## NO INTENT TO STEAL

The Jury Instructed to Acquit Allegheny City Officials.

END OF THE FRONT OFFICE FUND.

fentences Are Passed Upon a Number of Minor Offenders.

THE NEWS OF THE COUNTY COURTS

John R. Murphy, John Glenn, Frank Donaldson, Henry Kornman and Samuel McClure, charged with embezzlement, were tried before Judge McClung and acquitted yesterday. The costs were placed on the prosecutor, John McKirdy.

The charges grew out of the use by the defendants of the so-called "front office fund." District Attorney Burleigh was assisted by D. F. Patterson, while J. Scott Ferguson and City Solicitor Elphinstone defended the accused. The latter made a personal statement as to why he appeared, saying it was under instruction of the Finance Committee of Allegheny, but he asked Mr. Patterson to say whether his presence on the side of the defense would in any way jeopardize the case of the Commonwealth. Mr. Patterson said he had no objection and the case was proceeded with.

Mr. Patterson opened the case, saying that the detendants constituted the front office force in Allegheny. Previous to 1888 they were entitled to fees and the funds were equally divided among the force. In 1888 an ordinance was passed fixing their salaries, and no fees were allowed under it. But the habit of collecting and dividing the fees went on and these defendants continued to divide it.

County Controller Grier T stiff s. County Controller Grier was called first. He described the manner in which the officers obtained the warrants for commitments during the administrations of Mayors Pearson and Wyman. The warrants were always made out in the name of the Mayor but collected for the treasurer by some of the force. No such warrants are issued to the force of either city. None have been issued to Allegheuy officials since last fall. The ordinance passed in 1888 required all city officials to pay into the city treas-ury all moneys collected at least every 30

days. It was offered in evidence and the Commonwealth rested. Mr. Elphinstone opened for the defense, saying that some recent prosecutions in Al-legheny had been proper, but the present case was certainly improper. "The act of these defendants," said he, "was in pursu-ance of a custom which had been carried on for 20 years. Our defense is that this money was used in good faith. The intent is the essence of the crime in this case, and when we show the intent was honest, the

James Hunter was the first witness for the defense. He said he had been a mem-ber of Councils for 14 years. He started to tell why the ordinance of 1888 was passed when an argument arose over the relevancy of the testimony. An objection was made on the ground that the detense was trying to show that the ordinance meant something else than what was indicated by its plain reading. Judge McClung sustained the objection, saying that the ordinance could not have two meanings. "If you show me that these men were told by Allegheny city to take the money, all right," said he.

The Ordinance Had Reen Repealed. Mr. Ferguson-We can't do that, but this ordinance, so far as it relates to the fees, has been repealed.

Mr. Patterson argued that it was an unheard of thing to attempt to change the plain meaning of an act or ordinance by some verbal explanation.

The objection was sustained. It was then proposed to show that when the ordinance was prepared in its present shape, the defendants applied to the committee to ascertain if this ordinance included fees received from the county, and were told that it only included those paid them by the city. This offer was also ob-jected to and the objection sustained. The offer was renewed in a different shape and again ruled out, after which the

witness was withdrawn.

John Glenn was then called and occupied the stand until after the noon recess. He remembered the passage of the salary ordinance, prior to which they were paid \$2 nance, prior to which they were paid \$2 and fees. After the passage of the ordinance they received fees only on county cases, workhouse and jail commitments. These fees were collected monthly and placed in a common fund, which was used for stationery, telegrams, attorneys' fees and for seuding officers for men out of the city. There was no secret about the matter. All the city officials knew the money was collected and used in this manner.

Chief Murphy was called and his testi-mony was substantially the same as that of Mr. Glenn, Ex-Chief of Police Samuel Long testified that this custom had been in vogue in 1864

and 1865. Instructed the Jury to Acquit. Instructed the Jury to Acquit.

Mr. Ferguson then put the ordinance passed in Februrary 1892 in evidence for the purpose of showing that the officers were entitled to the costs and to show the construction placed on this right by City Councils. This closed the testimony. Mr. Ferguson asked the Court to instruct the jury that the verdiet should be not guilty. There had been no title to the money collected traced to the city of Allegheny, and even if they did use the money the most the defendants could be held for would be for a breach of

contract. Judge McClung intimated that he coincided with this view of the case, and then Mr. Patterson tried to overthrow this be-

Judge McClung ruled that there could be no embezziement unless a title had been traced to the city. This Mr. Patterson ad-mitted could not be none. The Court then instructed the jury that the verdict should be one of acquittal; that there had been no fraudulent intent shown, and that it was not sufficient to show merely that the officers had failed to turn over certain costs.

