

SYNOPSIS.

Mr. Solomon Pratt began comical narration of story, introducing well-to-do Nathan Scudder of his town, and Edward Van Brunt and Martin Hartley, two rich New Yorkers seeking rest. Because of latter pair's lavish expenditure of money, Pratt's first impression was connected with lunatics. Van Brunt, it was learned, was the successful suitor for the hand was the successful suitor for the hand of Miss Agnes Page, who gave Hartley up. Adventure at Fourth of July celebration at Eastwich. Hartley rescued a boy, known as "Reddy," from under a horse's feet and the urchin proved to be one of Miss Page's charges, whom she had taken to the country for an outing. Out sailing later, Van Brunt, Pratt and Hopper were wrecked in a souall Pratt hildren Miss Talford and Miss Page ited Ozone Island. In another storm Van Brunt and Hartley narrowly escaped be-ing wrecked, having abourd chickens, pigs, etc., with which they were to start pigs, etc., with which they were to start a farm. Eureka Sparrow, a country girl, was engaged as a cook and Van Brunt and Hartley paid a visit to her father, who for years had been claiming consumption as an excuse for not working. Upon another island visit by Miss Page, Eureka diagnosed Hartley's case as one of love for Agnes, At a lawn fete, Van Brunt shocked the church community by raffling a quilt for the church's benefit.

CHAPTER XIV .-- Continued.

We walked on together the rest of the way, laughing and talking. Nobody took the business serious at all. They all thought Washy would go to work when he found 'twas either that | or get out and hustle for a place to old friend the doctor! I never noticed

We marched into the Sparrow yard like a Fourth of July parade. Hartley You'll excuse my not getting up, won't knocked at the kitchen door. Editha you? I've wasted away so since you

"Is your father in?" asked the Twin. you? Pa, here's Mr. Hartley."

room. Then some coughs, like a string | care to hear it.' of small earthquakes. Finally a dreadful weak voice orders us to step right and goody-goody as a saint. in. The rest of the crowd went on "I forgive you for them words, doc-

"Where's the rest of the children?"

store on an errand," she says. "I to-" thought you'd be along pretty soon. He was purple in the face. Peter would become of my fatherless chil-They took the baby with 'em."

"How's your dad been since he heard the news?" says I.

was all scared. But he went out about job. Are you going to take it?" nine o'clock with a letter he'd wrote. Say, Mr. Pratt," she whispers, eager, to work, and-" "is it true that me and Dewey are going to live with the minister's folks?"

"Maybe so," says I. "Why?" I could go to school, and pa wouldn't 'twould--"

a little rest. She does need it so." was all grown-ups in that family. I went into the dining room. The baggage.'

delegation was gathered on one side

Brown as he said it. "Hey?" asks the invalid, feeble.

And all that Washy said when the row's cough was it.

Pratt | mind?

don't. My nerves is dreadful weak to me:" this morning and I ain't able to stand it. I've had coughing spells ever since eyes flashed chain lightning. I got out of bed. Well. I won't have soon I'll be laid away, and-"

"Have you made up your mind?" poor helpless invalid." interrupts Martin. "Answer quick. The time of these gentlemen is valu

"Don't, Mr. Hartley. Please don't. raffling a quilt for the church's benefit.

Hartley invented a plan to make Washington Sparrow work.

"Don't, Mr. Hartley. Please don't.

How pan you cruelize a poor feller this way." Don't you know that any kind. way? Don't you know that any kind of stir and rumpus is the worst thing for me? Any doctor'll tell you

> "Bosh!" 'Twas Dr. Penrose that said it, and he stepped forward. "Bosh!" says he again.

"What's that? Why, if it ain't my you was there. I'm awful glad to see you, Doc. Seems just like old times gun.

was here that-"Bosh!" says the doctor again. "Yes, sir." says Editha, "He's in. I "You're fatter than ever. There's s'pose you'd like to see him, wouldn't nothing in the world the matter with answered 'twas in a sort of beg-pardon it, will you? The way I feel now I'd you but pure downright dog laziness.

ahead. I stopped for a jiffy to speak tor," says he. "I realize I ain't been he. "They've offered me a place to go comes running to catch up. He caught able to pay my bill to you, and so I to work, and I've been awful tempted me by the arm and hauled me to one from the organ grinder's viewpoint. can make allowances."

"I sent 'em over to the grocery impudent loafer! I've a good mind to dig cellars. I wouldn't last at it the matter?"

Brown caught his arm.

he says. "Look here, Sparrow. We and can't bring myself to-to-passing "Oh, he was going on terrible last need a good husky man about your away from 'em so soon, I'm going to night. Had nerve spells and fired the size at the hotel. We'll pay him ten be put out of my house and home. My chairs around and carried on so we dollars a week. I've offered you the little home, that I've thought so much

come along."

