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"A WOMAN'S LOVE."

I can't imagine, Estelle, how you came to be so decidedly plain; beauty is rather a characteristic of our family." Here Marc Darcy glanced with a satis-fied air at his handsome face reflected in an opposite mirror, while a slight flush arose to the dark, almost swarthy check of the young girl seated vis-a vis
to him, and the delicately shaped hands
trembled slightly as they sought to continue the work they were occupied
the mark almost swarthy
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Mare joined.

"I believe you favor your father," continued the gentleman.
"Yes, I am like my father, He was not handsome, but so noble, so good. I was so proud of him. I never thought about his looks. I am sorry, more for your sake than mine, that I am not beautiful. Your wife should be, but Mare - " with a quick, impulsive movement the young girl knelt down beside her betrothed and laid her lips caressingly to his hand, adding:
"You will not love me the less?

You who are so handsome, who could have chosen from so many, yet asked me to be your wife. You are all the world to me, Marc. No one could love you more than L"

With rather an uneasy laugh Marc Darcy, placing his arm about his companion, replied:
"Tears, Estelle! Why, what has come over you? It just happened to strike me that it was rather strange

you were not as beautiful as the rest of the women in our family; but then you have some redeeming points. Pretty eyes and good teeth-no small item toward good looks, I can assure you,

at the last words of her intended, and, twining both her arms about his neck, "And you don't mind it so much if ! am plain? You will always love me? "Of course I shall," came the reply as Mare kissed her lightly on the fore-

A pleased look crossed Estelle's face

head, adding, half laughing: "Perhaps. Estelle, I shall put your love to the test some day. Will it fail me I wonder?"

Oh! if I only could! How I should like it." Mrs. Darcy, wiser than the rest had judged it best for In-z to re-Raising her head from its resting place upon Marc's shoulder, Estelle's eyes sought his.

There was a strange intensity in their dark depths as she answered slowly, as if weighing each word. "I do not think you quite understand me, or my love for you, Marc. It is as the breath of my life: yet if I ever came to believe that it was for your happi-ness for me to give you up, I would do

Before Marc could reply Estelle had passed quickly from the room. With a shrug of his shoulders, he

"Spent Pitty Dollars
for theumatam, before I tried embroidered case, thinking:

"What a strange girl Estelle is.

She is right. I don't believe I do un
It was Marc who carried Inez on You Can Depend On It.

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for a peace-offering." Marc Darcy was an only son. Handsome as an Adonis, with a fascinating manner, which, when he chose to exercise it, few could resist. Mrs. Darcy had been left a widow with considera ble property, but her son's extravagant drains upon her purse had greatly re

duced her income.

Marc was not by any means a bad fellow, simply selfishly indulgent tow-ard himself. Estelle Merton was the daughter of a consin of Mrs. Darcy's On the death of her father, which occurred about eighteen months before my story opened, Estelle had taken up her abode at Sunnyside, the home of Mrs. Darcy. Aunt Margaret, as Es telle always called her, was her only relative, and had made the orphan gir velcome, being a kind-hearted woman, although somewhat narrow-minded. with but one engrossing idea—her son. Estelle had been an inmate of Mrs. Darcy's home only a few weeks before the thought came to the widow, how nice it would be if Marc and Estelle should fall in love with each other.

Mare's debts were pressing heavily upon Estelle could so easily pay them off out of her large fortune, for she was an heiress. As Estelle's husband, Marc's future would be provided for, and when her time came she would die eeling she had done well by her boy. Estelle was a passionate admirer of beauty, and, almost ere she was con-scious of it, she loved Marc with her whole soul, and Marc at his mother's nstigations had carelessly drifted into

S. M. HESS, the situation of Estelle's lover. Of too noble a nature to see aught but the good in others, Estelle never dreamed that it might be her money, and not herself, that had indused Marc to choose her for his wife. Some few weeks after the opening of our story ound Mrs. Darcy and Estelle seated at breakfast. Mare had run up to town for a day or two. As Estelle returned a letter she had just been reading to its envelope Mrs. Darcy remarked: From your friend, is it not, dear? does she say when we may expect her "Yes, she writes we may look fo her to-morrow by the 2:40 train. Aunt! think how sad it is for her left alone so young; only 16 and obliged to earn her own living. I am so glad you are willing I should ask her AMERICAN INSURANCE COMPANIES here for a few weeks. She is so bright

and pretty. I cannot imagine Inez being sorrowful. We will try and make it very pleasant for her, won't we, Aunt' "Of course, my dear," answered Mrs Darey. "I always wish to make my happy and comfortable." thus the subject was dismissed for then The following week Mare arrived ne afternoon at home. In his careess manner he had omitted to send word of his return, consequently Mrs Darcy and Estelle were out, returning

