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He was a willing player upon the pianoforte; being one of those dashing let people use him and walk all over ing for me." young amateurs whose hands sweep the keys like sea birds running to rise from the water. He improvised turns for himself." and composed; he had written several charming little songs. Of course he a hired man of Tommie Rennert's "danced like an angel" and he drew recognizable caricatures" but not "I know," she interru malicious ones.

Moreover he had a light baritone voice with touching wistful tones ton, too. Ours is named Lohrman.

Holly had no vanity at all. He took seriously but carelessly; he was the friendliest soul alive and would do anything he could for anybody. Consequently he was asked to do a great deal, and the general impres sion about him was that with all his gifts he would "never amount to

"Why don't you?" a girl asked him one afternoon on the Country club veranda. She was a visitor from out of town. "Why don't you amount to something and fool 'em?" she urged him. "Anyhow, why don't you

"I've thought of it sometimes. Why do they think I won't amount to anything? I don't mean I think I shall, myself; I only mean I wonder why they think I won't. What "easons do they give?"

"They don't give any," the girl replled. "They just say. 'Oh, yes; Holly's charming but of course he'll never amount to anything.' They don't stop to analyze why they think so, you see. They just have that impression of you and let it go at that." "Well, why do you think they have it?" he asked.

She looked thoughtful, concentrating. "I think it's because they all you," she said. . "They know things, besides, that they don't ask you to do. On top of that you're alact as if you were conferring a when you are about 40." favor. You let 'em take it for grantbody else treat you the same way, wherever you go and whatever you

"So that's it," Holly laughed. "'Amounting to something' is just

getting returns, is it?" if papa had to take one of you, it would seem much wiser to let it be the good-looking little Rennert man

"I see," Holly returned, nodding. "You're ambitious."

"Not so very, but your wife would have a poor time of it, my friend. When you were a star in theatricals she'd hear 'em say, 'He ought to have gone on the stage!' When she'd sit in the gallery to hear you make an after-dinner speech she'd have to listen to everybody whispering, 'He ought to have been an orator!' And when you'd play or sing: "Oh, he ought to have been a musician!' Your wife'll always be hearing what you ought to have been; and that's the painfulest thing a wife can hear about her husband."

Whereas, with little Tommie, she'd nert—" Holly suggested.
"Whereas, with little Tommy, she'd have a husband with a lot of selfish energy, and she'd get to be prosperous and important some day," said the visitor. "Little Tommie Rennert is rather narrow-minded, but he's 'good,' he's affable, he's 'devoted to business.' and he wouldn't do anything for anybody unless he got credit for it. He about a third as many as were in that enormous stack you sent me yesterday-and at the dance that night he expected me to make a fuss over him for it. You sent me a bouquet for a dance you couldn't go to yourself.

"What a horrible prophecy!" "You see," she explained, "he'd hire you because he'd think he could make your popularity useful to him in his Don't you really, see that you'll be working for him some day?" Holly shook his head ruefully. "Lordy!" he said. "What did give you that idea? Are you a good prophet usually?"

get on in the world, and you'll prob-

ably be working for him some day."

this case," she said. "I'll tell you more or less the same types, don't look, wholly serious. own to another, you're pretty apt think I'll probably be lucky if I'm prevent herself from being moved by when he beheld these parting gifts. ves! I knew a lot about you. You're from the wicker settee, "It isn't nec-another Mrs. Calvin Jones; that's essary to go that far to keep a visitor with him in the strip of forest grove "And that you are! You see, Mrs. Calvin amused," she said. "Come in to the outside, where they could not be seen. ones is a type I've always known in piano and sing some funny songs. I "Please, let's not talk any more about

you met me, you said to yourself-" think it over!" "Yes, I said to myself, 'I know him because he's an- you leave," Holly sald, detaining her. if you get that far away from me other Harry Loyd.' " "Oh, then the Holly Keyes of Lem-

ington is named Harry Loyd?" Mr. Keyes: he's charming."

