sharp bout of words at of order from the house forced him to sit heavy drain upon the national exchequer. Lord Aberdeen's. Disraeli was in one of down. He sat down on his hat and crushed In January, 1720, the South Sea company those self-asserting moods which came fit- it like a biffin. Then as the mirth of the In January, 1720, the South Sea company asked Parliament to authorize the holders of these annuities to exchange them for cially when he was smarting under some slight. Gladstone happened to allude two or into the night, a maddened and incoherent status.

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arms were simply amusing, as in the folchancellor of the exchequer's house was, as cellor. Disraeli refused to pay the bill, declaring it was the business of the governthat Disraeli was bound to pay the bill. It was at last mutually agreed that the matter should be referred to the decision of Sir G. C. Lewis, who decided against Disraeli. The latter took a comical revenge. Till then Pitt's chancellor of the exchequer's robe had descended as an official heirloom to successors. Disraeli carried it off-as he was no doubt entitled to do-so that his successful rival abould not wear it.

A gentleman who has long been one of the most efficient and popular officials connected with the district judiciary system, relates the Washington Star, was bustly engaged when a member of the bar came in and wanted to talk about the war.

"Now, this board of strategy, "has been subjected to a great of would take care of himself, whereas the con- cism. And in my opinion there might be There was no response except a rapid

scratching of the pen. "Don't you take any interest in the war?" "Oh, yes," was the answer. "but there is to use of taking up so much time in exthing figured out for myself. And here it in a nutshell." He passed a piece of legal cap over the

On the paper was written; "Schley 02. 'What's this? Algebra?'

Detroit Journal: He poured his words of

obt. st.,

journs.'

love into her ear. "Idle nothings!" she sneered. e replied, with naivete. Pausing in the front hall only to exchange the compliments of the season and overshoes with somebody, he left her for-

Detroit Journal: The victorious captain winced when asked as to his bast.
"I was a good boy in school," he answered, with an effort. "Studious and prompt. I used to bring my teacher a bou-

His Awkward Past.

Phelps gave a loud cry and the roses fell Terah Hooley's a Link of a Long String of

Law's Mississippi Scheme and the

This man Terah Hooley turned a pretty wide swath, as such go nowadays, relates the New York Press, and so did Barney Barnato before him and Jabez Balfour be fore him, while on this side of the water Ferdinand Ward and Henry S. Ives "were none of them "cut any ice" worth mentioning in comparison with Sir John Blunt, who got up the South Sea company in Eng-

Both these worthies flourished in the last

(he had shied at the word, with no time to side. rewrite.) "Goodby, my love. Ah! if I could Law was born in Edinburgh in 1671 and have held you for just one second and heard was well brought up, but early in life be you whisper: 'It's all right, Guy,' But take came a gambler and supported himself our little one in your arms and look into mainly by the cards until 1694, posing as a her eyes-my eyes youv'e always said-and London man-about-town. Then he got into read there my endless love and honor. Kiss a quarrel with Beau Wilson, a mysterious her and held her close and forgive me, foryoung man of fashion, who always had plenty of mony from some unknown source, Mrs. Phelps fell on her knees, and throwand killed him. On the first trial Law ng her arms about her baby began to sob was convicted ob murder, but an attempt like a tired child. And the little girl patted was made to have the death sentence com her cheek and crooned to her, the spark of muted to a fine on the ground that the motherhood already alive in her; and Ruth killing was done in a duel and so amounted only to manslaughter. In the meantime he At that moment once again, the shout escaped and made his way to France, though his Mississippi scheme did not materialize for more than twenty years after-The young wife sprang to her feet and ward. Some interest is added to his story

> that is another romance. Law launched his Mississippl scheme in 1719-20. It took in the entire colonial commerce of France, the control of the mint, The colonies of France at that time in

pany, the shares being placed at 500 livres, or about \$100 each. So well were the pros pective profits advertised that the market price of the shares speedily rose to twenty times their par value, and the company's stock, originally equal to \$60,000,000 livres, or the supposed volume of coin in the kingdom, was watered till it represented a value culty in marketing the shares at a big preat par with coin, and he was made comp-

Biggest Man in France. Those who could not get access to the financier were brokenhearted over their failure. One woman of quality, who had ong tried in vain to attract his attention instructed her conchinan to overturn the carriage when she saw Law approaching in the hope that he would hurry to he tention could thus be attracted, failed al-Before this, while his headquarters were n a narrow street, the authorities had to ets with small coins by renting and holding lapboards for frantic speculators to trade upon and one well known character, known

The Grand Collapse.

me in the presence of the court and a large

the fact that Great Britain's floating debt Now was Avery's chance to change the in 1711 amounted to £10,000,000. In order to later history of his country, but his Puritan | float this the earl of Oxford, lord treasurer advised by Sir John Blunt, formed the South Sea company to engage in a monopoly of trade with the Spanish coast of South America. Stockholders were to become rich through the profits earned and the government was to realzie heavily from duties imposed upon imports. But Spain, always English ship to visit her ports each year and finally broke the agreement permitting that much commerce with England. Then

In the reign of William and Anne what