PLEASE?

### Her Husband's Repentance.

BY J. A. BOLLES.

emetery on the outskirts of the village. His young widow, a beautiful, graceful of the mind and heart, appeared greatly to opinion of the substantial citizens, had been a reprehensible one. There were whispers, too, that he had frequently grieved his wife by his acts, and had even, when intoxicated, abused her. Why, then, should she mourn now that she was freed from him and could encourage some far more likely man to ask her to become his wife?

While the gossipers discussed the matter in their shallow and unfeeling way the individual who was most interested sadly maintained a dignified silence. This man was Jacob Winter, a stone cutter, whose life was remarkably identified with the local burial ground. He was not a common workman, but in his way an artist, who, with his hammer and chisel, patiently fashioned handsome gravestones from shapeless masses of rock and carved on them with skill the names of the deceased, the dates of birth and death, and sometimes a comforting verse from the sacred scriptures He had learned his trade in the village, and for thirty years had made most of the stones and monuments that stood in the "new part" or handsome modern section of the cemetery.

Of course Mr. Winter's occupation made it necessary for him to spend considerable time in the burial ground, and he noticed that Mrs. Howland often visited it for the purpose of placing a beautiful boquet or wreath upon her husband's grave. would linger in the vicinity, too, and would sadly recall, so it seemed, the memories "She must think a great deal of him,

was Mr. Winter's conclusion, "and yet she must know he was a rascal. But she cannot know how bad he really was. If I only dared, if I only thought it was best, I could stell her something that would astonish her Yes, and it might make her my everlasting enemy, too; for, probably, she would not believe me. And yet it seems as if it were my duty to do it. I wish I knew how to proceeds I never had on my mind anything that perplexed me so much.'

Such was the way in which he cogitated without gaining any light. He finally became so much engrossed in "his problem." as he called it, that every day, as soon as he had eaten his supper, he would repair to the village park near his home, and, seated on one of the benches that rested against the trunks of majestic clms, would spend the long summer twilight in smoting his pipe and thinking, trying in vain to reach a satisfactory solution.

Howland herself cross the park and approach with the air of one who had something important to say. "Mr. Winter," said she, "I would like

On the last of these occasions he was

aroused from his meditations by seeing Mrs.

to talk with you abo t a suitable monument "I shall be giad to assist you in whatever way I can." he pleasantly replied.

His demeanor seemed to relieve her, for she had approached him in a hesitating way, as if she were doubtful whether she would receive a courteous greeting. "My plan is," she said, "to have as good

a monument erected to his memory as I can afford. I wish to show proper respect, and, although I am not rich, my husband left enough of a fortune to make my circumstances comfortable." "I think I understand," said Winter, "You

"That's it exactly," replied the fair

"Well, I've been in the business for thirty years, and I am ready to tell you what any style of monument that you may desire will "But there is something elese to consider,"

said Mrs. Howland in a perplexed way. "Something else to consider?" said Ja ob In a voice indicative of surprise.

"Yes; there is a moral question in I do not understand you."

"I will explain, although it pains me to do it. You must know that the general

opinion is that my husband acquired most of his money dishonestly. I did not auspect that he had done so much wrong until he confessed a short time before his death that he had greatly sinned, and since that sad event by closely questioning reluctant friends I have learned that his dishonesty was even worse than he had led me to sup-"Why do you bring up these painful

reminiscences?" he remarked, "It does no good to dwell on them now." "But do you not understand that I am

a handsome monument by the use of money so wrongfully obtained?"

selves about such a matter. Your husband alone was responsible for the wrong transactions. And the money has come to you lawfully as his widow. You have a legal right to do what you please with it."

"I have a legal right, of course, but have

"I do not feel competent to decide the

"But I have asked Mr. Brown, my minisof the matter."

"How so?" band died a repentant man, he deserves a impossible, for me to make restitution to all

whom he may have wronged." "I am afraid I cannot advise you," said Winter, removing his hat. "The problem is too perplexing for me, and perhaps for any one to solve. Perhaps the minister is right. "But you do not seem to be exactly clear

"I am thinking whether, if he were really repentant, he would not have said something about making restitution to those whom he had wronged."

"O, no; his mind was concerned with heavenly things only."

"I suppose so." The widow did not seem to notice his enters into most wedded lives. barcastic remark. She was in a sad, pensive

"I presume you mourn your husband's loss greatly?" asked Jacob, looking at her

"I cannot say that I do, for he treated me badly for some time before his last sick-ness; but as he died repentant, I consider it my duty to cherish his memory as a wife

"I am much relieved by your reply, and I now feel free to say something that I have long wished to tell you, but have heretofore thought it best not to broach."

The color mounted to Mrs. Howland's beeks and her quick breathing further becayed the excitement under which she labored. Mr. Winter's face had turned pale.