Learning this from one of the ser vants, Marc made his way to the west drawing room, the cosiest room in the Opening the door, he stood transfixed upon its threshold. A young girl was reclining, fast asleep, on the bear skin rug before the glowing fire. One dumpled arm, bare to the elbow, was thrown carelessly above her head,

head and fair neck. With an exclamation of surprise Marc turned to go; at which a pair of bewildered blue eyes opened and gaz-ed questioningly at him. Then hastily springing from her recumbent position, the young girl stood blushing before

As Mare made his apologies she in

errupted with:
"Oh! I know. You are the gentle man Estelle is engaged to; then I don't mind. It's not so bad as if you had been a stranger. How you scared.' Here one little dimple, then another crept forth, till a merry peal of laughter rippled through the room, in which

When Mrs. Darey and Estelle returned, they found Inez, for it was she, and Marc chatting away like old friends.
In spite of Inez' recent loss, which dated only two months back, her childish, mirth loving nature could take no hold of sorrow. Her tears were like April showers, quickly over. True, she had known but little of her father,

The pretty morning dresses Inez wore she owed to Estelle's generosity.

Somehow Estelle and Mare were very seldom alone those days. Inex, with her pretty, helpless ways, contriv-

should be so. In her noble heart there was

was to be bridesmaid, and then Estelle with her warm, impulsive nature had proposed that she should accompany them to Europe on their bridal tour, and Inez had clapped her hand like a chilk, exclaiming:

Mare and Estelle were man and wife, and the steamer was bearing them on toward England's shores. Inez, too sick to move and wishing herself back on land, was in her state room, with ever thoughtful Estelle tending and petting her, rewarding her husband with a fond smile whenever he came to inquire after the sick girl. How selected a cigarette from a handsomely good of him, thought she, when he so

stateroom, but, finding the air below very close, she returned to the deck. she paused and stood as if turned to store. In the shadow of the wheelhouse were her husband and Inez. Inez's golden head lay upon his breast and there was a fond ring to Marc's

tones that Estelle had never heard before as he uttered the words: "For God's sake stop crying, little one. You will drive me mad. know that I love you as I never loved Estelle, but I was forced to marry her. If I had been rich then I could have pleased myself, but as it was, it would

have been simply folly."
No cry escaped the lips of the won an whose loving heart had been crushed by these words of her husband, only as she blindly groped her way back to the cabin the thought, "He never loved me; it was only my money,' eemed to stab itself into her heart. Fighting with her despair, this stricken woman cried out, unselfish

even in her agony: "Mare! Mare! my husband! vould make you happy if I could!" They were nearing their journey's end, and Marc had peceived no difference in his wife. His thoughts were elsewhere. Had they not been, he would have seen how pale and thin she had grown, and that never of her own accord did her lips caress him. Then came the night when they

were startled from their sleep by the cry of danger. Women shrieked and clasped their little ones to their breasts, while men, white to the lips, hurried on deck to be driven back by the wild fierceness of the storm. Waves like gigantic mountains burled themselves against the ship, under which she staggered and

recied and righted herself again, only to be struck down anew. Valiantly the good boat fought her fight against the deep. Mast after mast was torn away, till she lay bare, trembling like a wounded human, at the mercy of the angry waters. She had sprung a leak. All night the men worked at the pumps, cheered by their brave Captain, who told them they must be close to the Dover cliffs, and they might yet all reach the shore in

safety. Inez clung trembling to Marc, while Estelle, cam and collected, moved about amongst the women, helping with a ready hand. Little children grew quiet at her touch, and mothers ceased to bewail

Marc never forgot the pale grandeur of his wife's face as she passed to and fro amongst all the confusion. Towards dawn the storm abated omewhat, but a dense fog enveloped them like a shroud.

their fate.