"They are public officials," said he, "and should be held to a strict responsibility. I believe it is a good thing to turn things upside down once in a while and let in the light. The public is interested in this case. These public is interested in this case. These public is interested in this case.

lic investigations are a benefit, and, taking this view of the case, I think it would be proper to place the costs, I toink it would be proper to place the costs on the county."

The jury was out over an hour and returned a verdict of not guilty, but put the costs on Mr. McKirdy.

A CHICKEN BOMBARDMENT. Novel Defense of a Woman Charged With Maticious Mischief-A Homestead Man Who Carried Concealed Weapons-

Judgment Passed on Minor Offenders. In Judge Kennedy's branch of the Criminal Court yesterday, Miss Annie Kirkland, of Boston, Pa., pleaded guilty to malicious mischief. She was charged by William Shannon with throwing dead chickens through the window of his store in Boston She said in her own defense that the chickens were her own and Shannon had poisoned them. She was fined \$5 and costs. She could not pay the money and went to jail. George Rook, of North Versailles township, pleaded guilty to entering a building with felonious Intent and two charges of larceny. He entered the house of H. B. Crawtord, in North Versailles township, and also stole tools, etc., from Charles McCarty and Wm. McAdams. He was

sent two years to the workhouse. A charge of horse stealing against him was held over because the offense was committed in Washington county.

James Brooks, colored, was acquitted of the larceny of some rings from D. Chessky,

of Wylie avenue. Jacob Faunt was convicted of the larceny of \$9 50 from Harry Silgrist, of Wylie

James McNeally, of Homestead, pleaded guilty to carrying concealed weapons on June 29. He was charged by C. H. Stewart with carrying a revolver and "billy."

was fined 614 cents and costs. was fined 6% cents and costs.

Nolle prosses were allowed in the cases of G. Hangsteffer, charged with assault and battery on T. W. Gorman; Wm. C. Stewart, for assault and battery on Charles Kick, and W. J. Food for aggravated assault and battery on John E. Parker.

Fred Bertzes, for assault and battery on Samuel Reed, of the Tenth ward, was fined \$5 and costs. Wesley Woods, of the Eleventh ward, was acquitted of the larceny of \$55 from George

Emma Pearson was acquitted of assault and battery on David Hess, of the Tenth ward, and the costs divided.

William Gerwig was acquitted of assault and battery on M. Heiles, of Perry street, Allegheny, and the costs divided. Mary Smelock was tried for the larceny Mary Smelock was tried for the larceny of \$1 40 from H. Levy, and Abram Levy was tried for the larceny of a watch from Mary Smelock. The parties live in Mc-Keesport. Both were acquitted.

Pleasant Ramsey, of Lawrenceville, for assant and battery on Lulu Ramsey, was

sent 30 days to the workhouse.

George Buchanan pleaded guilty to the larceny of overalls, tools, etc., from Wm. Voess, of Allegheny. He was sent 30 days to the workhouse.

TRUE BILLS POOND.

Indiciments Passed Upon by the Grand Jury Yesterday. The grand jury yesterday returned the following true bills:

Assault and battery, George Auer, Pleasant Ramsey, L. Barskey, James Clark, Rot ert Campbell, Patrick Farrigan, William Holmes, Lizzie Johnston, James Riley, J. R. Smith, Samuel Wright, Edward Zimmer, Thomas Conners, Theresa Balkman, Ella Henderson, Michael Hatton, Joseph Stan-Henderson, Michael Hatton, Joseph Stanholtz; aggravated assault and battery, William Stivison, Rynard Gross, Robert Golden,
John S. Miller: larceny, George Buchanan, Eugene Carroll, James Connelly
Jacob Fount, Stewart Reeder. Effle Skinner,
Abraham Levy, Charies Robins, Harry
Wright: malicious mischief, John Tumeral,
John Farrell, D. Gallagher; embezzlement,
W. T. Brooks, N. Goldman, Charles Huids,
C. R. Morris, G. W. Shiner; illegal liquor
selling, John Went. The ignored bills were: Entering a building with intent to commit a felony, Henry Baker; larceny, W. J. Sullivan, B. Kress; misdemeanor, John Hostetter.