He, also, was strongly agitated. "You must remember," he said, "that my only son. Charles, was at one time very matter arriving at t fond of you and thought that you reciprocated his affection. But suddenly your decated his affection. But suddenly your de-meanor toward him changed, and you treated his so coldly that he made up his mind that further marked attention on his part would he repulsed, and, filled with grief, he avoided your presence, and soon after left that could aid the postal clerks in locating

\*0-000°-0-000 Thomas Howland had recently died, and the village, going to a distant city, where

"I remember," said the beautiful widow

"Do not think that I wish to blame you woman, pessessing, also, engaging qualities Mr. Winter hastened to add, "but in justice to my son, as well as for your own informamourn his loss, although his career, in the tion, I will say that a few months ago I learned from one who is a friend to us both that the reason why you treated Charles so coldly was that you were basely deceived by the man who afterward became your husband. He deliberately lied to you for the sake of winning your hand and defeating his rival. He even convinced you that Charles had spoken disrespectfully and meanly of you to others."

"It is true," said Mrs. Howland, humbly, "And now that you have acknowledged that through sad experience you have learned that your husband was a dishonest, unkind man, is it hard for you to believe me when nocent of the offenses charged against him?" springing to her eyes, "and I sincerely

the addresses without a very great deat of trouble. The letters have nearly all been of the 'John Smith, Chickamauga,' sort, and when you come to reflect how many thouthe great number of duplicate names, you can figure out how much difficulty the postoffice people have in properly assorting and delivering the mail. It does not seem to occur to many of the people who write to soldiers in the field to name the outfits on the envelope to which the addressees be-

"If they were to do this there would be little or no trouble in distributing the mails at the military centers. For example, instead of plain 'John Smith, Chickamauga, the address, with a few more strokes of the pen, could be made to read, 'Corporal U. S. A., Chickamauga, and thus Corporal Smith would not have to hang around the postoffice with a wistful eye for days at a time awaiting that letter from his timorous sweetheart.

I tell you that Charles was entirely in- serving, as, for example, Edward Robinson, curs and the only relief is the painful oper-U. S. S. Brooklyn, U. S. N., which insures "I now believe that I did do your son a the forwarding of the letter by the postal great wrong," said Mrs. Howland, the tears authorities to the navy pay office of the clude some of the freaks of the animal kingstation to which the Brooklyn is attached,



MR. WINTER, SENIOR, CONSI DERATELY STEPPED ASIDE.

"I am so glad to hear you say it," said the great probability of there being duplithe delighted father, a glow of happiness cate names for many letters thus addressed overspreading his plain, but noble face. "Thank God," he continued, "it is not too | department, where, by reference to muster desire something pretty good, and yet not late to bring you two lovers together, for rolls, they are assorted, and, after consider-Charles has never married, and I know he loves you still."

"You are right," she exclaimed. greatly I have wronged a worthy man!" At this moment a young man approached unnoticed by the others, so engrossed were

they in their conversation "Good evening, father," he cried Mr. Winter looked up. "Well! well! this is a surprise.

have deeply loved."

is Charles himself!" he exclaimed in de-Mrs. Howland blushed.

"You are just in time, my boy, just in "Jus in time!" repeated Charles, em

barrassed by the remark and also by the presence of the woman he had loved so fervently, but who had dismissed him years efore with scorn,

"Yes." said his father, "just in time, I I have a good excuse for speaking out now. Here's a fine young woman who realizes her mistake and desires to be forgiven."

doubtful whether it is right for me to erect something that revealed more than words sent from the muzzle of the gun with im could tell. He hesitated, then sprang fortimidly extended toward him.

"I have decided that it is not advisable to erect an expensive monument. A good, question for you. A minister would be the plain headstone will be sufficient," said Mrs. Howland. "Charles says he has enough money for us both, and he wishes me to use ter, and I am not satisfied with his view what my husband left me in making festitu- differ both in form and size and in their detion to those whom he wronged, so far as it can be conveniently done, and in helping the

"I am not surprised. It is no more than fine monument, and that I ought not to have could be expected of my noble boy," said any scruples, as it would be difficult, if not Mr. Winter, looking at his son with undis-

guised pride "He has solved my moral problem for me,"

remarked Mrs. Howland. "It could not have been more happily solved. I wish you both much joy." "But you have lost your opportunity to do profitable place of work," said Mrs. Howland, smiling. I cannot pay you as much for the headstone as I could for a fine monu-

"I freely forgive you," said Mr. Winter, laughing heartily. A few weeks later Mrs. Howland and

Charles Winter were married, and their home was blessed with greater love than

TO YOUR FRIENDS AT WAR. Take Care in Addressing Your Let-

"It seems queer that the people of this country—the educated people, I am speaking of particularly-should exhibit so much in definiteness as they do in addressing by mail their relatives and friends who are oldiers in the field or sallors on the sea," said a postal official in the railway mail service to a Washington Star man. has already been a huge amount of trouble in handling the letters and papers thus in definitely forwarded to the soldiers, and the general mix-up of the mails at Chickamauga, for example, has been something extraordinary, and yet natural enough, considering the way most of the pieces of mail

matter arriving at that military rendezvous "A very great majority of the letters that

regret it, for he was the only man whom I | the addressors, as a rule, simply write, 'Edward Robinson, U. S. N.' Aside from all such letters have to go first to the Navy able delay, readdressed to they are intended."

