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(Continued from last week.) Doctor Ed had sent for Sidney. She thought it was another operation, and her spirit was just a little weary. But her courage was indomitable. She forced her shoes on her tired feet, and bathed her face in cold water to rouse herself.

The night watchman was in the hall. He was fond of Sidney; she always smiled at him; and, on his morning rounds at six o'clock to waken the nurses, her voice was always amiable. So she found him in the hall, holding a cup of tepid coffee. He was old and bleary, unmistakably dirty, too-but he had divined Sidney's romance.

"Coffee! For me?" She was astonished. "Get it down."

So she finished it, not without anxiety that she might be needed. But daddy's attentions were for few, and not to be lightly received.

"Can you stand a piece of bad news?"

Strangely, her first thought was of K.

"There has been an accident. Doctor Wilson-" "Which one?" tionery Mensch, R. W., coal

"Doctor Max-has been hurt. If

ain't much, but I guess you'd like to know it." "Where is he?"

"Downstairs, in seventeen."

So she went down alone to the room where Doctor Ed sat in a chair with his untidy bag beside him on the floor, and his eyes fixed on a straight figure on the bed. When he saw Sidney, he got up and put his arms around her. His eyes told her the truth before he told her anything. She hardly listened to what he said. The fact was all that concerned her-for suddenly Sidney's small world, which had always sedately revolved in one direction, began to move the other way.

The door opened, and the staff came in. But where before they had moved heavily, with dropped heads, now they came quickly, as men with a purpose. There was a tall man in a white coat with them. He ordered them about like children, and they hastened to do his will. The heaviness of inactivity lifted. The room buzzed. The nurses stood by, while the staff did nurses' work.

ined it, or whether Carlotta really | closed door and took their hushed way | thinking it was you who were operatstopped before her and surveyed her toward the elevator. They were talkwith burning eyes. ing among themselves. Sidney, strain-"So you thought he was going to ing her ears, gathered that they had marry you!" said Carlotta—or the seen a miracle, and that the wonder

dream. "Well, you see he isn't." Sidney tried to answer, and failedor that was the way the dream went. "If you had enough character, I'd think you did it. How do I know you didn't follow us, and shoot him as he left the room?"

It must have been reality after all; for Sidney's numbed mind grasped the essential fact here, and held on to it. He had been out with Carlotta. He had promised-sworn that this should not happen. It had happened. It surprised her. It seemed as if nothing more could hurt her.

In the movement to and from the operating room, the door stood open for a moment. A tall figure-how much it looked like K. !--straightened and held out something in its hand. "The bullet!" said Carlotta in a

whisper. Then more waiting, a stir of move-

buried in her hands, against the door. | ing, or caring-Sidney suddenly felt sorry for her. She cared a great deal. It must be out for aromatic ammonia. Sidney, tragic to care like that! She herself lying among her pillows, looked up was not caring much; she was too at K. numb.

The city still slept, but the torturing night was over. And in the gray dawn | dear." the staff, looking gray, too, and elderly "I have been so mixed up. All the

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was still on them. Carlotta followed them out. Almost on their heels came K. He was in the white coat, and more and more he looked like the man who had raised up from his work and held out

something in his hand. Sidney's head was aching and confused. The tall man-or was it K.?-looked at her, and then reached up and turned off the electric light. When the light was out everything was gray. She could not see. She slid very quietly out of her chair, and lay at his feet in a dead faint.

ing! Will he really get well?"

"I should like to thank Doctor Ed-

The nurse was a long time getting

the ammonia. But something had hap-

pened to K. that savored of the mar-

velous. His faith in himself was com-

ing back-not strongly, with a rush,

but with all humility. He had been

loath to take up the burden; but, now

that he had it, he breathed a sort of

inarticulate prayer to be able to

Sidney held out her hand to him.

"What should I do without you, K.?"

