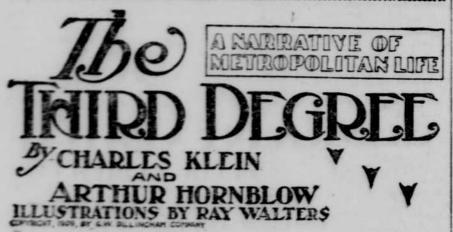


"I Believed Howard Guilty. Why Shouldn't 1?"



SYNOPSIS.

Howard Jeffries banker's son, under the self informed of Robert Underwood inter the darghter of a game of his father. He is out of work and in the father. He is out of work and in the been ergaged to Howard's step-ther work and the been ergaged to Howard's step-thergage to Howard's step-there been engaged to Howard's step-ber. Alleta, is apparently in prosper-circumstances. Taking advantage of intimacy with Alleta, he becomes a of social highwayman. Discovering true character, Alleta denies him the is. He sinds her a note threatening life. Art dealers for whom he acted commissioner, demand an accounting cannot make good. Heward calls at apartments in an intoxicated condi-to request a loan of 2.000 to enable to take up a because proposition. to take up a business proposition, and drinks himself into a maudin tion, and goes to sleep on a divan, eller is announced and Underwood caller is an disave a hirteen around the drunken promise from Underwood that he will not take his life. He refuses unless she will renow her patronage. This she refuses and takes her leave. Underwood kills himself. The report of the point awa-kens Howard. He finds Underwood dead. Howard is turned over to the point. Howard is turned over to the police. Capt. Clinton, notorious for his brutal treatment of prisoners, puts Howard through the third degree, and finally gets an alleged confession from the harased man. Annie, Howard's wife, declares her build in her humand's wife, declares her man. Annue, noward a write, occurs in belief in her hushand's innocence, and calls on Jeffries, Sr. He refuses to help unless she will consent to a divorce. To save Howard she consents, but when she finds that the elder Jeffries does not inman. An belief in doubt. links that the eider Jeffries does not in-tend to stand by his son, except finan-cially, she scients his help. Annie appeals to Judge Brewster, attorney for Jeffries. Sr. to take Howard's case. He declines it is reported that Annie is going on the stage. The banker and his wife call on Judge Brewster to find some way to pre-wont it. Annie again pleads with Brew-ster to defend Howard.

going to get your husband free we

"Well-first of all," said the lawyer dignation, she burst out: with some hesitation, "I want you

ceedingly nice to her." "What lady?"

"Mrs. Howard Jeffries, Sr.," he re- fight!" plied slowly. "Howard's stepmother!" she ejacu-

lated.

"How could I?" she exclaimed. of me-and as for me-why-I've al-"Now, be reasonable. You are held ways worshiped the ground he walked responsible for Howard's present po on. Didn't he sacrifice everything for my sake? Didn't he quarrel with his

or not, as long as it interests and

amuses their readers. You-you don't

really believe I'm the cause of his

Alicia shook her head as she an-

"No, I don't. Believe me. 1 don't.

Annie grasped the proffered hand.

It was the first that had been beld

out to her in her present trouble. A

"It's the first kind word that-" She

"It's the queerest thing, Mrs. Jeff-

ries, but it keeps coming into my

mind. Howard told me that while he

was at Underwood's that dreadful

Alicia had grown deathly pale and

"It's nothing - nothing!" stam

Fearing she had said something to

"I haven't said anything-anything

"No, no!" interrupted Alicia quick-

-a great deal to bear. I understand

know he doesn't like me.'

hurt her feelings, Annie said sympa-

mered Alicia, recovering herself.

thetically:

ment at Alicia. Then she went on:

misfortunes, do you?"

she said: "Will you?"

swered kindly:

sition." "Yes-by the police," retorted An- father for me? Didn't he marry me? nie grimly, "and by a couple of yellow journals. I didn't think you'd believe all the gossip and scandal that's been printed about me. I didn't believe what was said about you." Alicia started and changed color. "What do you mean?" she exclaimed | without giving it a thought, without

"What was said about knowing or caring whether it's true haughtily. me? "Well, it has been said that you

married old Jeffries for his money and his social position." "'Old Jeffries!'" protested Alicia

indignantly. "Have you no respect for your husband's father?"

