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The Saving Of Bobbie.

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The Roberts' house party had been voted a success. It began on Friday aight, and now that Sunday dinner was over the fortunate guests were bewailing the fact that the morning sun would see them all back in town

Robert Livingston, however, was not so sure that his visit had been altogether a successful one. He was desperately in love with Hulda Roberts.

This was no secret, for Robert had been guilty of relating his infatuation o every one who would listen to the parrowing tale for the past four years. The story was interesting to Robert. so why not to others?

The one cloud on his horizon, and his a cloud which the brightest sunthine could not blot out, was Carlton Carruthers. There he was even now when the precious moments were so 'ew, dangling over the side of the dano at which Hulda was playing

Carlton Carruthers was likewise in ove with Hulda, but he had never nentioned the fact to any one as yet. ot even to Hulda herself.

Livingston leaned against the man elpiece and surveyed the scene. Evilently a plan had occurred to him, for ie suddenly walked over to the plano. "Hulda, don't you think it would be fine stunt to go for a short walk fter that heavy dinner?" he suggestd, absolutely ignoring Carruthers.

"Hardly in this toggery," Hulda ughed in reply. "What have you against Miss Robrts, old man?" interrupted Carruthers. that you should invite her for a stroll

a the snow clad in a decollete gown nd paper soled slippers?" "Well, to be frank," admitted Livington, "I was thinking only of you."

"Of me?" echoed Carruthers. "Yes. You see, I wanted to speak to Iulda for a moment, and I knew you etested the cold, so I suggested going ut of doors to get rid of you."

He was irresistible, and all three of bem laughed. "Livingston," said Carruthers, "I'l nake a bargain with you. I'll go up a the library and smoke for just one our, then I'll come back and claim

fiss Roberts, and you to go to the lirary for an hour. What say you?". a. "How do you know that I could tand either of you for one whole

our?" But Carruthers was gone, and there vas nothing for her to do but stay 7ith Livingston. Together they went ato the great hall and curled up on an ld settle before the open fire. The ther members of the party had settled

own into peaceful groups. Most of the men had congregated in fr. Roberts' study and were in a heatd debate over politics, while the woien were seated cozily about the rawing room talking over the same hings that women always do discuss then the men are not about-clothes

nd servants. Hulda felt something brush by her kirts and, leaning over, saw her faorite Angora cat purring at her side. enerly she picked the animal up in

"Bobby, dear." she cooed to it. "Did I understand you aright?" ex-

laimed Livingston "I was speaking to the cat," reprov-1 Hulda. "His name is Robinson rusoe, but we call him Bobbie for

"You will forgive me, Hulda, won't ou?" apologized Livingston as he ervously pulled at his perfectly fitted ollar. "But you must remember that ly name is Bobbie. And, Hulda," he ontinued as he leaned a little closer) her, "do you think you could ever ome to think of me as Bobbie dear?" "Why, Mr. Livingston"- began

"Could you ever care as much for ie as for"-"You have no right to drag Mr. Car-

thers into this," interrupted Hulda. He is nothing to me." "I was not thinking of Carruthers.

meant could you ever care as much or me as for Robinson Crusoe? Do ou think"—
"I think we are sitting too near the

re and that it is high time that Boble was in bed like all other decent ats," answered Hulda as she gathred the Angora into her arms and ose from the settle.

"But I thought that cats never slept night?" inquired Livingston, trying hide his chagrin.

"Those are only street cats," inrmed Hulda. "Please take Bobbie ad give him to the maid, won't you? nd you need not hurry back," she ided. Before Livingston could remon-trate the huge gray ball of fur was rust into his arms

Hulda then curled up again in the orner of the settle. To her the house arty was a dire failure. That persist. at Robert Livingston had again proosed, and here was she eating her eart out for Carlton Carruthers, who ould rather smoke a cigar than talk ber. Just then Carruthers appeared 3 the stairs.

"Ah, there you are!" he cried as he scovered her alone. "So Livingston eserted you before the hour was up. Pretty hard. My, my, but you must have made it disagreeable for him! May I sit upon the vacant throne?" he asked as he seated himself at the other end of the bench.

For an hour or more Carruthers and Hulda talked in a low tone and were

utterly oblivious that other inhabit ants lived on the globe. The whole world seemed theirs, and the thought of others even existing would have marred the picture.

Suddenly the door leading to the back of the house was thrust open. and the maidservants came dashing through in wild disorder, one after the other, yelling: "Fire! Save me! Murder!" etc. The butler appeared on the scene immediately after them and made straight for Mr. Roberts.

In a moment all was confusion. Mrs. Roberts tried to calm the women guests, while most of the men made : dash for the kitchen. Carruthers hesitated as he felt Hulda grasp his arm tightly.

He looked down into the blue eyes and the rosy lips which had just made him so happy when suddenly from out of the heavens he seemed to fall to earth with a sickening thud.