"All you have to do is to want me."

he took her pulse in a most business

it. But, as he rose from the chair be-

side her low bed, she put out her hand

"He was out with Carlotta. He

"There may have been reasons. Sup-

"How can he explain?" And, when

promised, and he broke his promise."

pose we wait until he can explain."

he hesitated: "I bring all my troubles

to you, as if you had none. Somehow,

I can't go to Aunt Harriet, and of

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His voice was not too steady, and

"It looks promising."

wardes."

carry it.

to him.

"K."

"Yes, dear."

she asked wistfully.

K. carried her to the elevator. He held her as he had held her that day | like way to distract her attention from at the park when she fell in the river. very carefully, tenderly, as one holds something infinitely precious. Not until he had placed her on her bed did she open her eyes. But she was con-

scious before that. She was so tired. ment in the room beyond the closed and to be carried like that, in strong door. Carlotta was standing, her face arms, not knowing where one was go-The nurse he had summoned hustled

"How is he?"

course mother-Carlotta cares a great "A little better. There's a chance, deal for him. She said that I shot him. Does anyone really think that?"

and weary, came out through the time I was sitting waiting, I kent

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It was the Lamb, after all, who brought the news to Sidney. The new activity had caught Doctor Ed. and she was alone now, her face buried against the back of a chair.

"There'll be something doing now, Miss Page," he offered. "What are they going to do?"

"Going after the bullet. Do you know who's going to do it?"

His voice echoed the subdued excitement of the room-excitement and

new hope. "Did you ever hear of Edwardes, the surgeon? - the Edwardes operation. you know. Well, he's here. It sounds like a miracle. They found him sitting on a beach in the hall downstairs." Sidney raised her head, but she could not see the miraculously found Edwardes. She could see the familiar faces of the staff, and that other face on the pillow, and-she gave a little cry. 'There was K.! How like him to be there, to be wherever anyone was in trouble! Tears came to her eyes-the first tears she had shed.

As if her eyes had called him, he tooked up and saw her. He came toward her at once. The staff stood back to let him pass, and gazed after him. The wonder of what had happened was growing on them.

K, stood beside Sidney, and looked down at her. Just at first it seemed as if he found nothing to say. Then: "There's just a chance, Sidney, dear. Don't count too much on it. If you will wait somewhere near, I'll see that you have immediate word."

"I am going to the operating room." "Not to the operating room. Somewhere near."

His steady voice controlled her hysteria. But she resented it. She was not herself, of course, what with strain and weariness.

"I shall ask Doctor Edwardes." He was puzzled for a moment. Then he understood. After all, it was as well. The thing that really mattered was that he must try to save Wilson for her. If he failed, she might hate him the rest of her life-not for himself but for his failure. Whichever way things went, he must lose.

"Doctor Edwardes says you are to stay away from the operation, but te remain near. He-he promises to call you if-things go wrong.

She had to be content with that. Nothing about that night was real to

Sidney. She sat in the anesthetizing room, and after a time she knew that she was not alone. There was somebody else. She realized dully that Carlotta was there, too, pacing up and down the little room. She was never sure, for instance, whether she imag-

