A Real Life Romance

ing about the bush whatever.

"T've got a pretty good start,' said he, without any undue inflation of the chest, for me. How about it?"

She had been devoting a consider- gether, several years ago?" able share of her time to the perusal of one of Ouida's story bloks, wherein, it seems, much is set down concerning the fascinating hustling young man. male persons of the general type of beauty of Greek gods. The homely but hustling young man, being unable to conform in his day after Christmas and the next day they own person to such standards of masculine might have been observed driving around loveliness, unfortunately did not appeal to Washington in an open barouche, with a the artistic side of the girl of his choice, pair of mated blacks attached to the same, Moreover, it appeared, from some remarks and looking as happy as kittens next to a which she let fall, that she entertained pan of milk. sundry and divers ideals with respect to what is called the higher and nobler, which lustration of motto No. 1 of this club, she feared the homely but hustling young namely, that handsome is as handsome man would be quite unable to assist her in makes good." realizing. With the conventional remark that while she liked and respected him, it could never be, she dismissed him, and returned to the perusal of the story books of Oulda, while her elderly mother set the bread for raising on the kitchen table.

"While the homely but hustling young even in Pekin, man felt pretty sore over the way he had been dished, he did not swallow pulverized glass, nor did he insert any leaden capsules scattered. It occurred at Tongku, the port into his frame. On the contrary, he went on the Yellow sea, where passengers from to work with all the energy of a beach- the steamers embark for Tientsin and Pecomber stripping a wreck, so that within a kin. few years after his dismissal by the girl of found here a party of twenty young Japahis choice his name figured quite exten- nese students of a commercial college who sively in the newspapers in connection with had been traveling with their professor large real estate transactions, profitable about the ports of Corea and China. They paving contracts, heavy deals in sewer were being entertained at Tongku by what pipes, and such like, and at the end of one was supposedly a Chinese merchant of the olympiad after the girl of his choice had town. The American addressed the prothought to put him in the air by declin- fessor in Japanese and he was taken ing to consider his suit, the homely but the party. He soon saw that the Chinese hustling young man found that he was in host spoke perfect Japanese and he charged possession of more money than he actually him with being a Japanese. The man acknew what to do with.

matrimonial beseechments, had met the Greek god whom she had been longing to have come icto her life and married him. The Greek god had been enabled to take a degree at a university through the overtime exertions of his sister, who was a dressmaker, and when he returned to his sister's humble home after taking his degree he permitted her to coatinue her overtime exertions to the end that he might be furnished high-grade raiment and plenty of cigarette money without the necessity on his part of toiling and moiling for the same. Although there was never any question as to his personal beauty, the Greek god who married the girl of the homely but hustling young man's choice was undenlably regarded everywhere as a mutt of the purest ray se-The one or more blackened eyes which his wife generally tried to cover over with a heavy veil were popularly attributed which she appareled herself and her two or later. children were accepted as sidelights on the character of the Greek god, who looked rummier and rummier as time sped on.

"About a year ago the Greek god was tery institution for a term of two years and

"Quite a few years ago," said the leather- than his own to numerous pieces of paper medal wearer of the Homely Men's club, re- and realizing upon the same divers bunches ported by the Washington Star, "a homely of coin wherewith to purchase alcohol in but hustling young man of this lovely capi- various forms. His wife, who had been tal decided to make the break to see if the taking in plain sewing, thereupon seized girl of his choice would have him. So he the opportunity to obtain a divorce from asked her right out loud, without any beat- her Greek god. A few weeks after the granting of the same the homely but hustling young man-need I say that he is a member in excellent standing of this clubbut as a man who knew just where he stood, drove up to the door of her humble home and I think I'll do pretty well when it comes in a swell trap with red running gear, to taking care of you. I know I'm not pretty, hitched to which was a pair of matched but I think you'll find one square enough blacks that had cost 1,500 frigid plunks, when it comes to a question of treating you and said he to the girl of his choice, now a right. I am likewise perfectly honest when saddened and sobered woman, with the I add that you are the only girl in the world Oulda end of it cut out altogether-said he:

"The only girl in the world for him said to you on the last night we talked to-

"'Yes, Jim," said she, quietly

"Whereupon it came to pass that they were quietly married in Baltimore on rne

"Which is a true story I have told in H-

Carpenter's Letter

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the Chinese ships, and they are to be found

I heard yesterday of a curious incident which shows how widely these spies are An American who spoke Japanese knowledged that he was so, and from the "Meanwhile, the girl of his choice, who circumstances and his surroundings there had refused to entertain his matter-of-fact was no doubt that he was a Japanese spy. Later on a beat was needed to go out to the steamer, and a Japanese sailor, who wore a pigtail and was dressed as a Chinese wore a pigtail and was dressed as a Chinese. commanded the boat. Both were probably stationed at that important point to report to the government, the sailor from his knowledge of the waters being ready to act as a pilot for war vessels in case of need.

I am told that Japan has for some time been sending men into Corea, and that she has already soldiers there in disguise. She has, I know, a large number of Japanese at all the ports. A large part of the business of the seacoast towns is now done by Japanese. The high officials of Japan claim that these people are in Corea merely for trading purposes, but the whole world not a more patriotic nation than the Japanese, and the mikado knows that he can call upon any of his subjects in time of need.

The Russians may conduct themselves so to the prowees of her Greek god husband discreetly that there will be no excuse for (although she always claimed that she had war, but any overt act on their part may fallen downstairs, or something like that), precipitate it at any time, and there is a and the frayed and worn garments with strong likelihood that it will come sooner FRANK G. CARPENTER.

The Murder in Literature

Detroit Journal: But the gray old milcorralled by the mighty hand of the law lionaire in the problem story is by no means

and incontinently dumped into a reforma- without recourse, "Why do you murder me?" he exclaims. eleven months for attaching other names "It is not for you to commit this myste-

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rious crime! For you are by no means the last person in the book who would be suspected of such a thing!"

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"Did the publishers return it?"

"They did not." "Then you didn't send stamps for return

postage?" " Do you remember the remarks I made They said the manuscript was not worth returning."

"Why don't you sue them for it?"

"Yes, Jim," said she, quietly.
"That's what they want me to do. They
"Well, they still go,' said the homely but say they would like to have it read in



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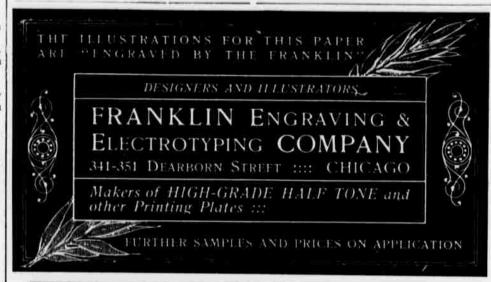
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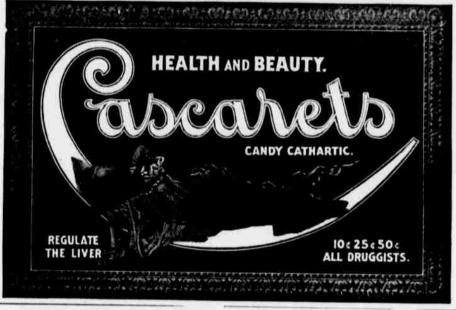
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