"Oh, my Bobbie! My dear, dear Bob-bie! Save him, some one!" cried Hulda. Carruthers looked at the girl once more to make quite sure the cry came from her. There was no mistake. She wanted Livingston.

"Where is he?" demanded Carruthers huskily. "Oh, he's in the kitchen. Save him,

please do, for my sake!" Carruthers waited for no more. His heart was too full, his brain whirling. Past the frightened women, down the long corridor that led to the kitchen brushing maids aside, he strode to

save his rival, Bobbie Livingston. As he reached the kitchen he found the men had put out the slight conflagration and that it amounted to nothing. But Livingston was not in sight. Turning to Mr. Roberts, he asked for

"Oh, Livingston was here just a moment ago." said Mr. Roberts, "but 1 think he said he was going for a walk."

The men all returned to the main part of the house, assuring the ladies that it was nothing. Carruthers went over to Hulda.

"Where's Bobble?" she asked, with great concern.

"He's gone"- began Carruthers. "Oh, my dear, dear Bobbie!" wailed Hulda, not allowing him to finish his sentence. Then something brushed her skirt again, and, with a scream of delight, she picked up the cat.

"You told me he was gone," she said reproachfully to Carruthers as she hugged the fluffy ball to her breast. "Is that the Bobble you sent me

for?" gasped Carruthers. "Of course it is," Hulda answered rather sharply. "Who did you think ! sent you for?"

"Why, Bobble Livingston," weakly replied Carruthers as he mopped the Hulda hugged the cat for just a min-

ute as she smiled. Then suddenly she turned serious and put him on the floor. She quietly sat down by Carruthers, and quite low in his ear she whispered:

"And you went in there to save Bobbie Livingston because I asked you to. and you believed all the time that-

"What else could I believe when you were screaming to have some one save yur dear, dear Bobbie?" asked Carl-

"Well, dear, dear Carl, I love you better than I did before the fire, if that could possibly be," whispered Hulda. And once more the earth was inhabited by two people only.

The Sword of Cornwallis.

Art is not always true to history. Schoolboys of several generations are familiar with the picture of Cornwallis surrendering his sword to Washington after the fall of Yorktown. Lord Cornwallis is revealed in the act of passing over his beautiful sword to the hand of his conqueror. The inference is that Washington took the sword and kept it as a trophy of victory. The facts are quite otherwise.

Cornwallis, proud even in defeat, declined to put in a personal appearance on the occasion of his surrender. The allied forces, American and French. who had besieged him for thirteen days, were drawn up in two columns along the "oad leading to Hampton Rochambeau, on a fine bay horse, was at the head of the French column. On his white charger sat Washington at the head of the American troops. The surrendered British and Hessians marched out of their intrenchments and passed down between the two col-

Many thousands of Virginian citizens were gathered to watch the scene, all eager to get a glimpse of Lord Cornwallis. But they were disappointed in that. Cornwallis pleaded indisposition and stayed in his quarters. He sent his sword by one of his officers, General O'Hara, to be delivered up to Washington. General O'Hara offered the sword to Washington, who directed him to General Lincoln, the officer whom Washington had appointed to conduct the surrender. Lincoln took the sword from O'Hara's hand and then politely handed it back, to be re-

Hereditary. "And when you grow up," said the visitor to six-year-old Elsie, "I sup-

turned to Cornwallis.

pose you will get married?" "Oh, there's hardly any doubt about it," answered the small miss. "Everybody says I am much like mamma, and she has been married three times you know."-Harper's Weekly.

Arts of Oratory. "I always keep a few funny stories on hand," said Mr. Spredeegle. "They do help out."

"Yes. When I find my audience inclined to titter at my arguments I switch right into an anecdote so as to get legitimate credit for the laughter." -Houston Post.

Says Canal Will Be Done In 1915. In a conference between President Taft and Chairman Goethals, of the isthmian canal commission, the president said he wanted the Panama canal finished by July 4, 1913. Colonel Goethals, however, didn't think it possible. holding to the opinion that Jan. 1, 1915, will see the canal open.

Drank Poison In Masonic Temple. William T. Corson, a well known business man of Williamsport, Pa. and who was prominent in Masonic circles, committed suicide in the Masonic temple. He entered one of the rooms alone, drank the contents of a bottle of carbolic acid, and when found was seated in a chair, dead.

Three Eggs In One. An egg within an egg. and within that another egg, is a curiosity turned out by a prize winning Rhode Island red hen owned by E. J. Stiles, of York county, Pa. The three shells were all hard, and a chick hatched elear inside would have had a herculean task pecking its way through.

Church Organist Drops Dead. Mrs. Georgia Wheeler, organist at the Gibson Heights Presbyterian church in St. Louis, dropped dead as she entered the organ loft to play the first hymn. The congregation was dis-

Mrs. C. P. Taft Pays Inheritance Tax. Mrs. Charles P. Taft, the sister-inlaw of the president, paid the Cook county treasurer in Chicago \$13,456. which was due as an inheritance tax from the estate of her father, the late David Sinton, of Cincinnati.

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