right, 1894, by the Author.1

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WONDER how
many people
have stood on
W at or 1 o o
bridge, looking
down upon the
ever-moving
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weird faselination of its cruel
waters! But one
cannot wonder

self was the object of deception. The self-styled Mr. Maynard had ever some

self-styled Mr. Maynard had ever some sexeuse ready for putting off the marriage until his victim felt herself hopelessly compromised. The servant was his willing tool, and when he got tired of his toys he had no difficulty in getting the servant to help him further in his rascally work. The latter contrived to tell Lucy that all the neighbors already looked down upon her, and that she, being kept by a man to whom she was not married, was con-

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I LAID THE FACTS BEFORE HIM.

But I had several eards up my sleeve, and as I played them, one by one, he realized that if I were to make a public exposure of only one-half the seedy facts I had been able, with the aid of my colleagues, to ral up against him, the world would know him in all his earnal hideousness, and a vast number of people would take their custom elsewhere.

Before I had done with him I convinced him of the expediency of providing liberally for Lucy for at least five years to come, and I declined to be satisfied with less than three hundred per annum for that period. It was a bitter pill for him to swallow, but he saw no other way out of the embroglio into which his scoundrelly nature had brought him, and I carried my point.

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one plunge—one splash—a short
gle—and the stress and angu'sh
are left behind!

of life are left behind!

And the Hereafter, what of it? It is truly an inscrutable puzzle. But the sudden recollection that an account of earthly doings may be required of us in another world has nerved many a desperate victim of misery to further endurance, and cheated Father Thames of much of his prey.

It was different with Lucy Markham. She was so desperate, so despairing, and so wildly reckless, that nothing but the forcibly detaining arms which I flung around her would have prevented her from jumping into the river, and putting an end to a young life that had only seen seventeen summers.

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"Let me go!" she shricked. "How dare you hinder me? Can I not do as I like with myself?"

"No." I panted, as I vainly strove to avoid the blows with which the frantic girl sought to release herself from my grasp. "I will not let you go until you promise that you will not put as end to your life."

"Let me go!" she repeated. "I will do as I like! All the world has forsaken me, and I owe it no duty now. You can't hold me much longer, and you shall see how soon I will end it all."

"Never! If I don't get your promise, I will scream for help, and then you will be locked up until your senses come back to you."

My determination had its effect. She ceased to struggle, and looked solemnly at me with big, lovely eyes, to which the pale light of the moon seemed to give an uncanny glitter.

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"I am a friend of humanity, I hope,"

"Humanity! My God! How much humanity has my short life met with?
And what sort of a specimen of humanity do you suppose me to be?"

"Unfortunate; that is evident. Not naturally depraved, I am sure. The victim of some scoundrel, I imagine. A fitting subject for help and counsel. That is certain."

"Help and counsel! Oh, how I have prayed for them! and nov it is too late."

But I saw that I had conquered. The fierceness of the girl's frenzy had passed, and the crisis in her fate was over. Poor child! how my heart bled for her! I t is sad to witness despair at any time. But saddest of all is it to recognize the instainte ghoul on the face of those to whom life should just be opening wide its portals of joy.

"Perhaps I can afford you help and counsel," I said, soothingly. "People would never find themselves utterly forsaken, if they only knew to whom to apply in their need. Tell me about yourself. It will relieve you. What is your name, and where do you live?"

"My name," was the bitter answer, "has been disgraced, and I will not add to my folly by involving my family in my disgrace. As for my home, it is tru y a magnificent one. The air, the sky, the water and the roaring noises of civilization are all mine to enjoy ad libitum. Why, I am quite rien!"

As the stranger made the last remark, she lost her self restraint, and



sobbed with hysterical violence. I felt very much relieved at this outburst, for I knew that though it would probably leave the girl faint and exhausted, it would also leave her in a more gentle and pliable frame of mind.

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My judgment proved correct, and I was presently fully confided in. It was the old story of blind trust and deliberate betrayal, and is soon told. Lucy Markham had been well educated and delicately reared, but was without relatives or near friends at the time I found her. Her mother had diedighteen months before this. The penury consequent upon the previous death of the father had been partly met by disposing of the furniture and other effects, and when Lucy was left unprotected, she was also quite without means.

But she mean to be compared.

But she meant to be very industrious and attentive to her duties and quite expected to earn her living easily in London. So she migrated from the quiet little Surrey village where she had seen so much sorrow to seek and to find employment in one of the greatest hives of wickedness the world has ever known, to wit—London.

When her employer began to pay her little attentions she felt flattered. When he requested her to observe the strictest secreey regarding his stealthily-bestowed attention she believed his representation that her fellow employes would be spitefully jealous if they suspected which way the wind was blowing. When he took her to a pretty house she never doubted his assertion that marriage would follow immediately upon her transference thither, and it was with a feeling of rapturous pride that she obeyed his injunctions to the letter and allowed herself to be introduced to the servant as "Mrs. Maynard," "just for the look of the thing," as Mr. Collinson said.

