

Prodigal Son-Father, I have

Father-Yes, gol dern ye. I thought you'd show up about the time the pretty summer boarders began to arrive at the farm!

An Error.

He had dined exceedingly well and was standing in the hotel lobby, hatless, and looking exactly as if he were quite at home there. It was no wonder that the hotel guest walked up to him and inquired imperiously:

"Where's the news stand?" "Dunno."

The guest glared. "I'll report you for insolence," he

"Huh?" inquired he who had dined well. "R'port m'?"

"Say, what are you? A bellboy of a detective or-what?" "I'm a haberdasher," answered the

other, with a pleasant smile. The other snorted and withdrew.

Not His Business.

"Pow'ful fertile country daoun theh in Texas," said the colonel. "Yes, seh! Why, seh, I know spots daoun theh where the trees grow so close togetheh that you all couldn't shove youh hand between theh trunks. And game, seh! Why, seh, I've seen Fehginyuh deeah in those same forests with antlehs eight feet spread! Yes, seh!" At 'his point some meddlesome idiot

asked the colonel how such deer ever managed to get their antlers between such tree trunks.

"Thet, seh," said the colonel, drawing himself up with squelching dignity, "is theh business!"-Everybody's

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Tactless or Tactful?

"Waiters who hire out for parties ought to be trained for that," said one who has suffered. "Last night at a little party I was giving a waiter I thought knew his business walked up to a distinguished singer, who was in the midst of a song, and insisted upon her taking a plate of salad and a glass of punch. She had to stop the song to get rid of him."

The Burnt Cnild.

Stern Parent-Bobby, I thought I told you to order that trunk sent around right away, all ready to use. The trunk has come, but there is no

"Weil, pa, I told the man he needn't mind sending the strap."

Breaking Up Colds.

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Some men are content not to do mean actions. I want to become incapable of a mean thought or feeling.



Cast Ruthlessly Upon His Own Resources.



SYNOPSIS.

get his family jewels.

CHAPTER II.-Continued.

An errant cabby, cruising aimlessly but hopefully, sighted Maitland's tall figure and white shirt from a distance, and bore down upon him with a gallant clatter of hoofs.

"Kebsir?" he demanded breathlessly, pulling in at the corner. Maitland came out of his reverie and looked up slowly. "Why, yes, thank

you," he assented, amiably. "Where to, sir?" Maitland paused on the forward

deck of the craft and faced about, looking the cabby trustfully in the eye. "I leave it to you," he replied, politely. "Just as you please." The driver gasped.

"You see." Maitland continued with a courteous smile, "I have two engagements-one at Sherry's, the other with the 10:20 train from Long Island City. What would you, as man to man, advise me to do, cabby?"

"Well, sir, seein' as you put it to tance. me straight," returned the cabby with engaging candor, "I'd go home, sir, if I was you, afore I got any worse." "Thank you," gravely. "Long Island City depot, then, cabby."

ly satisfactory if proper attention was ly upon the cushions. "Surely," he for nothing else. given to starching, the first essential | told the night, "the driver knows best -he and Bannerman."

The cab started off jogging so se-

"Yessir!"

A whip-lash cracked loudly over the pace which roused the gongs of the one as both spirited and independent. expostulation. In a trice the "L" ex- gible air of self-confidence and re- hotel, its straggling line of dilapidated tension was roaring overhead; and a liance-to set Mad Maitland's pulses ing before them. Again Maitland con-less indeed he labored gravely under a

"In time." Yet he reckoned without the ferry, one of whose employes deliberately and implacably swung to the gates in truth the same woman who had (as the very face of the astonished cab he believed) made herself free of his horse, which promptly rose upon its rooms that evening?

to recall ere long.

a motor car slid in, humming, on the tected. right of the hansom.

Maitland sat forward, resting his do? Was he to alight and accost b

forearms on the apron, and jerked his cigarette out over the gates; the glow-New York bachelor club, met an attraction the water with a hiss. Warm whiffs within that day. Dan discovered a womIn finger prints in dust on his desk, came aware that there was a moon. by presenting the treasure horde to the eldest girl with instructions to seemed to him a pale little wraith of unsuspected.

> iav upon the forward deck like stencils the 10:59 was in waiting. of lampblack upon white marble. Beyond the boat's bluntly rounded nose gorgeous ribbons of reflected light streaming from pier head lamps on the pallid and luminous blue around the panied by a vivacious catalogue of that tory impression of alluring loveliness. low-swung moon, was shaded to profound depths of bluish-black toward the horizon. Above Brooklyn rested a tenuous haze. A revenue cutter, a he traced in the features of Mr. Anisty, position, if not for her patience. slim, pale shape, cut across the bows as presented by the sketch-artist-onhomeward-bound excursion steamer. land, had known in the dark backtier upon tier of glittering lights. drifted slowly toward its pier beneath swelling and dying upon the night breeze, mercifully tempered by dis- hand and staring for a weary while incline to its bath.

