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Young and charming Mrs. Curtis | for sustained conversation it might be sat in the extreme corner of the big easier," she said,

monest clod."

double box which was slowly filling "I will," he answered, sharply, turnwith Mrs. Potter's guests and looked ing toward her, "I will tell you the over the great audience with languid story of a great love and its unhappy interest. A great part of the audience end.

returned the inspection with evident relish. It really was a very select boy, thrown into the realities of life box party and the people out in the early because he happened to have body of the house found a delight been born into the hot-house atmoseven greater than watching the play phere of money and society. He In identifying the members of the exclusive set whose names so regularly and even blase, when really he was adorned the society pages of the more ignorant himself than the comnewspapers

Among all the distinguished folk in the box none was so charming an object upon which to gaze as young Mrs. Curtis. The gods had endowed her with great beauty and that subtle charm which may be called personality or a half dozen other things. Her expression was bright as a May morning, albeit inscrutable.

"I wonder if she ever had a care beyond the selection of her gowns," whispered a wan little woman in the balcony to her husband.

"And I wonder how she would look if she had some downright trouble and worry," she added with a sigh at her own fading youth.

The box was now all but filled. One lone seat remained and it bappened to be beside Mrs. Curtls.

"Oh, dear," said Mrs. Potter, a little impatiently, "How dreadful. Here is Mr. Curtis and the only seat left is beside Mrs. Curtis. I did not expect you, sir, and had arranged that seat for Baron Sternhold. Now you appear unexpectedly and I this moment receive a note from the Baron that he is unexpectedly detained. I was sure Mrs. Curtis said you would not be here. Well, of all things-that a man and his wife should be seated vis-avis at a box party."

And there was a ripple of laughter as Mr. Curtis gravely seated himself beside his wife. He was a handsome fellow with his finely poised head so at variance with the almost boyish kind friends all about. effect his curly black hair gave. Unlike his wife, there were lines of care house with the regal manner so char-In his face and touches of gray about acteristic of her. the temples.

"Ed. Curtis looks as though he had been up against some trouble," whishero fell in love with the heroine of pered a ruddy faced old beau back in course. Yes, he truly fell in love. He the box. hardly knew it at the time, for he was

"Or else he's been going the pace a a selfish young animal and little unlittle harder than usual," retorted the derstood what love really meant. Perdy beside him carelessly. "Oh, you

she would be here-and the hunger of his heart drove him to leave the train to come here and see her once nore, if only from a distance. And he is a boy no longer, but a man who has put away boyish things forever." "The heroine," said the woman very softly, "was also very young and had never been taught many things she should have known. She never knew about tact and-and-that sort of thing. She also had a great love which grew with the years, but did not know how to express it."

A great light filled the eyes of the "Don't you think the hero might have another chance-that they might start over again?" he said

eagerly. The smile she turned toward him was not the dazzling one sent to the golden Cupids, but so soft and womanly that the face of the woman was ransformed.

"Look here, you two," cried Mrs Patton, leaning over and tapping each with her fan. "Pay attention to the play. Positively, you haven't heard a word yet. Anybody would think you were lovers instead of a blase married couple of five years' experience.

HAD SEVERAL GOOD EXCUSES

South Dakota Man Really Unable to Invite Traveler to Dinner.

Along about noon as I was riding horseback along a South Dakota highway. I came upon a settler at his gate and, after he had brought my horse a pail of water, he asked.

"Stranger, did you meet a strap ping young man with a set jaw be thought he was mature, experienced tween here and Ellendale?" 'Yes, I believe I did," I replied.

'Wall, that was my son Jim, going to town to marry a widder woman 12 years older than he is. Durn his hide, but he wouldn't listen to me. Did you also meet a gal about twenty years old between here and town?" 'Cross-eyed and her nose turned up?

'Yep. That's my gal, Sal, who's gone to town to sue a feller for breach-of-promise. Dog her cats, but nobody ever asked her to marry him r ever will. "I also" met a woman about fifty

ears old," I said. "Red hair and freekled face?"

"Yes." 'That's my old woman. I told her this morning that if she didn't like my ways she could take the outside of the house, and drat her antics, if she didn't walk off. 1 was going to as ask you to stop to dinner, but as things are as they are-I assured him that I wasn't a bit hungry, and that his excuses were all right, and lent him a chew of tobacco and left him trying to whistle up his

Why He Had a Grievance.

Chronicle.

Half-time had been called, and, as usual, the sides were fraternizing. The goal keeper was talking earnestly to one of the backs. "George," he said, "will you do me

the favor of going into the goal, while I play out in the first ten minutes?" 'Whatever for?" asked the back You're doing very well."