"Not a particle," answered the oth- You were right when you said that at er coolly, "and I never will have till such a time as this one woman should he acts like a father. I only had one stand by another. I'm going to stand interview with him and it finished by you. Let me be your friend, let him with me for all time. He ain't a me help you." Extending her hand. father-he's a fish." -

"A fish!" exclaimed Alicia, scandalized at such lese majeste. Annie went on recklessly: "Yes-a cold-blooded-"

"But surely," interrupted Alicia, fected, she said: lump rose in her throat. Much af-"you respect his position-his-" "No. m'm; I respect a man because stopped and looked closely for a mo-

he behaves like a man, not because he lives in a marble palace on Riverside drive." Alicia looked pained. This girl was certainly impossible.

"But surely," she said, "you realnight he thought he heard your voice. ized that when you married Howard It must have been a dream, of course, you-you made a mistake-to say the yet he thought he was sure of it. least? Your voice-that's queer, isn't it?

"Yes, that part of it has been made Why-what's the matter?" pretty plain. It was a mistake-his mistake-my mistake. But now it's staggered against a chair. Annie ran done and it can't be undone. I don't to her aid, thinking she was ill. see why you can't take it as it is and -and-

She stopped short and Alicia completed the sentence for her: "-and welcome you into our family-"

"Welcome me? No, ma'am. I'm out of the way-have I? If I have I'm not welcome and nothing you or your set could say would ever make me be sorry-awfully sorry. I'm afraid-1lieve that I was welcome. All I ask I've been very rude and you've been is that Howard's father do his duty by so kind!"

his son. "I do not think-pardon my saying ly. "You've said nothing-done nothso," interrupted Alicia stiffly. "that ing-you've had a great deal to bear you are quite in a position to judge of what constitutes Mr. Jeffries' duty to his son."

"Perhaps not. I only know what would do-what my father would have done-what any one would do if derwood the night of the tragedy?" they had a spark of humanity in them. But they do say that after three generations of society life red blood turns went on: "But Judge Brewster will into blue."

Alicia turned to look out of the winhead clerk had withdrawn, "If we are dow. Her face still averted she said: "What is there to do? Howard has

"What is there to do! Try and save to see a certain lady and to be er him, of course. Must we sit and do will it make?"

nothing because things look black? "Lady" echoed Annie, surprised. Ah! I wasn't brought up that way, plied Annie. "She is a most im-No, ma'am, I'm going to make a portant witness." Firmly she went on: "It's useless," murmured Alicia, shoot Robert Underwood, she knows

who did." shaking her head. "Judge Brewster doesn't think so."



## RECTOR WHO SCORED ASTOR

Society has been forced to sit up and take notice of the denunciation which has been hurled by Rev. George Chalmers Richmond, rector of St. John's Episcopal church in Philadelphia, against the proposed marriage of John Jacob Astor, a multi-millionaire. aged 47, to Miss Madeline Talmage Force, a beauty aged 18 years. The denunciation which was made from the pulpit has been followed by more sharp criticisms-a criticism

which has extended to others of the smart set who marry and divorce with Prove What Swamp-Root Will Do For You the ease and nonchalance with which they put on their coats. Mr. Astor, it may be recalled, was

is because this divorce is to be followed by remarriage that Rev. Mr. Richmond is aroused to the fighting point.

"The Episcopal church," he said, "is opposed to divorce We score unholy

alliances both among the poor of our slums and the rich society dwellers of Newport, Bar Harbor and other sinners' summer retreats. We abhor this Astor Alliance. It is unholy in its origin and its end will be a defiance of God's laws and of our holy religion. We need a national uniform divorce law which will put an end to this overriding of court decrees by such as John Jacob Astor and the social set with whom he associates.