Presently Maitland's attention was distracted and drawn, by the abrupt exhaustively, his thoughts astray be-Maitland extended himself languid- whistled low; and thereafter had eyes Daniel Anisty, at whose door Maitland

The car, he saw with the experienced eye of a connoisseur, was a recent model of one of the most exstick poked open the trap in the roof. engines that were pregnant with multi-"If you really think it best for me plied horse power. All in all not the pecially after ten of a summer's night.

Nevertheless the lone occupant of horse's back, and the hansom, lurch- this car was a woman. And there was mg into Thirty-fourth street on one that in her bearing, an indefinable wheel, was presently jouncing eastward something-whether it lay in the carover rough cobbles, at a regardless riage of her head, which impressed surface cars to a clangor of hysterical or in an equally certain but less tanlittle later the ferry gates were yawn- drumming with excitement. For, unsuited his watch, commenting briefly: misapprehension, he was observing her for the second time within the past few hours.

Could he be mistaken, or was this in

aind legs and pawed the air with ges- In confirmation of such suspicion he sires of pardonable exasperation. To remarked her costume, which was al- As When This Wife Failed to Apprecino avail, however; the gates remained together worked out in soft shades of closed, the cabby (with language) gray. Gray was the misty veil, drawn reined his steed back a yard or two, in and daintily knotted beneath her and Maitland, lighting a cigarette, chin, which lent her head and face composed himself to simulate patience. such thorough protection against pry-Followed a wait of ten minutes or ing glances; of gray suede were the so, in which a number of vehicles light gauntlets that hid all save the joined company with the cab; the pas- slenderness of her small hands; and senger was vaguely aware of the jar- the wrap that, cut upon full and flowring purr of a motor car, like that of ing lines, cloaked her figure beyond A circumstance which he had occasion ample drapery could not dissemble my letters, as every loving husband the fact that she was quite small, should be. Finally on the day before In the course of time the gates were girlishly slight, like the woman in the my wife was to start for home I conagain opened. The bridge cleared of doorway; nor did aught temper her incoming traffic. As the cabby drove impersonal and detached composure, words: aboard the boat, with nice considera- which had also been an attribute of tion selecting the choicest stand of the woman in the doorway. And again write to you for a long, long time. all, well out upon the forward deck, she was alone, unchaperoned, unpro-

Yes? Or no? And, if yes, what

-worse luck!-it was too late to take come his primary disgust, as the blood any one of the hundred fantastic steps | began to circulate more briskly in his he had contemplated half seriously. In veins, Maitland became aware that he another two minutes his charming was actually enjoying the enforced exmystery, so bewitchingly incarnated, ercise. It could have been hardly would have slipped out of his life, fi- otherwise, with a night so sweet, with nally and beyond recall. And he could airs so bland and fragrant of the woods do naught to hinder such a finale to and fresh-turned earth, with so clearthe adventure.

offered to an unescorted woman.

hardly! It was all very well to be down for the night.

gates, and away, at a very consider- distant. able, even if lawful rate of sneed.

in quarter sizes descended upon the in gray. tune in one hand, lugging his news- road and bridge deep and thick. papers in the other, and made a de-

strong. Shadows of gates and posts train starter announced the fact that, as any mouse.

out of the car window at a reeling and laid the responsibility for this most fatiguing errand

The brakeman's wolf-like yelpdately up Madison avenue that Mait- pensive and popular foreign makes; ears when he awoke and stumbled lute nod of her head, lifting one small land glanced at his watch and elevated built on lines that promised a deal in down aisle and car steps just in the foot to her knee, and fumbled with the his brows dubiously; then with his the way of speed, and furnished with nick of time. The train, whisking laces of her shoe. round a curve cloaked by a belt of somber pines, left him quite alone in abandon the machine, with her deter to go home, cabby, you'll have to drive style of car one would expect to find the world, cast ruthlessly upon his mination to wade! Clearly this would own resources.

midnight; the moon rode high, a cold frail feminine hands were concerned. white disk against a background of sapphire velvet, its pellucid rays re-vealing with disheartening distinct-chivalry, the involuntary witness was ness the inanimate and lightless roadside hamlet called Greenfields; its general store and postoffice, its soi-disant don't wade!"

ate Her Husband's Pleasantry.