"But what made you think I'd be

"I know," she interrupted. "That's what I'm explaining. You see we have a Tommie Rennert in Leming-Theodore Lohrman. He doesn't look a bit like Mr. Rennert-but he's the his accomplishments and himself same type; the aggressive 'successful business man' and not much else. He started with very little and he's already at the head of what my father calls a 'tremendously rising industry.' Isn't that like Mr. Ren-

Holly frowned. "I see," he said. 'Ah-which do you like best?" "Do you mean which do I like best: you or Mr. Rennert?'

"Well, I wouldn't go so far as to ask that just yet," said Holly. "I'd be afraid to, especially since you've already told me you'd rather marry Tommie Rennert.'

"Oh, no, I didnt; I only said it would seem wiser."

"But you say this Harry Loyd in your town is like me and a Mr. Lohrman is like our Tommie Rennert. Which one do you see the most of: Loyd or Lohrman?' "Mr. Lohrman."

"You do?" Holly said, and he looked depressed. "You see Lohrman oftener than the one that's like me?" "Yes. Mr. Lohrman married my

"Well, that's quite a relief?" the young man assured her. "That's some comfort, anyhow!" "They're both married," Miss Peel said demurely. "Mr. Loyd, too."

"That's some comfort," Holly re you'll do everything they ask you to turned brightening still. "I'm glad do, and a lot of polite, thoughtful Mr. Loyd's married, too-though, of course, he'd never have had any chance with you!" ways the 'life of the party'-you've "He's quite a lot older," she ex- ing-for-you expression and he's actu- want to marry you."

trouble is you don't charge anything why it seems to me I can see what At this Holly's expression became

ed you'll do all the 'entertaining,' one of dismal foreboding. "Oh, mur"But that's only half of—" At this all that confounded Harry Loyd" he said. "I see! 'That's why point she checked herself sharply, for said. "I believe if it weren't for him along on nothing" and she was tired Lohrman's. She kissed them sorrowlove you, of course; but they know you think I'll be working for Tom- the small and neat figure of Mr. Ren- I'd have had a better chance to make of doing it; she liked "pretty things" that they can use you and that they mie Rennert some day. My proto- nert appeared in the doorway. He you like me." don't have to make any returns for type, Loyd, works for Tommie's pro- was more than small and neat, how-

"They grew up together, just as you Virginia Peel, and, although there "Do you think you'll say 'yes' to and Mr. Tommie Rennert did, and in was a dryness about him, he had the Rennert before you go?" their youth Harry Loyd and Theo- fortune to be strikingly good-looking. "Well, isn't it? Look at the handsome little man with the 'strong jaw,'
Thompson Rennert. He makes everybody feel that he's out to get returns
for himself, and they all think he has
a great future before him. If you
and he both wrote to papa that your intentions were fairly honorable, and liting girl'—the way you're doing that the other person present a little too for me today. You see it was the much he summertime of the grasshopper and made up for it. "Mr. Keyes is going make it clear that there's no chance ever. She tried to prepare a bright the ant. Well, when winter came, to play and sing for us a while, and at all for me. Though you won't say face for the meeting with her mother, stores. Theodore and his wife, my cousin, Judith, have a beautiful big house, and their children go away to and Harry Loyd and Theodore were the best schools; but Mr. and Mrs. grace, as well. "That will be very

Harry Loyd live in a little frame house, and their children won't be able to get anywhere except through entertain us before we go." high school—not on poor Harry Loyd's twenty-two hundred a year! just for his popularity, though Harry little estimating glance in which they know how it all hurts me!" isn't much use to him as a business both recognized the beginning of a

ing, Mr. Keyes?" dismal prospect, though-the winter!" a 'type,' and that's a comfort!"

"Why, of course I'm a 'type!" she has a girl like me-dozens of 'em!" "No," he said earnestly. "Lemingone. There's only one of you."
"What makes you think so?"

cold-blooded?"

the calculating iciness of the way you she "liked" Holly. blackboard!"

was just warning you?"