"Why, Mr. Scudder! Why, Nate! of the table, and Washy was crumpled How can you talk so! Just for a little see. And so, for a few dollars you are up in his rocker on the other. He matter of rent. You don't need it. to be turned out of your home. You, a Ain't you been telling me that you poor sick man! Oh! I can hardly be-"Well, Mr. Sparrow," Hartley was had a couple of soft rich folks over to lieve there are such people in the of the custom of carrying candles in made up your mind about the position | good living and more, too, all by them- | perience."

said-"Shut up!" 'Twas Scudder who got purple now. It looked to me like the invalid was having all the fun. He playing for time. I guess Hartley thought so, too, for he says:

"That's enough of this. It's plain | The minister plucked up spunk to notice. Come on."

Then Washy broke down. He didn't mind that. When he thought of his poor fatherless children-

"The children will be provided for," but I believed he didn't. says Martin. "I told you that. Mr. "Thank goodness!" she says. And

baby' me I've heard that name afore. Ain't reka told me you were at the village, he the gambler? The one that come | Martin, so Lycurgus rowed me across. near being run out of town for stealing One of the children said you were a bedquilt from the poorhouse, or here. What is this, a surprise party? something like that? Is he the man And Agnes, too! Am I too late for the to trust with innocent little children?" refreshments?" There it was again. The minister about "impertinence" and "black- you do a great favor for me?" guardism." I thought he'd lick that "Yours to command, of course," he consumptive right then and there. It answers, puzzled. took another five minutes to calm him "Will you find a boarding place for down. And so far we hadn't gained an Mr. Sparrow?"

come rattling into the yard. The time for the Sparrows to nest again? horse was all over lather, like he'd He can come over to the Island with been drove hard, and the buggy was us. There's plenty of room. Hey, white with dust. Everybody looked | Martin?" out of the window. Sparrow looked did mine.

the buggy, and there was a young paid." woman with him. The young woman

"Why, Agnes-Miss Page!" ex- his ma.

What's the matter?"

to Washy. And says she: get your letter until nearly nine, be- ing is notcause James was delayed at the of- She held up her hand. There was a

enough to offer you?" He pointed to The invalid looked at her. And, if "Mr. Pratt," she says to me, "I want he'd been the picture of misery afore, to ask you one question. Who is rehe was a whole panorama of it now. sponsible for this? Whose idea Martin said it all over again; he He coughed afore he answered. She was it?" had to stop in the middle so's to give shivered, kind of, at that cough, and I hemmed and hawed. The other the candidate for the job a chance to I don't wonder. If ever there was a fellers might not have meant to do it, cough and turn loose a few groans. graveyard quick-step, Washy Spar- but somehow their eyes all swung

Twin had finished was another "Hey?" | "No. ma'am," says he. "I guess not, Hartley begun to lose patience. but I don't know. The shock of it, and much. There is a proverb, I believe, "You heard what I said," he snaps, -and all, has pretty nigh finished me concerning what is bred in the bone. sharp. "Have you made up your up, I'm afraid. I don't cal'late I'll pull Thank heaven, to me there are some "Don't get mad, Mr. Hartley," pleads best, anyhow. But, ma'am, if you'd my personal convenience and-money. the sufferer, sad and earnest. "Please heard the things that's been said You needn't answer, Mr. Pratt. He

She whirled around on us and her

that what we'd been doing was exactly kicked dogs. the right thing to do, but I felt as mean and small as if I'd been caught "Good day, gentlemen," he says; "I stealing eggs. I kind of shriveled up hope you'll come and see me someas you might say, and tried to scrouge times while I'm over to Horsefoot. I back into the corner. Maybe I'd have forgive you free and clear. I haven't got there, only the rest of the crowd no doubt you meant for the best."

was trying to do the same thing. All but Hartley. He was a lot set Mack, but he spoke up prompt.

"Miss Page," said he, "I'm sure you don't understand. We-"

She was back at him afore he'd be-

understand," she says. "At any rate, I word to me was this: mean to understand thoroughly. Mr. "Pratt," says he, "if you see a hole Sparrow, what have they said to you?" in the sand anywheres 'tween here voice. You could see how he hated to like to crawl into it and pull it after

there was one. "It's like I wrote you, ma'am," says When I got down to the skiff Van to take it. I want to take it. My land! | side. "Allowances! Why, you confounded how I want to! But I don't feel able "Skipper," says he, "what the devil's more'n a few days and then what dren with nobody to look after 'em? he says. "I'll fix that." "Ain't this a little off the subject?" And because I think of these things

of-" "There ain't nothing in the world I He had to stop and wipe his eyes. and this morning he seems better, should like better, Mr. Brown. I like Agnes' eyes were wet, too, and her feet patted the floor. "But why?"