"I know this set pretty intimately. I have ministered to these people and know what manner of lives they lead. They believe their money will buy everything-women, churchly sanction, worldly approval, immunity from retribution. Those who inherit their wealth are the worst. Look at the wealthy families now furnishing grist for the divorce mills, material for the scandal factories. What are the disgraced and disgraceful members of these families doing with their lives? What do they care for public opinion and churchly canons? Shall we be as complaisant and as snobbish as they are insolent and sinful? The Astor wedding is an outrage on decency and I intend to denounce it again and again."

### LONG DISTANCE SKY PILOT

that perfectly." Taking her companion's hand in hers, she went on: Rapidly as the public is becoming "Tell me, what do they say about the accustomed to aeroplane novelties, it woman who went to see Robert Unreceived fresh cause for wonder and enthusiasm in the achievement of "The police can't find her-we don't Harry N. Atwood. When he landed in know who she is." Confidently she Chicago on the first lap of his St. Louis-to-Boston trip he broke the find her. We have a dozen detectives American record for a day's flight searching for her. Capt. Clinton acand demonstrated the remarkable efcused me of being the woman-you ficiency which has been reached in 'aeroplane construction. Express The banker's wife was far too busy trains travel between Chicago and St. Louis in 8 hours; Atwood's time in thinking of the number of detectives the air was 7 hours and 30 minutes. employed to find the missing witness to pay attention to the concluding When he reached Albany, N. Y., Atsentence. Anxiously she demanded: wood had flown 1,123 miles, breaking "Supposing the woman is found, all cross-country flights. Atwood's boyish appearance attracts what can she prove? What difference

attention. He is a tall, slender youth.

aviation world. He is retiring to an unusual degree, and it is difficult to induce him to talk of

# LIFE SAVED BY FRIEND'S ADVICE

About three years ago I suffered with appendicitis and after having an operation performed it left me with a severe case of kidney trouble. I was doctored by several physicians and getting no relief I took the advice of a friend and procured a bottle of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. After taking the contents of the first bottle I felt greatly relieved and decided to continue it. After using the contents of three more dollar bottles, I experienced a complete cure. I cannot recommend Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root too highly to anyone suffering from kidney or bladder trouble. Yours very truly,

E. P. HILAM. Cartersville, Ga. Sworn to and subscribed before me this July 12th, 1909.

JOS. S. CALHOUN. Notary Public, B. Co., Ga.

Letter to Dr. Kilmer & Co. Binghamton, N. Y.

Send to Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., for a sample bottle. It will convince anyone. You will also receive divorced from his wife, who was a a booklet of valuable information, telling Miss Willing, of Philadelphia, and it all about the kidneys and bladder. When writing, be sure and mention this paper. For sale at all drug stores. Price fiftycents and one-dollar.

BABY'S FUTURE.



Mrs Justwed-Did you ever notice how much baby hollers and kicks about?

Mr. Justwed-Yes: I think he'll be a baseball player when he grows up.

#### Incident Overlooked.

A New England farmer, noted for his uncontrolled temper, became converted, according to the St. Louis Republic.

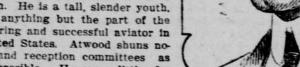
A month later he was holding forth to a number of friends and relatives gathered at the Thanksgiving dinner table on the subject of his religious principles, his entire change of character and his kind and forbearing disposition.

Finally growing enthusiastic in his description, he called on his wife to uphold his assertions. "Jane," he shouted, "you haven't

had an unkind word or deed from me since I got converted-now, have you?" There was a dead silence; then



looking anything but the part of the most daring and successful aviator in the United States. Atwood shuns notoriety and reception committees as "She must be found. If she didn't far as possible. He cares little for anything except achievement in the "But how can she know?" argued



### CHAPTER XV .- Continued.

"You're not afraid to help him." said so."

brought it down on the desk with a introduced them. bang which raised in a cloud the accumulated dust of weeks. His face Howard, Jr.?" set and determined, he said:

take your case!"

Annie feit herself giving way. It ing the banker's wife, the lawyer said: was more than she could stand. For victory to be hers when only a mo- wished to speak to her." After a pause Howard, and he's going to defend ment before defeat seemed certain he added: "I think, perhaps, I'll leave him." was too much for her nerves. All she you together. Excuse me." could gasp was:

"Oh. judge!"