"You mean you were trying to stim-

find people that correspond to getting \$2,200 a year at 40, like your it. Indeed, she finally became dis-

might begin to take you seriously if it," she said, in a voice tremulous make any more of it-yet.' "I see," Holly said. "And when you didn't, and then I should have to with her great earnestness. "I just

> "It's my opinion you will, before "Tommie Rennert thinks so, too, darn | 1 know I'll lose you." He laughed can, if I decide that you can." him! We're both getting serious, Miss sorrowfully.

"Well, our Harry Loyd isn't quite He laughed, but she saw that he it to go this far. At first I enjoyed reached the gate where her porter a Holly Keyes," she said. "Yet he is a lot like you in a great many that she wanted either Holly or can't deny it. But honestly, I thought her lover, and so handsome, and so ha ways. He's-well, if you'll please Thompson Rennert to mean anything you were such-such a light sort of troubled, that she was unable to re- Exerybody seems to feel the same how I'll tell you one thing about him, of the kind. So she ran to the door person-" that led into the club-house. "Come "Yes," Holly interrupted, with a magically. "At least," she said hur-

"That settles it." Holly said rue and I appreciate it more than you that she was mercenary.

MONG the girls who were fond of young Holly Keyes it was thought the knowing thing to say that he had "the Latin touch."

By this they meant that he was a Harry Loyd is like you in other ways.

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We're only minstrels, of course; the ground them, meant to be taken seriously. But Holly Keyes. Tommie would look ments' and everything else will go on asked. "Do you think Judith cares the home, the other funeral was ments' and everything else will go on asked. "Do you think Judith cares the home, the other funeral was triumphant—and Virginia winced a jim the same. Why, that's awful!" a great deal? Don't you think she's little when she thought of that; her little when she thought of that her little when she thought of that; her little when she thought of that her little when she that "I do know," Virginia said, in a journey was not a happy one. All to see poor Cousin Judith, but sister about: her children—and—and the cession, was so long. The hearse He could do "positively anything" derfully, too. He's been 'the life of the life of the said, for this tall gentleman was the party' for years, and carried the through the club-house. He didn't low voice. "Don't be afraid you the way she accused herself, defended a master of light accomplishments, baskets and changed the tires and see me; but—but he has an expres- haven't made me understand that. herself, acquitted herself and convict- thought I'd let her get the first shock | . Her mother was shocked. "Vir-

done everything for everybody, and let people use him and walk all over ing for me."

Lately I've seen that you care for ed herself; the principal charge over, and to I waited for you to go ginia!

Me in a very real and lovely way, brought by the prosecution being with me tomorrow. The funeral isn't "You

she's being so brave! I rest of it?" until Thursday, and neither is poor would you?" Virginia said. "I don't



She gave him her hand with what seemed to the other person present a little too much heartingss.

fully. "You already know his look | guess. But not enough to think I | But whether she was guilty or not | Harry's. We'll go tomorrow after it was serious."

"Yes, I will," she said, and laughed young man had a blue eye that was how much I like you! But—" at his burlesque gesture of dismay. warm enough now, at sight of Miss

Holly's going to be kind enough to

followed the graceful figure of Miss tears. "I just can't talk about it any

man. Couldn't you take it as a warn. rivalry. With that he shivered, then laughed, with fervor, and though the heroine state of mind. Cheer up, d'ye hear? "Well, it's summer still," he went on, may laugh sometimes, the laughter cheering up. "And besides, you aren't of the other two is infrequent and know you do care, Holly!" never genuine.

returned. "Every town in the world were enacted at the house of the ton is the only place that's got the was Mrs. Peel's opinion that Holly ing: "Holly! Oh, Holly!" Ohe. There's only one of you."

"What makes you think so?"

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Was Mrs. Peel's opinion that Holly ing: "Holly! Oh, Holly!" Ohe Holly!"

"What pour want?" he bellowed.

"How about 'Spaniard O'Reilly? "What makes you think I'm to find Holly taking a most tempor- it with the orchestra. Don't worry pants, Mr. Lohrman and H. J. Loyd,

she was profoundly touched.

or less the same types, don't look, wholly serious.