THE MODERN SHELL

Great Weight, Penetrating Power and Destructiveness.

To understand the peculiarly destructive power of the guns with which modern navies are provided, says the Chicago Record, it must be kept in mind that most of these larger instruments of warfare carry a projectile which not only has great penetrating power but contains some high explosive easily detonated upon striking any obstacle offering fair resistance.

The mortar, discharging an explosive shell through a high trajectory, the muzzle of the gun being upturned to an angle of forty-five degrees, is still in use in shore batteries But modern science has mastered the inven never was any hand at match making, but tion of shell guns which can sheet point blank with high velocity and will explode with terrific effect on striking the target Some of the smaller and rapid-fire guns It was Charles' turn to blush, but a great of course, shoot solid masses of steel, highly happiness sprang into his heart as he looked tempered and capable of great penetration into Mrs. Howland's tearful eyes, and saw Projectiles designed for this purpose are ward, and caught the fair hand that was armor plate of the best kind to a thickness 30 per cent greater than the caliber of the Mr. Winter, senior, considerately stepped projectile. But the dealiest damage is done He was gone half an hour, and by the shell gun carrying a missile which ploded by a fuse.

As to the relative merits of the explosive opinions differ, but gun cotton is a favorite though the French navy uses melinite as sign. The "incendiary shell' is filled with some substance designed to set fire to the enemy's ship. The ordinary Hotchkiss shell contains in its cylinder a heavy charge and the projectile is made with a casing of three thicknesses in order that it may break into a large number of pieces when bursting. The skill which has been expended on projectiles of this class may be imagined from the fact that they can be discharged with a heavy concussion without exploding and the danger of unintentional explosions has been so mir imized that while the shell from a heav cannon will burst if its impact is against four inches of steel it will not explode when sent against the ordinary side-plating of

The penetrating power of these modern implements of warfare is great, but their destructive effect on explosion is terrific When an accurate gunner sends an 1,800pound missile loaded with 170 pounds of high explosives against the side of a hostile vesse. near the water line he practically dooms i to destruction. No armor-plate yet invented has been found strong enough to stand even a short fusilade of this sort.

Chicago Fost: The old gentleman was

"What is a flank movement, father? asked Wille.
"Huh?"
"What is a flank movement?"
"What? Oh, a flank movement. Whyer-you know what a flank is, don't you?"
"Of course."
"Well-er-you'll experience a movement
that may be properly so described in just
about a minute and a half if you don't
stop bothering me."

The Element of Impropriety. Detroit Journal: "But did not your sense of impropriety revolt? The shoplifter looked up wonderingly, "Why, don't you know," she exclaimed "that there is now a matron at every police station?"

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sands of soldiers there are down there and Some of the Living Things Our Soldier Boys

SOME INSECTS THAT TICKLE THE HIDE

Spiders, Snukes and Jiggers, Birds of Various Kinds, Peculiar Fireflies, Land Crabs and Other Strange Things.

The Spaniard is not the only foe the sol

dier will encounter on his Cuban marches John Smith, Battery G. Seventh Artillery, relates the New York Sun. Cuban sandflies and mosquitoes are much like our own. few years ago an adventurous traveler but we have nothing to match the huge brought a number of cucullos to New York belligerent ant, known as the vivajagua. Ing astonishment of an Irishman, to whom A scorpion, though not so dangerous as the the dancing lamps were such a mystery that "The friends and relatives of man-o'-war's European variety, proves itself unpleasant he wavered between the pledge and the ocumen, addressing the letter by mail, even in enough to the careless traveler and the listtimes of peace, cause considerable delay in chigoe, or "jigger," deals swift retribution the delivery of their epistles by too much to an offender. Its method of attack is indefiniteness in addressing the mail. In- inconvenient, for it burrows under the toe stead of addressing their letters directly to nail, and unless semoved at once builds its the ships upon which the addressees are nest there. In that case inflammation oc ation of having the little animal cut out. Snakes are not numerous, but they indom. The huge maja, longer than two six feet men set end to end, with a body twenty inches in circumference, looks flerce enough and formidable enough to put a whole regiment to flight. It is all a bluff, for the big reptile is harmless.