The lawyer adjusted his cycglasses, waited for Mrs. Jeffries to begin. Her and took up a pen.

-you knew I would. And please don't the slience: thank me. I hate to be thanked for "You may think it strange that I Through her tears she murmured: "I'd like to say 'thank you.' "

"Well, please don't," he snapped. you?" But she persisted. Tenderly, she \$810

May I say you're the dearest, kind-

est---Judge Brewster shook his head. "No-no-nothing of the kind."

"Most gracious - noble-hearted courageous," she went on.

The judge struck the table another formidable blow.

Mrs. Jeffries!" he exclaimed. She turned away her head to hide

her feelings. "Oh, how I'd like to have a good

only knew!

"Mr. Jones," said the lawyer quickly. "get a stenographic report of the at home' was handed to me by the case of the People against Howard Jeffries, Jr.; get the coroner's inquest, slammed in my face. Ten minutes the grand jury indictment, and get a later you walked out to your carriage copy of the Jeffries confession-get and were driven away." everything-right away!"

The clerk looked inquiringly, first at Annie and then at his employer. Then respectfully he asked: "Do we, sir?"

"We do," said the lawyer laconic- "But I'm not complaining, understand

CHAPTER XVL

"Now, my dear young woman," said Judge Brewster, when the astonished ingly.

ployer a card. The lawyer nodded and said in an undertone:

"Show her in." Turning round "You mean that Judge Brewster has again, he went on: "Yes-Howard's encouraged you to-to-" stepmother. She's out there now. She wants to see you. She wishes to be -God bless him!-he's going to take know what he was saying." of service to you. Now, you must up the case." conciliate her. She may be of great Alicia was so thunderstruck that for

a moment she could find no answer. Annie's face expressed considerable "What!" she exclaimed, "without consulting Mr. Jeffries?"

"Perhaps so," she said, "but the She put her handkerchief to her door was slammed in my face when 1 face to conceal her agitation. Could called to see her."

about it. In any case, please rememwhat would become of her? Concealber that she is my client-"

obediently: "I'll remember."

use to us."

The door of the office opened and be the murderer, Underwood might she said. "I know that-you just Alicia entered. She stopped short on not have committed suicide, but her Judge Brewster raised his fist and ward pause followed. Judge Brewster become known. Judge Brewster was not confide her secret to some one "Mrs. Jeffries, may I present Mrs. culties once he took up a case. He she cried:

Alicia bowed stiff and somewhat the mysterious woman who went se do? I believed Howard guilty. Why You're quite right! I'm going to haughtily. Annie remained self-pos- cretly to Underwood's rooms that

sessed and on the defensive. Address- night of the tragedy.

Alicia looked at her anxiously as if He left the office and there was an- trying to read what might be in her other embarrassing silence. Annie mind. Indifferently she went on: blew his nose with suspicious energy. attitude suggested that she expected rel about you, that you and Mr. Un-"The papers say there was a quarsomething unpleasant and was fully derwood were too friendly. They im- ed slowly. "Now don't pretend to be surprised prepared for it. At last Alicia broke plied that Howard was jealous. Is

this true?" doing what I want to do. If I didn't have asked for this interview." she nantly-"nothing but scandal-lies! flushed, almost unable to speak from "It's all talk," cried Annie indigbegan, "but you know, Annie-" In- There's not a word of truth in it suppressed emotion, she cried: terrupting herself, she asked: "You Howard never had a jealous thought don't mind my calling you Annie, do

The young woman smiled.

"I don't see why I should. It's my name and we're relatives-by marriage." There was an ironical ring in her voice as she went on: "Relatives! It seems funny, doesn't it, but we don't pick and choose our rela tives. We must take them as they come.

Alicia made an effort to appear conciliatory.

"As we are-what we are-let's try to make the best of it."

"Make the best of it?" echoed Ancry," she murmured. "If Howard nie, "God knows I'm willing, but I've had mighty little encouragement, Judge Brewster touched an electric Mrs. Jeffries. When I called to see button, and his head clerk entered you the other day, to beg you to use your influence with Mr. Jeffries, 'not liveried footman and the door was

"I knew nothing of this-believe me," murmured Alicia apologetically. "It's what I got just the same," said the other dryly. Quickly she went on: -I'm not complaining. Only I did think that at such a time one woman might have held out a helping hand to another."

the other calmiy. "Howard cont The banker's wife gave a start of did it himself. If he had not consurprise. Quickly she demanded: fessed it would be different."