At last the order was given to man the lifeboats. Sobbing women and frightened children were quickly lifted over the ship's side; while warm heart-ed sailors bade them cheer up, for land was close at hand. As they lowered the last boat, E+

eile, laying her hand upon her husband's arm, said: "Mare, if anything should happen

you would put my love to the test. You wondered if it would fall you. It shall not fail you. Mare, my husband, kiss me just once as-as if you loved

Estelle! My wife, I—" and Marc clasped his wife to his heart with something of the love that should have been hers from the first. For a moment she clung to him; then gently withdrawing herself from his arms, she said:
"See, Inez is faint. Take care of her. I am strong—now. I can see to her. I am strong—now. I can see to

he drew his hand quickly across his eyes to dash away the tears that would come at the thought of the fate of the good ship that had carried him safely rate at which they were running. The for many a year. Then, dropping into the boat, he gave the word to pull off.

In the darkness and hurry none had missed the gentle woman who had comforced them all in their hour of the stronger one deliberately seized the other one by the neck with its jaws, and with a sud len vigorous bound attempted to spring outside the rails with it. The first one cleared the rail, but

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Alone, no, not qu'te. Something she talked a good neal of going out as touched ber hand. It was Carlo, her governess, but later on she ceased to husband's great Newfoundland dog. husband's great Newfoundland dog.

Almost at the same moment as the lifeboat was drawn upon the beach by room for jealousy. No thought that eager willing hands, the great ship,

The Origin of Salt-

ration of the water in inland seas, we like it." Mrs. Darcy, wiser than the rest had judged it best for In-z to remain with her; but Inez had pouted the sea at all in the first place? Well, Bosche went back main with her; but Inez had poited and come as near showing temper as such a weak, little creature could, and had gained her way.

It was decided that she should accompany the bridal pair.

The sea at all in the first place? Well, one might almost as well ask how did anything come to be upon the earth at any time, in any place? How did the sea itself get there? How did this planet company the bridal pair.

Bosche went back and picked up the pieces of the one cut by the wheels. When placed together, the snake was nearly as long as the first one. It was a male and female. These snakes always mate and stay mate during their ways mate and stay mate during their lands are in the sea at all in the first place? Well, and pieces of the one cut by the wheels. swim into existance at all? There was a sapient inquirer, recently deceased, who had a short way out of this difficulty. He held that the sea was only salt because of all the salt rivers that ran into it. Considering that the salt rivers are themselves salted by passing through salt regions, or being fed by saline springs, all of which derive their saltness from deposits laid down long ago by evaporation from earlier seas or lake basins, this explanation savors somewhat of circularity. nation savors somewhat of circularity. were of the "black rattler" variety, a lt amounts in effect to saying that the dull, slaty black, with irregular mark-"What a strange girl Estelle is. She is right. I don't believe I do understand her; poor little thing, how earnest she is. I should not have spokered and arranged the rugs and pillows bearing with the whims when even Estern Cheese is also a caseous preparation. Cheese is also a caseous preparation. telle grew almost indignant at her tion. Cheese is also a caseous preparafriend's peevishness toward her hus. tion of milk; the duties of an arch-

deacon are to perform archidiaconal One evening Estelle, suffering from functions; and opium puts one to sleep near the Switchback. The skins will her the handsomest bracelet I can find a severe headache, retired early to her because it possesses a soporific virtue. probably be displayed to tourists at A part from such purely verbal explanations of the saltness of the sea, how- Mount Pisgah. Seeking her husband and Inez she ever, one can only give some such ac drew near the wheelhouse. Suddenly count of the way it came to be "the briny" as the following: This world was once a haze of fluid light, as the poets and the men of science agree in informing us. As soon as it began to cool down a little toward the centre, while the lighter, now represented by the ocean and the of air and water; many other gases and vapors mingle with them, as they still do to a far less extent in our ex-

the condition of steam into one of a hquid at a dull red heat. As it condensed, it carried down with it a great many other substances, held in solntion, whose component elements had previously existed in the primitive gaseous atmosphere. Thus the early ocean, which covered the whole carth was in all probability not very salt, but also quite thick with other mineral matters close up to the point of saturation. It was full of lime and raw flat and sulphates and many other miscellaneous bodies. Moreover, it was not only just as salt as at the present day, but even a great deal salter. For from that time to this evaporation has constantly been going on in cer tain shallow isolated areas, laying down great beds of gypsum and then of salt, which still remain in the solid condition, while the water has, of course been correspondingly purified.

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"What do you mean !"
"Why, I dragged the body into the bushes and covered it up with grass and things. A blood hound couldn't find it. To-morrow we develop the claim and give 'em a two column With tears in his eyes the city editor

arose and fell upon his subordinate's "You are an honor to the profes sion," he sobbed. "I'll see that your salary is increased two dollars a month. I will, by Jingo !"