Of course everybody's an in
As serious as she was, he returned ginia might have let herself be more there for her, however, in the hands

can't say 'yes' to you Holly. I can't!" "But you're going tomorrow, and

"Listen," she said, "I never meant

on!" she cried. "Come and sing for little bitterness. "You made a pretty riedly, "I hope I will!"

She echoed his unhappy laughter some day, It; so they really feel you'll let every- totype. Lohrman. Don't tell me it's ever; nor was the jaw she had men- and her response came to him in a tioned unpleasantly obtrusive. This whisper: "'Like you?' You don't know ing, scrupulous Rennert. He was a will go on just the same," she said.

"I don't know. I don't think so." "Can I come to Lemington to see

"Will you let Tommy Rennert come

there?" he asked, huskily. Holly laughed again, and his bitter-

but Virginia could not admit it. For pleasant," he said. "Especially if some reason she felt that it would be shameful to make such an admission; and the unhappy young man heard Nevertheless as the two young men premonitory sounds of approaching

They say Theodore pays him that Peel indoors, they exchanged a quick more, Holly," she said. "I-you don't This had the right effect at once. "For heaven's sake don't cry!" he It was one of those Country Club said, of course; and patted her shoul-"I don't suppose so," he said, summer rivalries that are like der lightly. "There's nothing for you "Grasshoppers can't be anything but dramas composed of dozens of little to really worry about. You're right grasshoppers, can they? It's a pretty scenes. The settings shift continabout me; I'm not a heavyweight, and ually. The three roles are played I'm not going to be in such a bad

> "I-I can't," she whimpered. "I "Well, what of it?" he said Certain of the scenes, however, brusquely, "Listen!"

> From the clubbouse veranda two heroine's aunt, Mrs. George Peel, hundred yards away, there came a where Virginia was staying, and it chorus of boys' and girls' voices call-

"How about 'Spanlard O'Reilly?' that when Mr. Rennert came to her laughed, "It's that fool new song," he ousine was thrown at least 60 feet At this her charming color height house for her niece he seldom failed explained. "I promised 'em I'd sing by the shock and both of the occu-

ary leave of her upon the veranda any more about us Harry Loyds. "My goodness!" he exclaimed. "Why, steps. Moreover, Virginia had said We're all right so long as it's summertime, you know, Come along!" the calculating iciness of the way you she "liked" Holly.

discuss. Tommic Rennert and me!

You figure us out as if you were a mathematician with chalk and a firmity of being unable to be cold wept to her pillow that night when occurred. The shock to Mr. Lohr
were instantly killed. The chauffeur was taken to a hospital badly hurt some day, bringing romance and happiness and unable to tell how the accident wept to her pillow that night when occurred. The shock to Mr. Lohr
were instantly killed. The chauffeur was taken to a hospital badly hurt some day, bringing romance and happiness and unable to tell how the accident occurred. The shock to Mr. Lohrto anyone who was warm to her. She thought of how gayly he had man's business associates is particularly the had become so earnest that she When anyone showed that he liked sung "Spaniard O'Reilly," and had larly severe at this time, as a memlooked at him gravely. "I don't— her, she was inevitably pleased with been the "life of the party," as usual, ler of the Lohrman firm stated to attractive in his eyes. But quite," she said. "Don't you see I him—when anyone showed that he for her sake—to keep her from "wor- a representative of this paper. A little does she guess the -when anyone showed that he for her sake—to keep her trom "wor- a representative of this paper. A little does she guess the dher, she was more than pleased, rying." And the next morning he far-reaching enlargement of the Lohrloved her, she was more than pleased, rying." And the next morning he far-reaching enlargement of the Lohrsaid goodby over the telephore as man industries had just been planned that men will love in her Miss Virginia Peel, of Lemington, ulate me out of being a grasshopper."

If she had not known the Harry gayly—he explained that a "tournathe visitor, looked at him thought he said. "And at the same time you're tully. "I think I'm a good prophet in sharp enough to see it can't be done."