"He did not confess," replied the other calmly. "Mrs. Jeffries-he "He's done more than encourage me never confessed. If he did, he didn't Alicia was rapidly losing her self-

"All the difference in the world." re-

ed that no

possession. "Did he tell you that?" she gasped. Annie nodded.

"Yes. Dr. Bernstein says the police forced it out of his tired brain. illed to see her." "That's nothing." answered the ing to act, after all, in defiance of her the left me to the moment he was arjudge. "She probably knows nothing husband's wishes? If that were true, rested. There wasn't a harsh word what would become of her? Conceal between them." She stopped short ment would be no longer possible. Discovery of her clandestine visit to bediently: Underwood's apartment that fatal what's the matter? You're pale as night must come Howard might still death-you-"

Alicia could contain herself no longseeing who was there, and an awk- visit to his rooms at midnight would giving way. She felt that if she could not the man to be deterred by diffishe must go mad. Pacing the floor,

would see the importance of finding shouldn't I? I had no reason to doubt his own confession! Every one be-"He consulted only his own feel- lieved it-his own father included. "I told Mrs. Howard that you ings." went on Annie. "He believes in Why should I doubt it. But I see it all now! Underwood must have shot himself as he said he would!"

Annie started. What did Mrs. Jeffries mean? Did she realize the tremendous significance of the words she was uttering?

"As he said he would?" she repeat-

"Yes," said Alicia weakly, Annie bounded forward and grasped (TO BE CONTINUED.)



Of Much Value to Surgeons

Useful in Almost Endless Variety of Ways.

The "stomach telescope," or gastroscope, invented at the London hospital, has proved to be of the greatest value in the diagnosis of stomach dis- through that disease. orders. An eminent surgeon recently referred in the highest terms to the advances lately made at that hospital in the early detection of diseases of the stomach by means of this instrument, which will in the immediate future probably come to be part of the equipment of every up-to-date hospital. The gastroscope now enables the physician or surgeon to actually so intensely intense as when you are see for himself the exact condition of sick and pain seems unbearable to let the whole of the interior of the stomach, the slightest ulceration, growth

Alicia held up her hand protest. To be able to do this is of the very ferer she is apt to revenge herself if

"Stomach Telescope" Has Been Found | cer of the stomach, where the only hope of cure lies in the eradication of the cancerous growth at the very earliest moment. This means that the increased use of the gastroscope will in the future save many lives that would other wise inevitably be lost

Without the doctor and my better half I have my doubts whether there would have been an opportunity to write this, and this reminds me to say that, against protestations, I'm prepared to say, there is no easement to to the afflicted and no satisfaction your voice proclaim the feeling. Stol-cism is very noble, to be sure, but or other abnormality in the lining when nature demands the tribute of membrane being thus readily observed. a hearty groan or grunt from a sufgreatest importance in suspected can- it is suppressed.-Ocala Star.

His night over the New York skyscrapers and around their towers; his trip from New York to Washington from the other end of the table. and call on the president, had already made Atwood one of the greatest of American aviators.

In the course of his travel Atwood gave many thousands of dwellers on farms and in towns their first opportunity of seeing an aeroplane in motion. How some of the pioneers must have reflected on the marvel of the changes. in transportation-first the slow-going wagons, then the canal boat, then the railway, now the aeroplane-all within the memory of living persons! And the aeroplane is destined to further development and extended use.

### KENTUCKY'S NEXT SENATOR

The next senator from Kentucky will no doubt be Representative Ollie M. James, as his Democratic opponent. Senator Paynter, retired from the primary contest.

Ollie James is the biggest man physically in the house. He won fame as an attorney in the Goebel murder case in Kentucky, being one of the lawyers for the prosecution of Caleb Powers. It is something of a coincidence that both James and Powers are now members of the house, the one a Democrat and the other a Republican.

