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Society's Verdict

TALBOT came blundering into my room with the news just as I was sitting down to dinner. The old boy was clearly out of his mind with excitement, and wouldn't stop for a drink, or what was worse, let me have one, but dragged me downstairs and bundled me into a cab.

Talbot had inquired of the guard. That intelligent functionary remembered the young lady quite well, but had not seen her get out. "Then where the dickens is she?" roared Talbot. The guard looked under the seat and referred him to the station master.

very fond of me when we first married—I admit it—but I'm certain it's all right now." "I suppose there were no money troubles?" I said carelessly. "Nothing more than usual," he said with a faint smile. "As you know, my income is small, but I won't let her drop out of the net she has been used to, because I don't think it would be wise, consequently it's a bit of a pinch to keep afloat."

prove that "Society's Verdict" belongs to the most mischievous class of literature. He concluded by showing that novel reading was only a mild form of suicide. It was the silly season, and the editorial mind appeared to have run amuck, for the following morning a "leader" was published, in which one of the Paragraph's spirited young men wrote seventeen different instances of young people having been led by sensational romances into acts of folly, and warned parents against the so-called "society fiction."

"Who is going to tell him?" asked Talbot. "You tell him," said Lady Dolly; "but, of course, it is in strict confidence. You won't tell anybody, will you?" I pledged my word and begged her to proceed, because I knew she intended to tell the story herself.

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"I suppose there wasn't any little tiff or misunderstanding between you?" I asked suggestively. "Not a bit of it," he said, heartily. "We were never so thoroughly united as we were last Thursday when I saw her off. In fact, old man, I don't mind telling you that it's only during the last month or two that we have begun to understand one another. You haven't any idea what a good little woman Dolly is. On the surface she seems to be a trifle vain—and-frivolous, but at heart she's as true as steel. She wasn't

And what becomes of her?" "She bolts—runs away from it all to escape temptation, and begin life again in an obscure country village." "I suppose Lady Dolly suggested it, more or less?" I asked. "We talked it over together," said Talbot. "I told her that if I wrote a story it would be all about her, as she is the only woman I know anything about."

When this message appeared: "I have been very wicked and extravagant. Am ashamed to tell my debts, Dolly." Here was the money question cropping up again. I asked Talbot what it meant. "Nothing," he said, with a good humored smile. "It appears she owes a milliner's bill. It certainly is rather a warm one, but nothing to worry about. If that's the cause of the trouble I'll set her dear little mind at rest." He wrote out an advertisement for the Standard and looked happier than he had done for weeks, though I felt confident that there was more in it than a milliner's bill.

Caught the Czar.
Peter the Great, says the Columbian was once very neatly caught in a trap by a jester attached to his court. The jester was noted for his cleverness in getting himself and his friends out of difficulties. It happened one day that a cousin of his had incurred the czar's displeasure and was about to be executed. The jester therefore presented himself before his imperial master to beg for a reprieve. On seeing him approach, the czar, divining his errand, cried: "It is no good to come here; I swear I will not grant what you are going to ask." Immediately the jester went down on his knees, saying: "I beseech your imperial highness to put that scamp of a cousin of mine to death." The czar, thus caught in his own trap, could only laugh and pardon the condemned man.

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