"Yes; that's all right. But I've been looking over the opposition lot, andand-His voice broke for a moment; then

he continued rapidly: "Many years ago their center for ward and I were rivals for the hand of a beautiful maiden, and for what I ave suffered on his should dearly love to come to an un derstanding with him." "Poor old chap!" murmured the back. "You seem to feel it badly. suppose he married her and left you out in the cold-ch?"

### Indigestion

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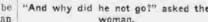
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"Was there a heroine?" she asked,





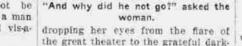
"There always is a girl," he replied.

She raised her head and swept the

"Well, this pathetically unequipped

quietly. "For goodness sake, Mabel,

don't look solemn. Remember our



ness of the carpet.

"Go on," she said

revels

In the meantime as Curtis seated ning the audience were unseeing eyes.

"Inasmuch as we are on dress parade and in full public view," he said, leaning over and whispering in her ear, "it might be best to act it out and display enough decent interest in each other so as not to gratify the Berce longing for scandal which perwades the kind hearts about us." "You are quite right," she replied poldly. "I did not expect you.

Young Mrs. Curtis. ught you started for Mexico to-

"I decided to defer it until to-mor- more. row," he replied. "If it were possible

audience, it might serve to lessen the over the stage. Interest of the dear friends about

golden figure of Cupid over the stage memory opened and the tide of his ony to his face.

haps it was more desire than love. men cannot go scot free from your Anyway he pursued the heroine and won her for his very own.

"And then, you see, trouble began. himself the color partly faded from He was a primitive sort of animal and his wife's face. Her fan trembled just his real civilization only began to be perceptibly and the eyes still scan- foreshadowed when he married the heroine. Up to that time the whole Without looking at him she felt rather scheme of the universe rested on the than saw that his hand resting so cornerstone of what he wanted. After gracefully upon his knee was shaking. a bit it began to percolate his selfish-

ness that there were desires and needs on her part." "Couldn't you manage to laugh or

look bored or something," she interrupted. "Our dear friends are becoming interested.

He did his best, but it was more a grimace than a smile. She flashed of the temperament and had given full upon him that marvelous smile of up everything else for it suddenly I hers.

"Go on," she said, softly.

a dreary story. He demanded everything gave little, and thought less. And all the time he knew that she loved him. And he loved her, too. more blindly and passionately every moment that he dld the very things to kill her love.

"Of course the end was bound to come. There were bickerings and scenes and there was brutal indifference and exasperating slights-heavens, there were scenes between them, disgusting, inexcusable-and it was all his fault. He was forming his character at her expense, and he was killing her love, which all the time he was learning to value the more

"And finally the crash came. The bitter things she said in answer to the bitter things he said rankled in his heart until he no longer could hen and culogized the farmer as the stand it, and he determined to go away and forget. So the hero and the heroine agreed to disagree and the here was to have left for Mexico today-and never trouble the heroine

for you to smile pleasantly-not at the woman, flashing the ghost of her me, you know, but at somebody in the dazzling smile at the golden Cupid shift them, or who will tell me how

"He went to the train and boarded the man replied, regarding her

She flashed a dazzling smile at a steadily, "but the flood gates of his him"--a smile which drew an expression great love swept over him and the knowledge that there was to be this allow me to," he concluded rather

"No, he didn't!" snapped the goal keeper. "He stood aside for me, and I married her!"-Answers.

#### Chance for a Profit.

The artistic temperament often leads toward poverty but it frequently compensates its victim with a saving grace of humor which makes even the poverty a source to fun.

A young woman who was possessed sold a picture for a considerable sum

and made haste to apply the pro-"Oh, well," he said, wearly. "It is ceeds as a first payment on a small cottage she had long desired. The former owner attempted to advise her about the neighbors.

"Now that couple next door," he said, warningly, "they're all rightgood neighbors, friendly, and all that But keep your eyes open. If they see a chance to make a hundred dollars out of you they won't hesitate to do

"Fine! Fine!" cried the young woman. "I'm going over now and see if I can't get them to do it on shares."-Youth's Companion.

A Limit.

At the University Club banquet a night or two ago Secretary Wilson of the Department of Agriculture told about the greatness of the American producer of the nation's wealth, says the Washington correspondent of the New York World. He said he is looking for men to help him in the work of investigation.

"If I can find a man who will dis-"And why did he not go?" asked cover a plant that will bind desert sands together so the winds won'i to plant a hundred thousand acres of trees in a year," he said with fine enthusiasm, "I will pay him-I will pay

"How much?" asked somebody. "As much as the government will "If you could think of some subject box party came to him, and he knew lamely, and everybody groaned.



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