Among the birds the soldier may exercise his taste for pets. Those peculiar to the island have beautiful plumage, rich in coloring. There are nearly 200 kinds to be found there and among them all the vulture and the turkey buzzard are almost the only birds of prey. They are so useful as scavengers to carry away waste material that they are protected from death by law. Geese, turkeys, peacocks and pigeons are the most familiar domestic fowls and pigs, sheep, goats, mules and horses the animals used.

The Cuban horses are almost a race by themselves. They are very gentle, they never kick nor bite nor play tricks on their riders. In some parts of the island horses receive as much consideration as a member of the family. They are not tied or con fined, but they wander about the door yard. put their heads into the kitchen windows to exchange the time of day and even on occasion have the privilege of entering the house. The sight of humans and equines on terms of such easy familiarity makes one wonder if the days of Guilliver and his horse country have come again.

Sometimes the roads are very bad and the mud so sticky that it holds any foreign substance like glue. For this reason farmers braid their horses' tails, turn them up over their horses' backs and tie them to the saddle. No northern pony would stand this indignity, but the Cuban pack animals seem quite willing to endure it. In mountainous regions mules are used to carry the coffee and sugar down the mountain paths and to save drivers mules in long procession are tied together, one's head to another 's tail, and with only one man at the head of the column to guide the leader they carry down their burdens safely. The hind legs of Cuban mules must be worked on a different principle from that in vogue among United States mules. Here no insurance agency would insure a man whose business was tying mules to one another's talls.

The only wild animal peculiar to Cuba is he jutia or hutia. It is rat-shaped, black and small. It lives in the hollows of trees like our squirrel, and eats leaves and fruits. Its flesh is insipid, but it is often eaten. Curious modifications of felines and canines inhabit the woods. The animals have sprung from dogs and cats in the domestic state and differ from them only in their size and tion seems to remain with them and they cause the farmer much anxiety by their carefully planned attacks upon his poultry

The matter of lights is a small item of expense to the poer man in Cuba, for in the phosphorescent fly nature provides him a lamp free. This fly, the cucullo, about the size of our roach, is perfectly black, with a transparent breast. Two eyes in front and one in the point of its breast give out so much light when its wings are spread that one can see by it to read a letter. Children make pets of cucullos and shut them up in reed cages. If they feed them on sugar the



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> He is one of the most skiliful of Chinese doclors, because of his great knowledge and cures. Having been eight years in the medical college of China, he understands for immediate action of over

them so much that they fall upon each other like prize fighters. The children avoid this by giving the flies sugar cane They wash them carefully morning and night and in this way keep their pets alive

and shining for many days. Fashionable ladies wear the brilliant flies in their hair and sometimes the belies use them covered with a gauzy material for a living belt. One little girl remarked with much solemnity after examining a cuculle's legs that God made it with hooks to fasten on little girls' dresses. Left to themselves the cuciflos fly in regular lines, giving the effect of the long procession of the watch at Havana. For this reason the Cubans call them "serenos de los bichos"-watchmen of the insects. Fifteen or twenty of them in a calabash pierced with holes makes a kind lantern often used during the night. A and set them free in Broadway, to the last-

Another curious phenomenon of Cuba ani-mal life is the procession of land crabs across the island. They travel from north to south every spring when the rains commence, and are as regular an an institution as the wet weather itself. Shell fish are abundant, but they are of inferior quality. The climate is too warm for them, and oysters there at all times are as unsatisfac tory as ours in the months when no magte R appears. The rivers and bays and inlets however, are well stocked with palatable fish. The iguana, cayman, and crocodile are common. A huge variety of crocodile called cayman has a colony of its own on the Isle of Pines. Turtles are found in large numbers in shallows and reefs and on sandy beaches, and they are put to all sorts of uses, from soup to walking sticks. canes, the shell of the carey variety is used. First a strong is cut of the length desired. Then the turtle shell is boiled unill it becomes a thick liquid, and into this he stick is dipped and allowed to cool. The process is repeated several times till the peautiful tortoise shell covering is of proper thickness. Afterward the cane is polished, headed, fitted with a ferrule, and sold for

Another curiosity is a cane made from th dried skin of the manatee, or sea cow. The skin is perfectly transparent, and when rightly prepared is flexible, but strong enough to be used as a rapier for defense Mounted in gold or silver these canes are very expensive. They are rarely seen in



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The agent for the property counted the moner.

money.

"Haven't you made a mistaxe?" he said.

"This is \$100."

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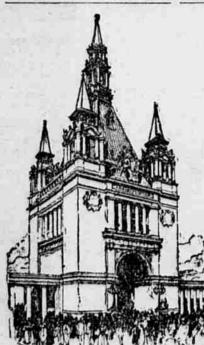
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