"All right, then. Get your hat and says she. "Why?" "I don't know-that is, for sure, "Come along! Why, how you talk! ma'am. You see I ain't been able to "Oh! I hope so," she says. "Then If I was to stir out of this house earn nothing for some time. Eureka, poor girl, she's had to look out for us be 'round to jaw us, and Reky'd have | 'Twas Scudder's turn. "You'll have all. And I b'lieve the doctor there, to stir mighty quick," says he. "I his bill ain't been all paid; and we plain?" Think of a 12-year-old young one won't have no do-nothing tramps in a owe Mr. Scudder some rent; and I talking like that. But the children house of mine. Either take this chance s'pose likely Eureka would be able to or out you go next Saturday, bag and give more of her time to the Island

work, and maybe for less pay, if-" "I see," says Miss Page, scornful. "I

selves. Don't you remember you She flashed a look at Martin as she said it. He turned white under his sunburn.

"Miss Page," he said, "you do not understand. I must insist that you seemed to be expecting something and hear our reasons for this proceeding." "It is not necessary," she says, cold as ice. "I have heard enough."

that he doesn't intend to accept. Mr. speak. But she snapped him up short Scudder, you have given him formal as pie crust. Then I tried it-and got my medicine.

"Mr. Sparrow," says she, "let them sniffed and half cried and wanted to do their worst. The children shall know things. The work would kill come to my school. As for you, 1 him in a day or so, of course, but he mean to-" Then she turns to me.

"Does Mr. Van Brunt know of this?" she asks. Course I couldn't say nothing

himself. "Mr. Morton? Morton? Seems to "Hello!" says he, surprised. "Eu-

He smiled, but nobody else did. was red as a beet and stammering "Edward," says the Page girl, "will

"Who? Eureka's father? Why And just then a horse and buggy certainly. What's the trouble? Is it

"Never mind your friend, please," and his face brightened up. I callate says Miss Page. "If he comes will and waiting for. Martin Hartley looked Thank you. Then that is settled. Gen- round its neck! and his eyes and mouth opened. So tlemen, I believe there is no necessity for your further inconveniencing your-Twas Lord James that was driving solves. Your several bills will be

I looked at the doctor and he looked

claimed Hartley. "Why are you here? Hartley was the only plucky one. He says, swallowing once, as if he She didn't answer him. Just turned was gulping down his pride, "Miss Page," says he, "you are treating me "Am I in time, Mr. Sparrow? I didn't most unfair. To judge without a hear-

fice. But I hurried right over. I was kid glove on it, and even then I which this gentleman has been kind so afraid I would be too late. Am I?" noticed how well that glove fitted.

round to Hartley.

"I see," she says. "I thought as through, but I may. Let's hope for the things in this world which outweigh pays your salary, I believe."

My, but she said it bitter and scornful. Hartley was white afore, but now "Ain't you ashamed?" she says. he was like chalk. He bowed to her, to linger here much longer. Pretty "Great strong men, every one of you, stuck his chin into the air and and all banded together to torture a marched out of that house as proud and chilly as a walking icicle. The A feller's conscience is the biggest rest of us, all but Van and Agues, fool part of his insides. Now I knew trailed along astern, like a parcel of

Washy sung out to us as we went:

The doctor and the rest was brave enough when we was out of Agnes Page's sight and hearing. They was talking big about what they'd do to Sparrow when they had a chance. But I noticed none of 'em said much to Hartley. He marched ahead, stiff and "I think that is exactly what I do- white and glum. Peter Brown's last

Washy cleared his throat. When he and the beach, mark my name around There was a groan from the dining Don't cough on my account. I don't speak ill of anybody. He wouldn't hurt me. One about the size of a ten-cent nobody's feelings for the world. Bless piece would do, and even then I guess Washy looked at him as reproachful him! he was a cute shyster, if ever there'd be room and to spare for the rest of this gang."

I told him in as few words as I

He went over to his chum and slapped him on the back. "Brace up, old man," he says; "it's a mistake, and a mighty good joke on

you, isn't it? Of course I'll square you with Agnes." Hartley turned on him so quick that

he jumped. "If you please," says Martin, cutting and clear as a razer, "you will perhaps be good enough to mind your own business. If you mention one word concerning me to that lady you and i part company. Is that thoroughly

'Twas the first time I'd ever heard them two have a hard word. The trip to Ozone island was as joyful as a

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

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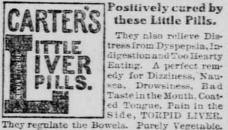
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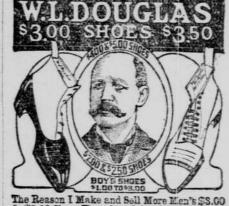
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