A Relief

He-I have always thought a great

She-My, but you frightened me! I thought you were going to ask me to

A Skeleton Platoon

deal of you, and I flatter myself you think favorably of me. May I-will

you be my wife?

lend you some money!

The Daily Story

Work for Sylvia

ura Maine stretched out a gaunt and slammed down the window of s Bitle dressmaking shop.

tooks like spring wanted to git in tooks like spring wanted to git in too." she remarked- precariously use the mouthful of pine which she settly transferring to the folds of learning white satin gown draped the tovely girl who stood patiently have her. She continued:

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the silly not to be an happy as the silly not to be. Nelly. I don't let set will let you be. Nelly. I don't let set will let you be. Nelly. I don't let sell set toe old to forgit that. You will get the as happy as you can and good. There—ain't that sleave sweet; not a git this dress of yours done this reck set I can git at Annie Paine's; weddin's in June, too. It's the Lord's month for weddin's, and there had sen to be another besides yours and such in his village." Nelly's respendent inage in the glass made her ask about inage in the glass made her ask abantity:

"What other wedding do you mean?"
"John King's and Alice White's."
Nelly completed the fit of her little girdle before she said carelessiy:

"Why herve been engaged forever.
Everybody's used to it. I guess they are
themselved or they'd do something about
it know Harry would not wait that
it know he he cares too much."

dressed she made a laughing proposal.

"Well, something ought to be done, and
it's work for you. Sylvy; you're always
setting things straight for neople. Why
don't the old folks get themselves out of
the way? Why, they might get married
-they might marry each other! You attend to it—you've done harder things—
set I'll help you out!" and I'll help you out!"

As the girl stepped out into the sunshine Spivia sank into a chair.

"She beats time!" she muttered. "But it sin't a bad idee. It ain't a bad idee, and I wonder at myself for not thinkin' of it."

Meantime Nelly sauntered toward the King cottage, where John's mother was at work among the flower beds. The widow was a tall, silm old lady, as neat as wax, and still handsome in a warlike sort of way, with very black, snappy eyes, white teeth and thick gray hair. Nelly stopped and leaned over the fence.

"Good morning, Mrs. King." The old lady came along with her trowel to smile at the pretty girl. She was extremely fund of any girl who was engaged, or not likely to want her son John. Nelly chatted away. Meantime Nelly sauntered toward the

likely to want her son John. Nealy chatted away.

"I've been for the last fitting of my wedding dress. Sylvy's a genius! She's perfectly lovely! When is—John going to be married, Mrs. King?" she inquired innocently. The old lady stiffened, but Nelly continued: "I'm so happy that I want everybody to be! Sylvy says that Cornells Jones is setting her cap at Alice's father, and I bone she wets him, so Alice's father, and I bone she wets him, so Alice's Cornells Jones is setting her cap at Allee's father, and I hope she gets him, so Allee can come here with you and John. She would take the work off your hands, and sho's so sweet! But I'll he rather sorry for Mr. White; Cornella is such a desperate old maid, and no cook or housekeeper at all, and he's so good looking and well off that he deserves a better woman to take care of things. Well, men are queer, and she certainly must have been awfully prefty once."

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Mrs. King anorted.

"She was never a mite pretty, to my miad She set her cap at John's father when we were girls, but she didn't get him! Oh, must you go?"

Toward evening Static went to see

Toward evening Sylvia went to se-Alice White, though she knew perfectly well that the girl would be at choir She lingered a moment on the ii, where Alice's father sat a He was a straight, blue-eyed old man. Frivia sat down on the steps to rest.

"I been awful busy," she remarked. "Folks will get married, and that means weidlin dresses. I'm just finishin Nelly Dears, and next it will be Annie Palne's. If what I hear is so, perhaps it'll be your Alice's before long." The old man summed and asked what alle meanthe wanted no son-in-law, though he could not object to John.

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'Why, you don't believe it, but that half-blind, hobbing old Judson is making up to the Wadow King, they say. Ble's handsome and young-looking, and well-beeled, the best cook in town, and sconomical, too. She's good-tempered-except about John's marryin' Alice-and I kind of hate to see her throw herself away; but Judson's a sly old coot. Anybuw, I hope she marries and leaves John free. He and Alice have waited long mough-it ain't right! Well, I got to be goln'. You tell Alice I was here." Sne walked off, leaving the old man with a new fear-and with a new idea in his head. That Judson! He and Judson had always conflicted. He grunted and lit his pipe.

Spring passed into early summer, and he Juns Nelly and Harry, and Annie and Richard were married. Alice, sweet and grave and dark-eyed, sang at the wedding. Her rich sopran. 'as indispensable, John watched her in leve and despair, and bear to wonder if, after all, prudence and callion were not sometimes vices as well as viriles. Would he never be free to take alice to his own home? Would she have have her father to come to him? He went to see her much oftener than has been his babit, and, strange to say, of weelings her father dinappeared, no one seed where, and left them to them-

The went to see her much oftener than has been his babit, and, strange to say, of creatings her father disappeared, no one saked where, and left them to themselves. John and Alice were again almost hes boy and girl lower of 10 years ago. They took twilight walks and long drives unmolested and unquestioned and went way happy.

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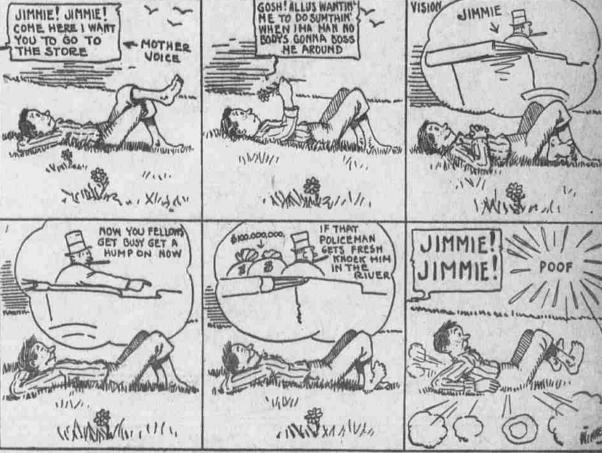
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