If she had not known the Harry gayly—he explained that a "tournathe will make no difference in these through young girl, life in all its "Don't you really think it could?" often seen Mrs. Loyd patching the dy and a copy of "Venetian Letters," immediately-" Wherever you go you find she said, and gave him a clear, full children's clothes and "turning" bound in leather, with her initials

ne world; but when you go from one he said. "It just can't be done. I in his feeling for her, she could not car. Mr. Rennert was more troubled seople you knew where you came Mr. Harry Loyd. Suppose both Tom- tressed by it, and told him so. That stand you to-to imply," he stam- gently. "Naturally it makes a dread- women they choose

> "And about me, you implied-" tested defensively. "You mustn't

"But when I come to Lemington-"If you do come," she said. "But you told me--" "I said I'd write to you that you

"But you will decide that way, won't you?" he begged as they press an impulse that brightened him way about him."

depends on the definition of the word |lunch, shan't we?" certainly been the life of every party plained. "So is Mr. Lohrman. They're ally left his old factory to run itself to me I came here. The both about 40 now, I suppose. That's in the middle of the afternoon because you're out here. He's never I've got to." Then, for a moment, in ly sensible. She was one of a large Loyd. And the next day, early in the I mean by that, you don't you and Mr. Rennert will be like done such a thing before. I told you the darkness he walked away from family, and a happy enough family, afternoon, they set forth upon these

> Moreover, she liked the hard-work- resignedly of her loss. "Everything dry little man, mentally; and not "Theodore, jr., enters the technical "Yes-I hear the 'but!" " he said. open-handed; but neither was he so school in the fall, and both Judith and close" that he would be stingy as a Mary will go to Miss Bursley's in husband. She reached her destina- Boston-all the children are bearing tion, a little before nightfall, in a it splendidly. Theodore's trust comstate of depression. But the start- pany will have charge of the estate's

own trouble seem nothing. She had not let her family know by what train she would arrive, so no pulsively, "I can't tell you how glad one met her at the station; wherethen we can all three go out for a 'yes' to Tommie definitely, you're go- but failed completely. Her mother, hurrying downstairs, as the daughter entered the front door cried, "Virginia," excitedly, embraced her, and then stepping back from her, said: 'Of course, it makes things just a little harder for me to realize that your face that you have!"

"Heard what mother?"

spirit!"

"Poor Ruth!" Mrs. Lohrman said, said. "We have to go to Theodore's of course, Judith wouldn't understand if we didn't."

So, on Thursday, Virginia stood among Theodore's relatives at the open. "You—you must have thought of the enlarge."

"Heard what mother?"

"About poor Harry and Theodore!" Virginia stared incredulously. "Did you see it in the paper on the train?" her mother asked.

"I don't know what you're talking about, mamma. What is it?" "They were killed this morning, both of them," said Mrs. Peel. "I thought from your face you must have known it." A little later she brought Virginia

a newspaper with an account of the

"Shocking Accident Kills Prominent Manufacturer. Theodore Lohrman Dies Instantly. Express Crashes Into Limousine.

H. J. Loyd Also Victim, Dies With Employer. "At 10:15 o'clock this morning Theodore Lohrman, one of the most important figures in the financial and industrial life of the city, was cross-"Because there couldn't possibly be try club with Rennert in his car, any one else anywhere that could look so warm-hearted and be so cold but Mrs. Peel was naturally aware turned to his agitated companion, and rate of speed. The body of the lim-

who was accompanying him to inspect Mr. Lohrman's Southport mills.

Were instantly killed. The chauffeur man's business associates is particu- his love; what she can

fullness lies ahead. Virginia stopped reading to stare The healthy, vig-callidly at her mother. "What a hor-orous girl is the girl pallidly at her mother. "What a horrible way to put it!" she said. "'Allividual, and are in some things her look, but shook his head. "I'll impulsive with Holly; for of course, of a messenger, when she arrived though Mr. Lohrman's death will men. A rosebud complifferent from any other person in never make a 'good business man'," as he became more and more serious with the troubled Mr. Rennert in his make no difference—"

"It only means it won't make any steady nerves-those difference in the plans for carrying are the things that "I thought you-that is, I under- out the enlargement," said Mrs. Peel, men want in the people you knew where you came Mr. Harry Loyd. Suppose both Tomfrom. The way it is with me, when
I'm visiting in a place like this, I
neet a woman, for instance, and
fretty soon I begin to think, 'Oh,

The way it is with me, when
implication to limit the stand you to—to imply, he stand
was the evening before she went
away.