Damages Asked for False Arrest Wm. A. Kennedy yesterday entered suit against Howard H. McKnight for \$5,000 damages for alleged talse arrest. He alleges that McKnight sued him before 'Squ're Robb, of Oakdale, charging him with stealing two horses from him. The grand jury ignored the bill and Kennedy now wants damages. A capias was issued

Want to Be Lawyers. The Examining Board had before it yes-

for the defendant's arrest.

mission to the bar. Fourteen were on pre-liminary and 17 on final examination. The task will take several days.

NEED NOT PAY TAXES.

the City. Judge Collier yesterday handed down his decision in the stated case between the Monougahela Bridge Company and the city of Pittsburg.

A Bridge Company Gains a Victory Over

The case was filed to determine it the Bridge Company should pay city taxes on a strip of land adjoining the Smithfield street bridge on the Monongahela wharf. The company claimed it was necessary for the maintenance of the bridge and was therefore exempt from local taxation. The

assessors contended it was not necessary and taxes should be paid on it.

Judge Collier decided in favor of the Bridge Company and held the ground was necessary and not liable for local taxation.

BIS WIFE IS WEALTHY. W. J. McKain Thinks He Should Not Be

Asked for Allmony. In the divorce case of Elinor McKain against W. J. McKain, the husband yesterday filed his answer to the rule issued

on him by the wife for alimony. He first denies that she is entitled to a divorce, and then says he makes but \$15 a week, while she owns real estate in Allegheny, and stocks, bonds and mortgages, giving her an income of \$5,000 a year. All he makes is necessary for his own support and she is better able to support herself than he is to support himself.

Charitable Bequests Made, The will of the late Thomas Brady, of the Fifth ward, Allegheny, was filed yesterday for probate. He bequeathes \$200 to the Little Sisters of the Poor of Allegheny, and \$400 to St. Paul's Roman Catholic Orphan Asylum of Pittsburg. The balance of his estate goes to relatives.

To-Day's Trial List. Criminal Court - Commonwealth vs Charles Stram, James Boggs, Joseph Galusha alias Fisher, Patrick McCrory, William Shumaker, Daniel O'Neal, Jerry Cahill, K. V. Murray, C. C. Lee, Henry Palmer (2), Frank Gross, F. E. Johnston, M. Elliott, F. Frank Gross, F. E. Johnston, M. Elliott, F. Shay (4), John Beck, Pierce McCabe, Michael Hotiner, Emma Snyder, Abraham Levy, Samuel Harvey, Oscar White, J. W. Ansel, Lida Ansel, John Kaunsensky, Charles Reed, George Kuhn, Herman Siebert, L. Stinger, Edward Kelly, James Milligan, Nicholas Kremer, Matthew Lawler, Theresa Senartz, William Thomas, James Briggs, James Martin, A. Patterson, John Robb.

NEW MONEY FOR VETERANS.

Bright, Clean Half-Dollars to Be Giver Them for Old Worn-Out Bills.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 12 -An order was issued a few days ago by Director of the Mint Leech to Colonel Bosbyshell, Superintendent of the Philadelphia Mint, to have coined at once 100,000 silver half-dollars, for use in Washington during the Grand Army encampment. This is a supplemental order to others given for a large amount of dimes and five-cent pieces to be minted of dimes and five-cent pieces to be minted for the same purpose. Treasurer Nebeker has ordered an unusually large amount of small notes, such as one, two and five-dollar bills, to be prepared by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing. The purpose of having the great supply of new coins and Treasury notes on hand is to enable the visitors in the city at the time of the Grand Army encompant to exchange the word.

itors in the city at the time of the Grand Army encampment to exchange the wornout and filthy small change and bills they are likely to bring with them for something clean and handsome.

The merchants and others of the city have been notified that they can get new money with which to make change while the veterans are here, so that the latter can take home with them some practical souvenir of the Capital City. The idea is not only to benefit the veteran, but to get in a lot of worn-out tills that in the natural course of circulation would not reach the Treasury for months and years to come, and in the for months and years to come, and in the place of them to get into circulation all

SEWER GAS KILLS THREE MEN.

They Meet Their Deaths in Quick sion at a Street Basin. JERSEY CITY, Sept. 12. - Three men lost their lives in a receiving basin of a sewer

this afternoon. A gang of men had been cleaning out the sewer basins. They had met no unusual trouble till they reached the manhole where the fatality occurred. Foreman Volanski descended a ladder into the basin, which is about 12 feet deep, but the instant he reached the bottom he shricked and threw up his hands implor-

ingly.