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FLEMING Holt, S. W., grocery Hall, G. W., grocery Irvin, Benj. H., coal and feed Lindemuth, H. D., gasoline and oil McElwain Bros., general mdse Stern, J. C. & J. B., general mdse Smith, F. W., feed and grain Stern, H. M., candy and ice cream Stern, H. M., candy and ice cream HOWARD Beney, John H., gasoline Condo, J. F., general store Cameron, Newton, general store Deitz, J. F., general store Fox, C. M., implements Holter, Henry C., furniture Hall, W. F., general merchandise Heverly, E. E., produce Kline, H. A., produce Long, W. H., grain Lucas, C. C., general merchandise Minar, Maries, jewelry McEntire, O. W., drugs Pletcher, Thomas A., harness Pletcher, Charles E., oll Pletcher, William B., produce Schenck, A. A., hardware Tice & Long, gasoline, oil, etc Weber, B. & Son, general mdse Williams, Geo. L., grocery Williams, Frank G., cigars Wolf, S. J., general merchandise Yearick, Walter, meats HUBLERSBURG HUBLERSBURG Hoy, Geo. F., general store McClintock, E. L., general store JULIAN Beals, E. E., ice cream Henderson, J. E., grocery Mattern, H. K., produce Miller, W. S., coal Parson, W. P., general mdse Turner, J. H., general mdse KATO Kato Supply Co., general mdse LIVONIA Stover, George B., cigars LINDEN HALL Keller, J. W. Mrs., general mdse Noll, W. T., produce Ross, J. H., general mdse Weiland, F. E., coal LEMONT LEMONT Hoy, R. K., automobiles Evey, A. H., general mdse Evey, E. W. & Son, feed Lenker, J. E., general mdse Minchel, John, hardware Ross, Elmer C., general mdse Schreck Bros., carriages Williams, George C., furniture Williams, J. I., stationery Watsontown Door & Sash Ce., lum-ber MARTHA FURNACE Eberts, O. D., general store MONUMENT Albert, grocery Vaugh, Henry, grocery Vulcan Trading Co., general store MOSHANNON Brodenesak, John, meats Clemson, E. G. & Son, general mdse Groe, A. A., general mdse Quick, Rush, ice cream MADISONBURG Hazel, B. E., general mdse Hazel, J. B., implements Hazel, J. B., implements Everett, Thomas B., general mdse MUNSON Goldburg, Ike, general mdse Porata, Mike, cigars MINGOVILLE Miller, E. L., general mdse Workman, C. C., general mdse

MILLHEIM Allison, J. R. G., cigars Auman, N. A., grocery Bowersox, B. B., drugs Burd, Mrs. Ezra, milhnery

Cohn, D., general mdse Cowher, Levi, meats and groceries Dugan, J. B., cigars Heath, Miss L. B., candy Kennelly, A. W., cigars Stuart, H. S., general store Spitter, Daniel, groceries Sinclair, Mrs. H. C., restaurant Haynes, E. T. & Co., restaurant SMULLTON Kline, John A., feed and grain Stover, H. H., cigars Walizer, S. A., merchandise STORMSTOWN Burkett, I. G., general mdse Gray, John, produce Grimm, J. H., produce Houtz, H. W., produce McAfee, F., produce Way, Allen, produce TUSSEYVILLE Jordan, E. T., oils Rockey, W. F., produce Swartz, C. W., general mdse WADDLE Ellis, H. A., produce Eves, J. P., produce Hoy, John A. Est., general mdse Mattern, J. L., produce Waite, H. W., produce Waite, W. W., produce WADDLE WOODWARD Long, H. F., bicycles Refiner, Walter, general mdse Orndorf, S. H., produce Orndorf, L. D., general mdse Weaver, L. L., oils and gasoline Wolfe, R. West, general mdse Yearick, A. M., produce WINGATE Davidson, J. A., ice cream Harnish, Blanche, groceries WARRIORSMARK Dearmit, S. E., general mdse Ellenberger, Arthur, produce Osterly, Fred, produce Thomas, D. R., produce Wrye, W. T., general mdse WOLF'S STORE Gilbert, Wm. H., produce Showers, G. H., general mdse Weaver, D. B. Sons, feed eggs CENTRE HALL Bradford & Son, grain Foreman, R. D., grain Kerlin, A. E., chickens and produce Patrons Creamery Co., produce HOWARD Diehl, J. D., produce LEMONT

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Ferree, William, produce PHILIPSBURG Atlantic Refining Co., oil Balesrere, G., fruits

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For the purpose of correcting any errors of appraisement, an appeal will be held at the County Treas-urer's office in Bellefonte, Pa., on Friday, May 25, 1917, between 9 a. m., and 1 p. m., and those who de-sire can attend.

C. H. SMULL, 62-17-4t Mercantile appraiser.