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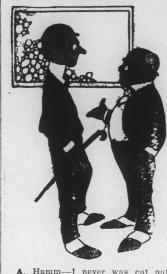
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Ellis (loftily)—I such of girls anyway, Still, I'd rather be a girl than a goose

Alice Very likely you would, ut don't see how you're going to ak change.—Ally Sloper's L...If-Holiday.

Preempted.

Mr. Grooby is confessedly stor but he is kind-hearted, and a g at lover of children.

'Come, here, Mabel," he said to his little niece one day. "Come sit on Uncle Charlie's lap."

"I can't," said Mabel, eyeing him c' ically. "Your stomach's sitting on your lap."—Youth's Companion.

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haven't made any ballon ascensions of late, have they?

Bricks—No. You know the last time they went up they had a falling

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\* In some parts of the West, no time is lost in the process of "giving before the Justice of the Peace when, cording to Lippincott's the follow ing ensued: "Link," he said. (They joined

'Have him?" (To the woman.)

"Yep!"
"Have her?" (to the man.)

'Married! Two dollars."

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Prosecuting Attorney (to witness) -How old are you, madam? Female Prisoner-Call the trial off, judge. I'll plead guilty.

The man who talks about his own motor car when you want to 'Ik about yours.—Punch. The Finding of

the Flames . . . 

By M. M. Wells.

"And this?" Jack Lawrence glanced up quickly, then almost snatching the package from the reach of the white hand, outstretched to grasp it, exclaimed hastily, if not rudely:

What is it, Jack?" a soft voice

Only two pictures, only a summer's dream now ten years agone; its very distance lends it its only enchantment."

Ruth Howell and Jack Lawrence, though less than kin were more than kind. Tried comrades in youth, "co-eds" during their college days, in later years with an understanding patience, which few possessed and no other exercised, it had been Ruth's pleasure to aid and encourage the eccentric genius, who loved and esteemed her as his best friend.

Knowing of his struggle with a re-leptless foe, the fiercest, hardest, in life to subdue, an inherited taste for that which steals away men's brains and makes them mad, she had watched the never ending fight from day to day, never reproaching him when he succumbed to temptation, ever spurring him to renewed effort, helping over many a dangerous shoal where none save herself suspected danger.

Important business had kept her down town rather late this afternoon and wishing Lawrence's advice she had stopped at his office. One glance at her friend as she entered his sanctum told her that her business must wait. He was busily engaged sorting papers at his private desk, and after exchanging greetings, remarked in a would-be jocular tone:

"I was just wishing to see you. I was just wishing to see you. I have long wanted to ask you, should anything happen to me to come here immediately, take away the papers I will show you and destroy them. Here is a duplicate key." "Would it not be wiser for you to

do it yourself, and do it now?"
"I cannot—dare not—I need there for my own protection. Promis what I ask; it is not too much to defor your old chum. I can trust yo

as I can no one else. "I promise, Jack," she said un hesitatingly, and would have dis-missed the matter had he not in-sisted on telling the history of the numerous papers in his hands, vealing quite as much of the trug as of the comedy of his own other lives, until he reached nackage he had so jealously guar "Ouly a summer's dream."

went the woman's thoughts thro the vista of the years, to a quaint college town nestled among the England hills, recalling a cheeked, rollicking maiden the blossom-ladened apple chattering merrily with-heigh That was long ago. She, too, has er dream—but Jack is anot coman's husband and this anot and a very different day and a very different de guickly changed the subject.

"By George! I must leave for Ne York to-night. Just forty minutes t catch the train; help me out; that' a good girl." Ruth's nimble fingers messenger boys and telephone wire soon accomplished the work, and be fore many minutes the two stood ca

The following morning dawned bright and cold. As Ruth ran gayly down the steps of her home and started cityward a protege of hers, a ragged newsboy, accosted her.

'Here's your mornin' paper, miss dredful ax-dent, miss—la the New York Central. last night, side

With the urchin's voice ringing her heart, Ruth hastily scanned columns of the daily as she

'No. Thank God!" Then her eye fell on the last line: "John E. Lawrence, a prominent citizen of Albany, instantly killed."

She stood as if stunned for many minutes, heedless of the curious or sympathetic glances of the passerssympathetic glances of the passers-by. Hafling a passing cab she was driven directly to the office; no one was there save a frightened office boy, who knew her well and who confirmed the sad news. Passing on to the inner room she quickly pos-sessed herself of the papers; then, with a consoling word and tip to the youngster, regained the street, drove rapfdly home and was soon in her rapidly home and was soon in her

own room.