"Later a registered letter came from her. She had blotted almost every

"Don't always rely upon the ready I could not imagine. wit of a woman," said the man who is sometimes pleased to consider himself when I answered I heard my wife's an oracle. "That ready wit business voice speaking over the long distance is sometimes prone to get 'way off.

Find Woman's Wit Uncertain

"For example, my wife and children had been staying in the country for some huge cat, in the immediate rear. suggestion, was gray. Yet even its several weeks and I was regular with suicide!" cluded my letter to her with these

line with tears. What it was all about "Then my telephone bell rang, and

"'Oh, John,' said she. 'Is that really

you? I thought you had committed

The First Marriage.

A western judge decides that Adam and Eve were married under the common law and legally bound, though "This will be the last letter I will there were no witnesses. The venerable couple on the other side of the "When I got down to my office the big divide are thus made to feel next morning I found a telegram from easier, and riotous demonstrations on y wife waiting for me. What on the part of their descendants in the rth do you mean? read the dispatch. west avoided.-Detroit Free Press.

accuse her of forcing an entrance to habitations, all wrapped in silence pro-

HA.

his rooms for the sole purpose (as far found and impenetrable. Not even a as ascertainable) of presenting him dog howled; not a belated villager was with the outline of her hand in the in sight; and it was a moral certainty dust of his desk's top? . . . Oh, that the local livery service had closed ! daringly eccentric and careless of the Nevertheless, Maitland, with world's censure; but one scarcely desperation bred of the prospective cared to lay one's self open either to five-mile tramp, spent some ten valan unknown girl's derision or to a uable minutes hammering upon the sound pummeling at the hands of fel- door of the house infested by the prolow passengers enraged by the insult prietor of the livery stable. He succeeded only in waking the dog, and The young man was still pondering inasmuch as he was not on friendly ways and means when a dull bump ap- terms with that animal, presently prised him that the ferry boat was en- withdrew at discretion and set his face tering the Long Island City slip. "The northwards upon the open road. devil!" he exclaimed in mingled dis- It stretched before him invitingly gust and dismay, realizing that his enough, a ribbon winding silver-white distraction had been so thorough as to between dark patches of pine and permit the voyage to take place almost scrub-oak or fields lush with rustling without his realizing it. So that now corn and wheat. And, having over-

he adventure.

a light to show him his way.

Sulkily he resigned himself to the He stepped out briskly at first, inevitable, waiting and watching, swinging his stick and watching his while the boat slid and blundered shadow, a squat, incredibly agitated clumsily, paddle wheels churning the silhouette in the golden dust. But filthy waters over side, to the floating gradually and insensibly the peaceful bridge; while the winches rattled, and influence of that still and lovely hour the woman, sitting up briskly in the tempered his heart's impatience; and driver's seat of the motor car, bent he found himself walking at a pace forward and advanced the spark; while more leisurely. After all, there was the chain fell clanking and the car no hurry; he was unwearied, and Mait shot out, over the bridge, through the land Manor lay less than five miles

Thirty minutes passed; he had not Whereupon, writing finis to the final covered a third of the way, yet rechapter of Romance, voting the world mained content. By well-remembered a dull place and life a treadmill, an- landmarks, he knew he must be nearathematizing in no uncertain terms his ing the little stream called, by courtesy, lack of resource and address. Maitland Mayannis river; and, in due course, he paid off his cabby, alighted, and to stepped out upon the long wooden structhat worthy's boundless wonder, ture that spans that water. He was walked into the waiting room of the close upon the farther end whenrailway terminus without deviating a upon a hapchance impulse-he glanced hair's breadth from the straight and over the nearest guard rail, down at circumscribed path of the sober in the bed of the creek. And stopped incontinently, gaping.

The 10:20 had departed by a bare | Stationary in the middle of the detwo minutes. The next and last train pression, hub-deep in the shallow wafor Greenfields was to leave at 10:59, ters, was a motor car; and it, beyond Maitland with assumed nonchalance dispute, was identical with that which composed himself upon a bench in the had occupied his thoughts on the ferry waiting room to endure the 37-minute boat. Less wonderful, perhaps, but to interval. Five minutes later an able- him amazing enough, it was to disbodied washerwoman with six children cover upon the driver's seat the girl

same bench; and the young man in His brain benumbed beyond further desperation allowed himself to be dis- capacity for astonishment, he accepted possessed. The news stand next attract- without demur this latest and most as ing him, he garnered a fugitive amuse- tounding of the chain of amazing coment and two dozen copper cents by incidences which had thus far enliv the simple process of purchasing six ened the night's earlier hours; and "night extras," which he did not want, stood rapt in silent contemplation and paying for each with a five-cent sensible that the girl had been un piece. Comprehending, at length, that aware of his approach, deadened as he had irritated the news dealer, he his footsteps must have been by the meandered off, jingling his copper for blanket of dust that carpeted both