Asked what the servant would think of her being called "Mrs. Collinson soon, the specious schemer replied that the servant really knew all particulars, and that it was the neighbors for whose benefit the little temporary deception was intended.

But it soon transpired that Lucy herself wus the object of deception. The self-styled Mr. Maynard had ever some

A Fishing Disaster.

Mr. Jackson—Hello, uncle! I thought
I met you about half an hour a ro going toward the millipond for a day's
fishing.

Uncle—Dat was me, yassir.

Mr. J.—Why are you returning so
com?

Mr. J.—Why are you returning so soon?

Uncle—I done lit up wid a 'zaster, sah. Yo' see I war gwine long mighty car'less wid mer mouf full of wums, an' Sam Osler done come erlong an' gimme a suddint slam on de back an' knock dem wums down mer soppgus. Now I gotter go ter de pottecary man an' see if he kyan gib me sumpin'ner ter abstrap dat bait. I's bleedged ter hab dat bait to do any fishin', san,"—Yonkers Gazette.

Femininities.

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Mrs. Gadders—I have so much trouble keeping a cook. I can't get one that will stay more than a week.

Mrs. Sauers (loftily)—My family is just the same size as yours, and I have no trouble.

Mrs. Gadders—Yes; I've heard that your cook had an easy thing of it. She told my chambermaid that she had hardly anything to do except when company came.—Puck.

No Laughing Affair This. We may smile at ladies smoking. But we'll think it's gone too far When the gentle damaels touch us For a fifty-cent cigar.

-N. Y. Herald.

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Knew How It Was Himself.
Col. Yerger does not think it is right to bestow promiseuous charity. A few days ago a begrar met him, and applied to him for pecuniary assistance. After considerable reflection Col. Yerger responded with a reluctant quarter and an expression of sympathy. "Thank you, colonel," said the tramp; "I reckon you knows how a fellow feels who has no education and has to deadbeat his way through the world."—Alex Sweet, in Texas Siftings.

ings.

Familiar to Americans.

Boy—What does feudal mean?
Teacher—Under the old feudal system one man had authörity over a wnole community, appointing his favorites to rule over the people and levying tribute on all citizens whenever he pleased. Do you understand?
Boy—Yes'm. He was a boss.—Good News.

News.

Was That II?

"What little boy will tell why Lot's wife was turned into a pillar of salt?" asked the Sunday school teacher.

Freddy "Filkins" hand went up, and the good lady nodded to him to give his answer.

"Because she was too fresh."—Truth.

sidered beyond the pale of respectability. Innocent the girl was. But why would believe her protestations to that effect? In the face of her apparent gulit no one would do it.

"It's no use crying over spilt milk," said the servant. "The master will be kind and quenous to you as long as he likes you. But you will have to give up such a notion as marrying so rich a man as-he is. Take my advice, and get all you can out of him white you have the chance. He'll soon fall in love with somebody else."

Lucy's heartbroken threat to expose her betrayor only provoked the derision of the servant.

"You would very likely get locked up for attempted blackmailing," sho said. "He has been too careful for such a greenhorn as you to circumvent him. He has never been here to see ether you or the house except after dark, and nobody would believe you if you said Mr. Maynard was Mr. Collinson. He is supposed to have nearly broken his heart when his wife died and if ever anybody was looked upon by the world as a pattern of virtue, it is the man whom you, a bit of a shopgirl, expected to marry you. You would only get yourself laughed at and despised. So take my advice, and don't be fool enough to fly in the face of foreure yet."

Even after these revelations, the poor child could hardly believe in the Precisely.

Bingo—I tell you dear, I had to work hard last night.

Mrs. Bingo—So I judged by what I saw in your pocket this morning.

Bingo—What do you mean?

Mrs. Bingo—A workman is known by his chips, isn't he?—N. Y. World.

The Cause of It.

He blushed a flery red; her heart went pit-a-pat; she gently hung her head and looked down on the mat. He trembled in his speech; he rose from where he sat, and shouted with a screech: "You're sitting on my hat?"—Pearson's Weekly.



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Even after these revelations, the poor child could hardly believe in the utter baseness of her betrayer. But in her next interview with him she was soon convinced of the fact that he man whom she, in common with the rest of the world, regarded as a pattern of virtue, was, in reality, a monster of deceit and vice.

That night she escaped from her pretty home, and from then until I saved her from self destruction she hal undergone all manner of rebuffs, disappointments and privations, which were enough to drive any other modest girl to the refuge of the wretched.

I found a temporary home for Lucy and promised to put an end to her troubles in some way or other. Nor did I doubt my ability to do this. Lucy believed an appeal or a threat of exposure to be equally vain weapons to use, against Mr. Collinson, but I was more worldly wise and more sure of success. I saw that as yet the girl was not fit to cope with the world, and I determined to make the "Pattern of Virtue" provide for her comfort. In this determination Lucy's own guileless and simple nature aided me. Though tenacious of her honor she dtil not recoil from the lace of compelling Mr. Collinson to pay for his deception, as many a girl of more vigrous mind whose feelings had been outraged would have done.