The workmen dropped a rope to him, but when by its aid he had nearly reached the outlet he let go the rope and fell back upon outlet he let go the rope and fell back upon the remaining there in a outlet he let go the rope and fell back upon the sewer bottom, remaining there in a sitting posture. Thomas Kane went down to Volanski's rescue, and the gallant effort cost him his life. With a cry of suffering he collapsed and dropped upon Volanski, his face falling into the filthy water. Edward McNally then went down, and he, too, was overcome. McNally was finally brought out, but was then too far gone and died within two or three minutes.

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has just returned from a trip to the Far

and massive forma.

"On the mountain side, which at first sight seems barren, is to be found a bewildering assemblage of wild flowers, their varied tints mingling with the delicately tinted gray-green sage bush, which is itself beautiful in color. Underneath this maze beautiful in color. Underneath this maze of color and delicate form are the browns, reds, grays, gold and green of the massive rock formations, and what is to the careless observer 'mighty bad land,' becomes to one who cares to look closely a perfect revelation of beauty and strength, expressed in form and color.

"The World's Fair Art Building is certainly one of the most beautiful, as it is

tainly one of the most beautiful, as it is one of the most favorably located, and is rapidly approaching completion. Our artists should lose no time preparing canvases to be submitted to the judges, as all pictures are to be in the hands of the committee within 90 days."

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girlish form and felt that willingly would but somehow their hands had joined again during the argument. Presently steps were call Edith Vavasour his wife.

and we can say goodby there." Reggie felt a thrill of joy pass through him at the invitation, such an unusual one for Edith to make, but as the eldest Miss

urged her to fly with him and make happy a miserable man—she talked about wicked-ness, and urged him to leave her at once,

in the dark room where no one could see her blushes, Edith the beautiful, the virtuous, the sweet girl, forgetting all her religious scruples, all but her present momentarily increasing passion, nestling in the arms of the man whom she knew loved her, returned him with her beautiful tender mouth, all the embraces she was receiving. And as she now felt her soft hair being ten-And as she now felt her soft hair being ten-derly stroked by a strong hand, a sensation of peace and happiness stole over her such as she nad never before experienced. And she whispered that she too loved him. Even in a dark room, with locked doors, however, a woman, to whom real virtue has hitherto ever come naturally as the breath of life itself, does not instantly throw away

But perhaps Edith Vavasour might have been even now in some distant part of the world living with Reggie Gaseoigne a life of lawless love, but for an incident that

"Answer that you are well and are lying

"Answer that you are well and are lying down," he whispered.
Edith did so, and her voice seemed to come from the right direction.
"Well it is very vexations of you," exclaimed her sister, commencing to move off, to the infinite relief of the guilty couple. But as Edith in a paroxyam of delight threw herself once more into Reggie's arms, telling him that now he must really go, the sister was heard coming back again.
Once more rapping harshly at the door, she said, "Well, if you won't come down and sing, at any rate give me the song, and I will try and sing it myself."

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"Let her in," said Reggie, "I will escape through that corner door into her own

through that corner door into her own room, and out into the passage, and so down the back staircase. Good-bye now, and God bless you, my own darling."

And as the austere elder sister was let in by the frightened girl, who indeed looked white and ill, Reggie Gascoigne, cursing Miss Vavasour's ill-timed interruption from the bottom of his heart, was traversing that lade, own before and feeling.

of Providence.

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A Forger Comes to Grief,

McKeesport, Sept. 12-[Special]-John K. Skelley, the drygoods merchant, was victimized to-day to the extent of \$100 by a forger. The man was captured a few minutes later. The forgery was in the shape of a 30-day note, drawn in favor of James Harding and indorsed by John Malloy and F. H. Busch, wholesale liquor men. Mr. Skelley cashed the note for the man, who represented himself as the James Harding of the note. Harding was held

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## SAVED BY A SHAVE.

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LIEUT-COL. ANDREW HAGGARD, D. S. O.

traveling throughout the winter and spring one year while he was on leave from his regiment, stationed at the other end of

but which was now always more or less clouded with a shade of melancholy, caused by the fact which more and more impressed itself upon him, that his wife, an estimable woman in her way, was totally unsuited to

So although he went about with her, and did his duty by her too, like a gentleman, he drifted by degrees farther and farther away form her in his heart, and sought in the society of other women the solace which he failed to find in his wife. He was not an unprincipled fellow, but he had no sense interposition of Providence in our daily he drifted by degrees farther and farther

Reggie Gascoigne and his wife were traveling throughout the winter and spring one year while he was on leave from his regiment, stationed at the other end of Nowhere.

