

AN ENGAGEMENT.

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SYNOPSIS.

Arnold Hopetown, a clerk on a small salary in the foreign office at London, is engaged to be married to a handsome and rich heiress...

PART III.

At the end of the week he did go, and, of course, called on Mrs. Carstairs and Bella without delay. Bella did not look so attractive as usual...



"Helgeo," Echoed Her Daughter.

Yes, that must be it. Now that the lover of his hopes was drawing near, he was more impatient; the suspense was telling upon his nerves...

"It is most kind of you," said Mrs. Carstairs. "Do sit down. Is it not kind of Miss Drillingham, Bella?"

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Not as pretty as Bella, certainly—not the same style of a girl—but hang it, did it necessarily follow that a girl's love should be more temperate because she had style?

Miss Drillingham was sorry also when she received it, for in the meantime the Canada prospect had assumed definite proportions, and was now offered to her cousin if he chose to take it.

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sweared Kate. "It would make me late, but—" Mrs. Carstairs understood. With a murmured excuse she vanished from the room...

He is awfully fond of you, and very impatient, and if I may take the liberty—recommending you very strongly indeed—to counsel him to accept the present offer while he can."

"It is too impossible," said Miss Carstairs, firmly. "Expatriation, as I have already explained, won't be considered."

She went up to town on the morning after Arnold's ingenious letter had reached her, and took a handsome straight from Custom to the address which she had so often seen him write.

She foresaw that the interview would not be quite so easy as she had pictured it. There was an attempt at dignity in Miss Carstairs's manner—an intention to assert herself, she fancied.

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RAILROAD NOTES.

The following official notice has been posted by President William E. Guy, of the St. Louis and Eastern Railway Company...

To connect lines and agents: The St. Louis and Eastern Railway Company has acquired by purchase the railroad property known as the North and South railroad...

Wall Street Review. New York, Jan. 7.—Speculation at the Stock Exchange was nervous and irritable today. Business was on a smaller scale, however, the transactions amounting to 2,210 shares...

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