In that murder case James also won a reputation for physical courage. for the times were stirring and there were threats of violence going around. so that anyone prominent upon either side of the case was in physical danger. James would have made a good target for any bullet, as there is so much of him to shoot at, but he went through the prosecution in a manner

that demonstrated he was possessed of a good nerve and was not to be deterred by fear.

Mr. James has been an active member of the house and takes part in the debates, but he has never been classed as a leader in the Democratic ranks,

## WANTS TO MARRY FOR LOVE

Col. Edward H. R. Green, president of the Westinghouse company, with assets of \$125,000,000, owner of the Texas Midland railroad and son of Mrs. Hetty Green, is going to marry within a year. Who the bride-to-be is he doesn't know, but he says in all seriousness that his bachelorhood will end before he is a year older. Here is the secret of why Col. Green, who is 43 years old, has so long lived the life of single blessedness. He promised his mother 19 years ago, when she took him down to Texas to "break him in" as a railroad section hand, that he would remain a bachelor 20 years. He has kept his word, but when the time limit expires next year he is going to take unto himself a wife.

Three hundred proposals of marriage have reached Col. Green since he decided to live in New York a year ago to take charge of his mother's interests. Scores of the aspir-

ing maids enclosed photographs and letters have been received from half of the states of the Union, while some have come from Europe, Russia and even the Hawaiian Islands. He has answered none of the letters. The future Mrs. H. R. Green must be a woman who is willing to accept the Texas colonel for himself and not for the millions which he will inherit from his mother.

"I'm within just one year of the age when a man should get married," Colonel Green said. "My time limit will expire within 12 months, and I'm going to make good."

He believes the problem of marriage is far more serious for the wealthy man than for the poor man. Colonel Green objects to divorce, and when he ceases to be a bachelor he wants to have the satisfaction of knowing that he is the loved head of the household, and not the treasury vault.

meek, yet reminding tones - "Jerome, Jerome, you've forgot the time you bit me."

Pat Was More Than Willing. A very pretty girl who recently returned from Ireland tells of an encounter with an Irish cabby in Dublin. She had started out from the hotel to do some shopping, but decided instead to make a tour of the city on a jaunting car. Arriving at the first car stand, and having selected the smartest looking vehicle, she told the driver that she "wanted to engage him for the day." Pat. never backward in paying homage to beauty, earnestly replied: "Begorra, ma'am you are welcome. I only wish It was for life!"

A Sandwich Filling.

A delicious filling for sandwiches or crackers is made by mixing equal parts of cream cheese and snappy cheese with French dressing to a smooth paste, then stirring in it chopped red peppers or chopped olives. This paste should be very creamy and put on thickly, at least a quarter of an inch. It is nice between salted wafers or on thin rounds of brown or rye bread.

The friends of humanity will deprecate want whatever it may appear.-Washington.

> FOUND RIGHT PATH After a False Start.

"In 1890 I began to drink coffee. "At that time I was healthy and enjoyed life. At first I noticed no bad effects from the indulgence but in course of time found that various troubles were coming upon me.

"Palpitation of the heart took unto itself sick and nervous headaches, kidney troubles followed and eventually my stomach became so deranged that even a light meal caused me serious distress.

"Our physician's prescriptions failed to help me and then I dosed myself with patent medicines till I was thoroughly disgusted and hopeless.

"Finally I began to suspect that coffee was the cause of my troubles. I experimented by leaving it off, except for one small cup at breakfast. This helped some but did not altogether relieve my distress. It satisfied me. however, that I was on the right track, "So I gave up coffee altogether and began to use Postum. In ten days I found myself greatly improved, my nerves steady, my head clear, my kidneys working better and better, my heart's action rapidly improving, my appetite improved and the ability to eat a hearty meal without subsequent suffering restored to me. And this condition remains

"Leaving off coffee and using Postum did this, with no help from drugs, as 1 abandoned the use of medicines when I began to use the food drink." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek,

"There's a reason," and it is explained in the little book, "The Road to Wellville," in pkgs.

Ever read the above letter! A one appears from time to time. re require, true, and full of b



Proclaims His Feelings.