With feverish haste she locked the door, not stopping to remove her wraps, ran straight to the fireplace threw in the package and stood with clasped hands and tearful eyes watching it burn. Suddenly the blue envelope which Jack had refused to open fell upon the fender. As she stooped to replace it and thrust it stooped to replace it and thrust it deeper into the glowing coals, it burst apart. For an instant the con-tents were revealed. Ruth gave a start, bent closer and yet closer till the flames nearly licked her face and scorched her hair, then sank on her knees, and with a glad, almost ner knees, and with a glad, almost triumphant, expression, watched the fire complete its work of de-stroying a tiny water color sketch of a girl under a blossoming apple tree —and—the latest photograph of herself.

### THE EVE OF HER WEDDING.

By Hortense E. Wales.

Helen Workman sat in her own room, her head bent forward on the room, her head bent forward on the writing desk, sobbing bitterly. Near by was a trunk nearly packed, and on the bed carefully spread out a beautiful dress of filmy white and bridal veil. To-morrow was to be her wedding day. The rehearsal over, she had, with excuses of weariness, escaped from the merry company of bridesmaids and ushers, and was at last alone. not show you that; it is nothing to

"Take the paper with you," her sister had said gayly, kissing her good-night. "Read the description

of your approaching nuptials."

She still held the paper automotically, though she had not looked at cally, though she had not looked at the paragraph concerning the wed-ding. Some headlines, unnoticed by her sister, had caught her eye and it seemed as if she should always see them. "Brother of Supposed Forger Confesses His Guilt on Deathbed. Richard McLellan in Town. Inno-cence Proyed".

cence Proved."

"Oh, why did I ever believe him guilty?" she cried aloud. It was all so clear now. How vividly she remembered when he had bravely to it. her the charge against him of forg-ing his uncle's signature. "I could not deny it," he said, as he released her from her engagement. Then, de spite his manly dignity, her love for him, and her previous confidence i his absolute honesty of character she, like those who knew him only by sight or not at all, had at one judged him guilty.

'He thought I would have faith in ...' she wept. That had happened nearly two years ago. The matter was somehow settled. Richard had quietly left the city, and Helen, angry, mortified a the publicity which their well-know engagement had given her, had de

termined to efface him from her mind as completely as he had effaced himself from her life. Never in all the weary days since then had she realized as she did to-night hov thoroughly she had failed. After Richard's departure she had

entered with more zest than ever into the social life of her set and engaged in various kinds of church and settlement work, trying to keep from her mind the one subject that really interested her-Richard Mc Lellan. "How bravely she bears it." her friends had remarked. "Hos shallow, how faithless I was," sh

now sobbed in agony.

She raised her head and the wed ding dress caught her eye, forcing upon her anew the irrevocableness of the situation. It was too late to drev back. To-morrow by this time sh would be the wife of Gerald Law rence, the wealthy clubman. Sh shuddered, at the thought, wonder

ing how she could have consented. Her humiliation was unbearable The big roof with its cosey fire in th grate seemed stifling. Hastily sl ping on a long cloak she glided do the back stairs and out of door.

From within she could hear th sound of voices and laughter as th wedding party still discussed fine arrangements.

The house faced a park where st had often walked and where she an Dichard had wandayed that here.

Richard had wandered that k-night. She hastened across the stre-and through the broad entrance Here alone under the light of t stars in the cool air of the Septe ber night she might arrive at co clusions. Absorbed in memories sh had sunk upon the bench before sh saw the figure of a man emerging from the shadow by her side. If would have passed on, but her evi-dent distress made him pause urcertainly. The light shone

his face.
"Richard!" she exclaimed faint! "Helen, can this be you?" he ask dropping into the seat by her

With hysterical sobbing she fell into his arms. "Oh, can you ever fo give me for having so little faith i

the columns of the daily as she walked along until she found the unconscious even of the horsem. ance upon his stronger nature. Hel related all that had happened, told of her coming marriage which he had already heard. her fate was inevitable she was convined, since any escape would bring unhappiness to others ard encouraged her, praising t kind, generous nature of Lawrence whom he had formerly known in

business way.

It was only when they finally ro
to go that he betrayed his own fe "May I not have one kiss. He en, to carry with me through the years—just for the sake of what we

She lifted her face to his and asped her arms about his neck. He clasped her arms about his neck. Held her tenderly in a long embrace while each read the love in the other's eyes. "Good-by," he murmured, kissing her again and again.

When Helen re-entered her room she found at the door a note written on a page torn from a memorandum. It began abruptly as follows:

"Having been an unintentional lis-tener to your conversation in the park, I release you from your engagement. Have telegraphed father that I am called South b death of a near relative. I will cancel arrangements for the wedding by telephone from New York. All happiness to you and the man you

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