The Father of his Country was parwhile one tiny hand rested under the baby chin. Soft, floss-like hair curled in golden rings about the white fore. It ome, I want you to believe that my baby chin. Soft, floss-like hair curled in golden rings about the white fore. It ome, I want you to believe that my ticular about his dress, and had the printer, "while under the inspiration of brass buttons which adorned his coat. I brandy."

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The little crowd pressed eagerly forward, and were rapidly lowered to their places. The Captain was the last to quit the ship. With one last look around to see that none were left, overtaking the snakes when one of

she had known but little of her father, naving spent most of her life at boarding school. Mr. Cline had been a selfish, pleasure-loving man, who took but little thought of his motherless child and lived close up to his income, leaving Inez penniless at his death.

In Inex penniless passed over the scoond one and cut it in several pieces. The unharmed one coiled itself and sprang at alone upon the deck of the now fast-sinking ship, her eyes trying to pieces.

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In Inex penniless at his death. ed better than her life forever from her monster fast. The car ran a few yards the snake dropped down and struck an Patting him, she pointed to the water and bade him go; but he only wined attitude for fight just as the car stopand licked her hand. Then Estelle ped, and Bosche and Mr. Mumford with her pretty, helpless ways, contrived to monopolize a great deal of Marc's time. Yet Estelle was pleased that it should be so. see that the fangs were broken off and imbedded in the wood of the car. A little skirmishing with a cobblestone Inez, with her saucy, kittenish ways, might win her lover from her. Her the mighty deep, and Marc Darcy learned too late the value of a true were sixteen rattles on the tail, but several trust in Marc were perfect. eral had evidently been broken off, so that, counting one rattle for each year,

and adding the year required for the How did the salt originally get formation of the rattle, the monster must have reached the age of at least it was produced, as rock salt, by evapotwenty years, an age never surpassed by the rattlesnake, according to the traditions and wood lore of the old Bosche went back and picked up the

> the engine house on the summit of Flirtation-

ings and mottling, and their bodies

these two snakes have been seen at

various times by persons who were

roaming or picking berries in the woods

It is thought that

The great evil of these days is the lightness with which love and mar riage are regarded. There is no use mincing the matter. Young women the heavier materials naturally sank are more largely to blame than they or their parents are willing to admit. While there is nothing that can justify atmosphere, floated in a gaseous condition on the outside. But the great an who declines to become his wife, envelope of vapor thus produced did there is nothing, on the other hand, to not consist merely of the constituents excuse a woman for encouraging attention she does not intend to reward in the way contemplated by the suitor. That young women, more especially isting atmosphere. By and by, as the cooling and condensing process continued, the water settled down from having the affections of their heart's engaged, is something more than folly, and there is no occasion for surprise it sometimes they are held to a fearful account for their willful trifling. All men are not able to dist nguish between real love and it s mulance. Sincere themselver, they believe in the honesty and truth of the woman they love. They are incapable of diverting themselves by a make believe passion, and, infatuated by the objects of their devotion, deem it utterly impossible that a woman could submit to overtures that she does not reciprocate in spirit. Many girls and young women, who are doubtiess wholly virtuous in thought, consider it a great triumph to lead a man on to a declaration of his fervid sentiments when they are at the same time similarly engaged with other gentlemen equally deceived as to their real feeling. Misguised mothers close their eyes to such acts of indiscretion, and seem to rather approve than condemn this species of "innocent amusement," pleased because it It was the new reporter who had argues the popularity of their daughcome in covered with perspiration and dust as the last form went down to the

> principles later in life, when the coquet becomes a frivolous and wayward wife. M. Delaunay, of Paris, predicts that earthquakes on a grand scale will occur next year either when the earth is under the influence of a planet of the first rank, such as Jupiter, or under that of group of asteroids, or at a time when ne sun and moon are nearest to our planet simultaneously. This specia list in earthquakes foretold the frightful catastrophes which occured in South America in 1877. He announced a vast seismic disturbance in 1883, and he appalling disasters in the Indian Archipelago followed. He raised his voice of warning also before the late entensive shaking of the earth in Spain. It is no wonder that the latest utterances have caused considerale attention n various countries

and it is no wonder if this laxity some-

times extends to a disregard of moral

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