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all things—ladies and gentlemen. The hero came on followed by a friend, and the social strugglers disappeared joyfully, leaving the stage for the two men. The friend went to look for some one he had missed, and the hero had just time to finish a pungent comment, when the debutante came on. He went eagerly forward to meet her, but the despairing glance she gave him was the woman, not the actress, and his man's heart responded. What could be wrong?

He was conscious of the physical effort with which she spoke, but no one else was, fortunately, he thought, and the actor caught his cue, and taking her hand, began making mad love to her. She snatched it away, and the added dignity she had when repulsing him made her slender, girlish figure seem taller, and when the hero attempted to put his arm about her she broke away and ran swiftly to the other side of the stage. There by a chair she sank on her knees with her head on the cushioned seat, and the hero, following, continued his impassioned appeal. But her pose seemed to him strained; she did not take her cue when he finished, and in the silence the few words spoken by the prompter were clearly audible. But still she did not speak or move, and alarmed, the hero leaned down and touched the debutante and her head fell on his arm.

The hero was sunk in the man, who sharply ordered the curtain rung down, and he was gently supporting the lifeless figure when the manager rushed on and people scurried hither and thither, trying restoratives, giving orders interspersed with characteristic comments.

In front the audience was waiting to know the cause of the excitement. Had the debutante fainted? Men went out to hear what they could, and the women waited impatiently. The curtain rolled up quietly; the ball room scene was still set, but the manager stood alone on the stage. With fewest words he said the debutante was dead; the heart had probably given way. She had been under a long and severe strain.

The curtain fell again, and talking, the people left the theatre; horrible and shocking they called it; she did not look as though she had been under any strain.

Some of the people went off to supper; it was early yet; one could not go home. Later one party was joined by a man who had also been in the audience. He was a doctor and had just left the debutante. It was her heart undoubtedly, he said; she had evidently had an organic weakness and had worked beyond her strength; the excitement of her debut was the climax. She took care of a young invalid sister, he had heard at the theatre; it was a terrible affair.

One of the women agreed with him, and then raised her glass gaily to give a toast: A more cheerful ending to the next theatre party.

—The Story Teller.

NOTICE.

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William F. Onley, Levi Igou and E. J. D. Embling, first name unknown, defendants, will take notice that on the

18th day of April, 1896, Stull Bros., the plaintiff herein, filed their petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against said defendants, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by William F. Onley (single), to George Thompson, and by him duly sold and assigned to plaintiff, upon lot five (5), in block eighteen (18), Mills' Second addition to University Place, in Lancaster county, Nebraska, to secure the payment of one certain promissory note said note dated September 1, 1892, for the sum of \$500, due and payable one year from date thereof. Said note was not paid when the same became due, nor any part thereof, nor has said note or any part thereof been collected and paid; there is now due on said note and mortgage the sum of \$600, for which sum, with interest from September 1, 1894, at 10 per cent per annum, plaintiffs pray for a decree that defendants be required to pay the same, or that said premises may be sold to satisfy the amount found due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before Monday, the 5th day of October, 1896.

C. C. FLANSBURG,
Attorney for Plaintiff.

Dated August 29, 1896.
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NOTICE.

The Vermont Marble company, and the Pomeroy Coal company.

Non-resident defendant will take notice that on the 17th day of August, 1896, Mary Smith Cobb the plaintiff herein filed her petition in the district court of Lancaster county, Nebraska, against James F. Sheehy and Margaret Sheehy, the Vermont Marble company, and the Pomeroy Coal company, the object and prayer of which are to foreclose a certain mortgage executed by the said James F. Sheehy and Margaret Sheehy to plaintiff, then Mary A. Smith, now Mary Smith Cobb, to secure the payment of a promissory note, dated November 19, 1890, for the sum of thirteen hundred and twenty dollars (\$1,320) due and payable on the 1st day of December, 1895.

That there is now due on the said note and mortgage the sum of \$1,071.40, for which sum, with ten per cent interest from the 17th day of August, 1896, the plaintiff prays for a decree that the defendants be required to pay the same or for said premises to be sold to satisfy the amount now due.

You are required to answer said petition on or before the 28th day of September, 1896.

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