They had been dancing indoors at
the Country club, and for a little
of Holly's farewell. 'I did. I did
they choose
for their wives.

If girls but realized the truth of this,
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they could double things. She'll be immensely well off." their own happiness, "Poor Ruth Loyd has children to and their chances for "And about me, you implied."

"I only implied, though," she proested defensively. "You mustn't paper scarcely mentions Harry; it opposite sex; but unfortunately there are far too many young women seems to think Theodore's death so

> of themselves, which after all is the most important thing in life. "Well, in a way it is," her mother returned sadly. "But as your father nesses or ailments which are the seat of her trouble. Read this: tried to say when he telephoned me the news, it'll never seem like the and nervine for women that I have ever known. Some years ago when same town again, without Harry." "As father 'tried' to say?" in), Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription was recommended to me by a

much more important!"

"Yes," Mrs. Peel explained. "He friend. I will never forget how quickly this medicine strengthened me

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her, but turned quickly and came too, though the head of it was only a painful errands of condolence. They "Oh, he may be," she admitted, back where she stood grieving. "It's country court judge with a salary of found the effect of the shock well disfully, showing some emotion; then she and hoped to be able to buy them, sat with them in her spacious and luxurious drawing-room, and spoke ling and terrible thing that had just interest, and we can all feel that my happened in Lemington made her dear husband is still taking care of

"Judith dear," Mrs. Peel said imwe all are to see you keeping such dore's. In fact I'm glad it's that way. hope poor little Ruth Loyd has something like your serenity of ruptly.

age? She's so wonderfully serene ed by their leaving Theodore here in

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By Janet Constantine

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"You wouldn't call her 'stricken,"

think the children are precisely that, either. "My dear, people can't just sit down and cry all the time."

"I know," said Virginia gravely. "But he died only yesterday." "Well, but-" "I'm not criticizing it," Virginia interrupted, and her eves seemed to rest

upon something far, far distant. "I was thinking-I was thinking-" "Thinking what?" "I was thinking that this was really

he most satisfactory kind of marriage possible," said Virginia. "I mean so that you wouldn't be too unhappy if he dies. I believe-oh, I believe that's the answer!"

'Virginia! What answer?" "It's something I'll tell you about ater," said Virginia, and paused; for they had come to a street corner. 'Are you going home, mama, or are you coming on with me to Ruth's?" Mrs. Peel looked nervous. "I believe if you don't mind I'll let you go liked that," he said. alone, dear. You know her better than I do, and it might be a little intrusive if I went. You tell her everything for me, if she can listen to you. I think I'll go home, dear. The truth is I—well, I dread seeing her, and, well-I just feel as if I couldn't go nto poor Harry's house without

breaking down, myself." She stopped, and fumbled for a handkerchief, whereupon her daughter gave her a little push that moved her a step toward home. "For heaven's sake go home and don't let's cry on the street, mama!" she said brusquely, and went on to Ruth

Two hours later, she passed this corner where she had parted with her mother, and it seemed to her a long, long time since she had been there. Her face was that of one who had been looking on helplessly at helpless tragedy; and when she got home she ran to her room and flung and now they're relaxed." herself upon her bed without even taking off her hat, "You're getting doubt if they've been on much of a your poor hat out of shape, child," Mrs. Peel said, having followed her stop at the telegraph office on the in. "Your head will rest better with way home." out it, anyway. Do take it off, I suppose you found nobody could say any echoed. "What for? Have you just thing of any use to poor Ruth?"