He was a good-looking fellow, with a face which used once to be sunny and bright, but which was now always more or less skelter down an adjacent waterfall. skelter down an adjacent waterfall.

skelter down an adjacent waterfall.

Well, Reggie and his wife had been staying for some time in the magnificent "Hotel Nothing," situated as everybody knows amid the beautiful scenery in the mountains of Noman's Land, and here he had met the two Miss Vavasours, the elder of whom was t raveling for her health and the younger, Edith, traveling apparently simply to undergo the whims and fancies of her sister, whom perpetual illness had turned into something of a tyrant.

Edith was about 6 and 20, but though thus completely a woman in years, and an

Edith was about 6 and 20, but though thus completely a woman in years, and an intelligent woman too, she had retained all the lissome gracefulness of a young girl of 17. She was in fact one of the most elegant of a young, well-bred English woman it is pessible to meet. She was not a striking beauty in any other sense of the word, although her rather large, but by no means sensual mouth, was perfect in shape, and hen teeth beautiful in whiteness and regularity. But her dark brown almost black vivacious eyes, her allky dark hown halr.

So thought Reggie Gascoigne, and he fell in love with her from the first moment he set eyes upon her.

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went, and by way of taking a little revenge talked throughout the evening to a parson's went, and by way of taking a little revenge talked throughout the evening to a parson's daughter, a very pretty girl, whom he had hardly ever noticed before, except for her good looks, and for the Miss Varasours saying they did not like her. But now, to his surprise, he found that this young lady was, to use a slang term, "as fast as they make them," very jealous, moreover, of the admiration Edith Vavasour, whom she hated, had always attracted, and of her elegant lady-like ways that made her attractive. In fact, now that at last, though late in the day, she had got her own innings with the handsome soldier, she determined to make the most of it. Elsie Brownlow was, as well as being naughty and good looking, a remarkably well-read and amusing girl, so although the whole time that Reggie was listening to her certainly rather startling conversation, he was inwardly making comparisons to the disadvantage of the parson's daaghter, between her and the religious, lady-like and refined girl whom he felt he so madly loved. He managed, however, to pass the evening very agreeably in her seciety.

had, she would not in the inmost recesses of her heart be at all pleased at this particular way he had chosen of carrying out her com

And this was perfectly true. As the And this was perfectly true. As the evening wore on, and as even when she sang most beautifully the two songs she knew she sang best, Reggie did not come over to the piano to praise them, Edith, too, in spite of her ever strong sense of the proprieties, began to feel that this, the last evening, was thoroughly spoiled for her, and to hate that horrid little girl whom she had told Gasosigne already that she thought had told Gascoigne already that she thought bad form, and whom he knew she always avoided when she could, So she went and sat down beside Reggie's

So she went and sat down beside Reggie's frivolous wife, who only made things worse by chaffing her, rather good naturedly, about her husband's evident desertion of her for the parson's daughter, and by adding in a soothing voice, "but -never mind his infidelity, my dear Miss Vavasour, for in all probability he will have forgotten both the Nothing Hotel and all its inhabitants in another week; men are such brutes

woman, and went and sat once more alone with a book that she could not read.

She was thinking of going off moodily to bed, when Lord Dontnohoo's cousin struck up a waltz. In a moment daucing began, and Edith felt partly avenged when the parson's pretty daughter did not get on at all well with Reggie. Now she herself, as her willowy figure betokened, danced divinely, and when a few minutes later Gascolgne, having left his little flirt, was gliding deliciously over the floor with Edith in his arms she felt indeed her triumph was assured completely. But Reggie, too, felt a sweet thrill of exultation when the jealous tones on which she began attacking him for passing the evening "so very agreeably" with Elsie Brownlow, showed to him, for the first time, that he was something more to Edith Vavasour than a mere ordinary friend. During that waltz, after the explanation had taken place, she unbent to him more than she had ever done hitherto, and as Reggie too now felt her warmly returning his hand clasp, he pressed closer to him at lissome,

"So you are off early to-morrow and this is our goodby! But no, we won't say goodby here, but if you will follow me upstairs I will return that album you lent me,

Vavasour was now just commencing to play another waits, first one and then the other left the room. He joined her outside, for she was waiting, and accompanied her upstairs and down the long corridor which led stairs and down the long corridor which led to her room, which, by-the-bye, had in one corner a communicating door with her sister's room, which was the one beyond it, further down the corridor. Edith went into her open room, which was partially lighted by the solitary gas in the long corridor, and Reggie boldly followed her in, while she, in an agitated kind of way, began to look for the book, which she could not find.