On her part she sat motionless, evitermined onslaught upon a slot madently lost in reverie, and momenchine. The latter having reluctantly tarily, at least, unconscious of the em-"Mad" Dan Maitland, on reaching his ing stub described a fiery arc and took disgorged 24 assorted samples of barrassing predicament which was chewing gum and stale sweetmeats, hers. So complete, indeed, seemed her iron. O'Hagan assured him no one had been within that day. Dan discovered a womfanned his face gratefully, and he be- an, and sowed dissension in her brood self questioning the reality of her.

Maitland dined with Bannerman, his attorney. Dan set out for Greenfields, to even-tempered approbation of the share it with her brothers and sisters. night's splendor—in the city a thing It is difficult to imagine what folly she made against the shimmer of light might next have been recorded against on the water-a shape almost trans-Never, he thought, had he known him had not, at that moment, a fe- parent, slight, and unsubstantialmoonlight so pure, so silvery and rocious and inarticulate howl from the seeming to contemplate, and as still

Looking more attentively, it became Boarding the train in a thankful evident that her veil was now raised spirit, Maitland settled himself as com- This was the first time that he had the East river stretched its restless, fortably as he might in the smoker seen her so. But her countenance re and endeavored to find surcease of mained so deeply shadowed by the ennui in his collection of extras. In visor of a mannish motoring cap that vain; even a two-column portrait of the most searching scrutiny gained no further shore. Overhead, the sky, a Mr. Dan Anisty, cracksman, accom- more than a dim and scantily satisfac-

notoriety's achievements in the field of polite burglary, hardly stirred his inelbows on the rail, and, staring, terest. An elusive resemblance which framed a theory to account for her

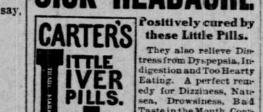
like a hunted ghost. Farther out a the-spot, to some one whom he, Mait- struck off at a tangent, down the banks and into the river bed. It was wards and abysm of time, merely drew credible to presume that the girl had from him the comment: "Homely lost control of the machine temporarithe new bridge, the blare of its band, brute!" And he laid the papers aside, ly and that it, taking the bit between cradling his chin in the palm of one its teeth, had swung gayly down the

Why she lingered there, however, moonsmitten landscape. He yawned was less patent. The water, as has cessation of its motor's pulsing, to the tween a girl garbed all in gray, Ban- the tonneau; it did not seem reasonbeen indicated, was some inches below automobile on his right. He lifted his nerman's earnest and thoughtful face, able to assume that it should have in chin sharply, narrowing his eyes, and the pernicious activities of Mr. terfered with either running gear or motor.

At this point in Maitland's meditations the gray girl appeared to have arrived at a decision. She straight-"Greenfields!"—was ringing in his ened up suddenly, with a little reso

Maitland grasped her intention to seem to demonstrate that there had An hour had elapsed; it was now been a breakdown, irreparable so far One shoe removed, its fellow would moved to earnest protest.

"Don't!" he cried, hastily. "I say (TO BE CONTINUED.)



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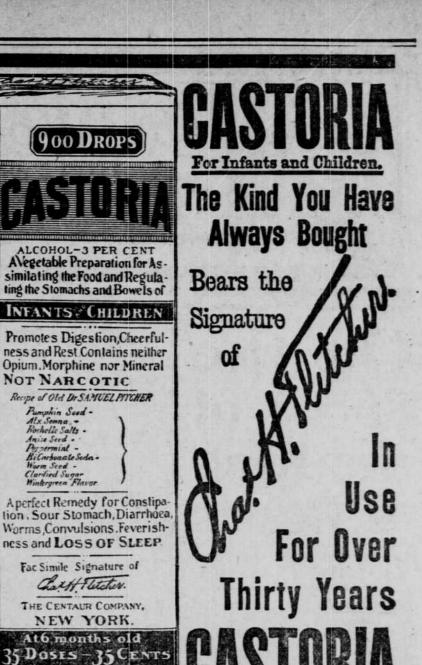
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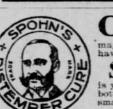
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s'pose?" "Oh, no; it lives honorably for many years in congressional cloakrooms."

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