her hat without speaking: then she sending telegrams to, young lady?" sank again upon the bed. "I feel "I'll tell you and mamma when w selfish to let you go there alone. I get home," she said.

suppose it was pretty terrible."

faintly. "No. I'm afraid not," Mrs. Peel long and rather agitating explanation murmured. Then she went to the win- for all three of them, but finally the dows and lowered the shades. At the parents kissed their daughter a little door she paused, looking thoughtful. tearfully, and went to tell the news "Both the funerals are on Thursday to her younger brothers and sisters. at almost the same time. Theodore's These were for a time uproarious: is at two o'clock and poor Harry's at nevertheless, they were 'well brought, half-past. I suppose as we're family up," and the whole family behaved connections we'll have to go to Theo- discreetly when a taxicab came to plendid control of yourself. I do I'd rather go to Theodore's, I believe, two evenings later.

dore hadn't taken him with him, and cemetery, and thought of the enlarge- she murmured. the terrible part of it is that he ments of Theodore's business; those the terrible part of it is that he didn't take him because he needed him. Theodore told me, the night before that he was going to run the before her. She looked about her would say was, "I found that I loved to the said."

Now of course what he hoped she would say was, "I found that I loved to the said. before that he was going to run before her. She looked about her would say was, "I found that I loved down in his car to look at the South- among the dark-clothed groups, and you," and for a moment he was pusport mills. 'I think I'll take Harry saw Theodore's business associates; zled by her reply, along, he said. 'It's quite a drive the two principal bankers, the six or and he may know a new story or seven principal manufacturers and said. "You must promise me never two.' He never counted on poor the four or five principal merchants to die. I found out how I'd feel if Harry for business, of course; though of the town; the principal lawyer-he you did, and that's what made me he said Harry's personality helped to had been Theodore's attorney—and send for you!" make business for him. I can't bear half a dozen of Theodore's chief emto think of Ruth; they say she's ployes, his "high-salaried men." Juabout crazy. If she could only show dith and her children stood close to
her and they and Theodore's other Mrs. Peel said admiringly, when relatives and the business men were she and her daughter had come out all of a gloomy and respectful gravof the house and reached the side ity-yet to Virginia it, seemed that walk. "Did you ever see such cour nothing whatever was greatly chang-

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stopped not far away, and some young men, not wholly composed in manner themselves, helped the widow and her children to descend from the cab nearest the hearse. Virginia caught a glimpse of black figures. bowed and racked at sight of the pile of freshly upturned earth before them; she had a sense of the abyss of vacancy that this hillock of yel low earth meant to them; and she hurried into her car, shuddering.

Her father and mother were with her, and the three sat in silence as they drove by the long line of Harry Lloyd's funeral procession, still coming into the gate of the cemetery. Behind the undertaker's cars were a great many others; and behind these were a number of shabbier vehicles; while last of all came humbly two shaky old carriages drawn by gaunt horses and carrying solemn and downcast colored people who had known Harry Lloyd and wished to show that they had known him lovingly.

Virginia's father sighed heavily as the car swept out of the cemetery and came upon the asphalt street. "Poor dear old Harry wouldn't have

"Wouldn't have like what?" his wife inquired.

"He wouldn't have liked to see everybody so miserable at his funeral I never saw so many people with their faces working to keep from crying in my life. Harry would have cheered 'em up if he could; that was his life business, I believe, really: keeping people cheerful. He'd rather

have had 'em all laughing." Just then, as it happened, there came a sound of laughter on the air and a heavy black automobile went by them. Eight middleaged cithens in black were seen within it; they were smoking, and one of them had evidently just reached the point of a funny story. They were Theodore's pallbearers on the way home. "How dreadful!" Mrs. Peel ex-

claimed. "Why, no," her husband said. "It's only natural. They've been on a strain

"Maybe," Virginia said vaguely, "I

hing of any use to poor Ruth?"

Virginia rose miserably and removed at your Uncle George's Who are you

"I'll tell you and mamma when we "There's no telling it," Virginia said later, explained to her father and mother what she had done. It was a

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