I confess to feeling more than slightly malicious when I went to interview the great draper and clothier, who soon found that he had a much more experienced woman than simple little Lucy to deal with. His dismay when I quietly laid the whole array of facts before him and proved the strength of my position, was comical to witness. At first he tried to frigither me with his bogic reputation as a pattern of virtue. But I had several cards up my sleeve, and as I played them, one by one, he realized that if I were to make a public exposure of only one-haif, the seedy

Good Advice.
Father—Do you really desire to make my daughter happy?
The Suitor-Certainly!
Father — Then don't marry her.—Hallo

THE ORIENT.

Eveny trade in China has its patron

PERUN, China, is surrounded by a wall fifty feet high and forty feet thick.

CHINA is the most ancient empire in world, and contains o

the worm race.

No Japanese is ever guilty of swearing for the simple reason that oaths are unknown to the Japanese lan-

THE oldest tree on earth is said to be the Boo tree in the sacred city of Amarapoora, Burmah. It was planted in the year 288 B. C.

CHERRAPONGEE, in southwestern Assam, is the wettest place in the world, the average annual rainfall there being six hundred and ten inches

NATURE'S QUEER WAYS.

Mrs. W. C. Whatley, of Roswell, Ga., has a chicken which flutters around with only one wing.

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A GRAY fox on a West Chester (Pa.) farm is on terms of friendship with a lot of young beagle dogs and frequently sleeps in the same pen with them.

A stiden with legs four and one-half inches in length, a back three inches one way and four and one-half inches in length, a back three inches one way and four and one-half the other, and weighing nine ounces, has been reported from Alabama.

A tribe that smokes has been discovered in the Japanese village of Ono. It is sixty feet high, and just after sunset, every evening, smoke issues from the top of the trunk. It is called the volcanic tree.

VALUABLE FINDS.

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A FRENCH priest stationed at Jerusalem has been the fortunate finder of "a talent of the time of King David." It was unearthed in his dooryard.

An old pair of boots was found in an outhouse by William Langsdorf, of Bee county, Tex. He needed them, and while putting one on his foot met with an obstruction. It proved to be a roll of greenbacks, amounting to five hundred dollars.

John Ingnam, of West Chester, Pa., has come into possession of an English spit with clockwork attachment for turning a fowl while roasting before the fire. This relic has lain for over a century in the loft of an old mill in Upper Oxford township.

Savillan Beede, of Salem, Conn., while spearing for eels, caught one which contained a gold chain bracelet that had been dropped overboard last July, by a young lady who was once a resident of Essex. She rewarded him with a twenty-dollar gold piece.

Poles.
Prisoners when arrested in Moroeco are required to pay the officer for his trouble in taking them to jail.
A BUFFALO burglar recently sent a man two theater tickets, and while the latter was attending the performance robbed his house.

Father — Then don't marry her.—

Rallo.

Comforting.
Patient—Well, doctor, how's my lung?
Doctor—Pretty fair—it will last as long as you live.—Hallo.

Patient—Well, doctor, how's my a female friend. She brought him a number of bananas, and some of them contained steel saws, with which he led the prison bars and escaped.

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It is All the Vogue for Springtime Entertainments.

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First of all it is imperative that the menu be as simple and limited as good taste will allow.

Five courses, or six, including coffee, are now considered sufficient for the most elegant and formal luncheon party. A hostess bears in mind that it is supposedly a slight midday meal that she is serving to guests who have breakfasted late and whose dinner in the evening will be more or less elaborate and substantial.

Bouillon, game, an entree, a salad, descent and substantial.

there being six hundred and ten inches.

In Japan a man can live like a gentleman for about two hundred and fifty-dollars a year. This sum will pay the rent of a house, the salaries of two servants and supply plenty of food.

Those who suppose that the people of all China use the same language are badly mistaken. There are as many different dialects spoken in the Flowery kingdom as there are in all Europe.

Tits last census of India was taken with marvelous celerity and thoroughness. One million people were employed as census takers, and the huge sake was done chiefly on one day, the 20th of February, 1891.

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NAME CARDS FOR A DRESDEN LUNCHEON

loosely together with a bow of blue ribbon, which gives the needed touch of that color, unless one is able to get natural forget-me-nots or some other fine blue flowers, like seilns. A few airy and smaller bunches of the same flowers, in little cut-glass stands, are placed about the table.

The candelabra have pink rose shades.

The finger-bowl mats are embroidered to match the Dresden flower centerpiece, and floating in the water of

terpiece, and floating in the water of the bowls are the different flowers; a few rose petals in one, a daisy in an-other and a pansy in another until each

table like dainty little picture frames, which in reality they are, making the most charming souvenirs when taken home and a small photograph substituted for the eard with the name on it.—It would be difficult to conceive a more spring-like picture than this dainty Dresden table, surrounded by pretty girls in light flower-like toilets fluttering with the laces and ribbons of the present modes.—Judith Carrington, in Chengo Record.

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