"I cannot find it," she said at last, coming close to him, "but we must say goodby now and you must go. I am so sorry." And she held out to her hand. He siezed it, and held out to her his other hand which

"Oh! I'm lost," she cried.
"Not at all," said Reggie, gently closing the door, and, oh imprudence! locking it.
And as the steps died away once more, he enfolded her again in his arms. And then

supervened.

The door handle was suddenly heard to

Edith was trembling so much in her lover's arms that she had apparently quite ost all power of speech.

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He had made the mistake of imagining liking was love, and, years ago, of marrying in haste, between two campaigns, an empty headed little noodle who had not even good looks or money to recommend her. And he, an ambitious man at the outset, a good soldier and an intellectual fellow, became as the years rolled on more and more disgusted as he found his wife ever far more interested in learning that Mrs. A. was related to the Marquis of B. than if his regiment was likely to be again ordered off on active service, or far too much wrapped up in her yellow backed French novels, ever to have time to listen to him, if he wished to discuss rationally the prospects of an approaching European war, or some other omentous question of the day.

vivacious eyes, her silky dark brown halr, and the healthy tint of her skin, all com-bined to make her a more than usually at-tractive looking brunette.

concerns. So at first his lovemaking progressed but slowly. She was, however, ex-ceedingly good natured, and took him out, in consequence, sometimes for walks through the pretty pine woods which pleased him greatly, notwithstanding the fact that she never omitted to reprove him for his wickedness and misbehavior, if when together reposing under the grateful shade of the sweet, scented syringa bushes, he sometimes forgot himself so far as to take hold of her hand and gently press it with a pressure that spoke volumes even in the short time he was able to retain it within his grasp. But the more the lady resisted short time he was able to retain it within his grasp. But the more the lady resisted, the more Reggie became pique au jeu, especially as the resistance, although no doubt genuine, yet was, owing to her manifest liking for him, somewhat of the "getaway-nearer" type in its general features. But the night before he was going away, Reggie felt wild; Edith had told him not to compromise her and said that it was wrong. compromise her, and said that it was wrong of him to pretend to like her, and asked him not to come and sit with her all the evening as he usually did; she had moreover been particularly careful of les convenances all day. This had annoyed him. He therefore

refined girl whom he test he so madly loved. He managed, however, to pass the evening very agreeably in her society. At the same time he had the satisfaction of feeling that although he was obeying Edith in keeping away from her, that yet, if she had a spark

affection for him, and he believed she

both the Nothing Hotel and all its inhabi-tants in another week; men are such brutes you know." And then, as Mrs. Gascoigne began discussing whether the lady who had just taken her seat at the piano was the first or second cousin of Lord Dontnohoo, Edith left her, thinking what a pity it was that Reggle had ever married such a woman, and went and sat once more alone with a book that she could not read.

As the dance ended, there was, he per ceived, an unnusual tenderness swimming over her expressive dark eyes. With an involuntary sigh, she said:

and held out to her hand. He siezed it, and held out to her his other hand which she also took, and the pair remained for a minute thus, clasping each other's hands and gazing into each other's eyes in the half light of the partly closed door. Then suddenly carried away by the witchery of the moment his right are were and her the moment his right are were and the moment his right are were and her the moment his right are were and her the moment his right are were and the moment his right are were and the moment his right are sudienly carried away by the witchery of the moment, his right arm was round her and holding her willowy graceful figure to himself, and although she strove to turn away, with his left hand to her shapely head, Reggie pressed to his own that beautiful mouth that he had so often longed to approach while adoring from afar. And, despite the muttered exclamations of "Oh! how you disappoint me! Oh! I never dreamt you would treat me like this. Oh! I thought you were different." Reggie distinctly felt upon his own lips that she had returned at least one of his kisses.

Presently he released her, and she half sobbing, began to reproach him, while he protested what he really felt, deepest, most passionate love and eternal devotion. He urged her to fly with him and make happy

The door handle was suddenly heard to turn sharply, and as it would not open a querulous voice was heard exclaiming:

"Edith! Edith! when are you coming down again? You know you promised to sing 'Rosabelle' to Lady Kantfinder, and she has been waiting this last half hour. What's the matter with you? Why don't you answer? Come and unlock the door at ones."

ing that lady's own bedroom, and feeling that his dearly-loved Edith had indeed been saved but by a very close shave!

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