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And the made a 1 bower With the honoy-suckle and the sweet-

pea flower. (Sing hey! for the blossoms and nweets of lifel)

Joy came as a lark when the years had (Aht hush, hush still, for the dream

is eligit!) And I gazed far up to the melting blue Where the rare song dropped like a golden dew.

(Ah, sweet is the song though the dream be short!) Joy hevers now in a far-off mist,

(The night draws on and the a ir breathes mow!) And I reach, sometimes, with a tremb-

To the red-tipped clou. of the joybird's jand. robbing your wife.' (Alas! for the days of the storm and

the snow D SOPHIA M. A. HENSLEY.

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Lady Geraldine Mauleverer sat in her dressing-room comfortably habited in dressing gown and slippers, glancing fondly now and again at a much money have you?" "Intge morocco case which stood open "I have two hundred

on her dressing-table, and contained a magnificent necklace of diamonds. Lady Geraldine had just regurned from the county ball where her dress had eclipsed that of every other woman and her diamonds had outshone all other constellations of gems and said Lady Geraldine. "I will offer you

she was consequently in an agreeable frame of mind. "Dear old thing," said Lady Geraldine, half aloud. "What should I do without you? And to think how near-

ly I was to having to give up wearing diamonds. What a nuisance it is to be har up, and have debts, and a husband that has gone to the dogs and, disappeared, and does not keep one supplied with pocket money. But I still beat the other women-

thanks to my own ingonuity-and no then he wrote on a sheet of crested one knows but Marie, who has eyes paper. "Received from Captain Arthur like a lynx. Heigho! Lady Geraldine sighed, and settled herself a little more comfortably in her chair. She was not a woman whom one would naturally be enclined to pity, but she had her troubles. Married young to Capt. Mauleverer, of the Blues, she had spent a year of happiness, to be followed by two years of estrangement and mutual recrimination. Capt. Mauleverer proved

a bad bargain; bad in every sense of the word, and when three years after the marriage the discovery of a shady transaction in which he was involved compelled his flight from the country, Lady Geraldine found the liberty thus gained decidedly agreeable. She was elever, if not intellectual, and a general favorite at country houses.

She had inherited an income of some eight hundred a year from an aunt which enabled her to dress with some extravagance, and to keep up a small house near York, which had come to her as bequest. Her most dearly beloved possession was an old family heiricom, a necklane of diamond, reset in the modern style, and worth so much money that her friends had often remonstrated with her on keeping them in the house with no one to defend them but an elderly butler and

a couple of maids. Lady Geraldine, however, laughed all such suggestions to scorn. She was not a nervous woman, and declared herself a match for any burglar.

sties in that case, and Meraschino in some captain that got played for a fool the collaret. by his wife. Ho! ho! what a lard The burglar took the chair offered she must have had on you. I'll tell him, but declined both tobacco and you what them diamonds is worth. They're a good quality of paste, and at liquor, on the ground that he never smoke or drank in business hours. the outside they're worth about twen-

mind me in the least."

a tone that made her visitor wince.

Lady Geraldine laughed bitterly.

don't think I will write you a check.

My bank account is too low. How

"A laudable ambition, certainly,"

another suggestion. Suppose we make

this a regular business transaction.

Rather thin be robbed, I will sell you

the jewels for half of your two hundred

and give you a receipt to the effect that

"Why not?" said Lady Geraldine,

Botany Bay, you will probably find the associations rather interesting."

She stepped to the French window

through which her husband had made

figure disappear in the night; then she

ceived that money in time." She rang the bell, and in a few moments her

"Marie," she said, "I shall want you

"Poor Arthur!" she said, the is still

laughed softly to herself.

maid made her appearance.

pointed.

"No, thank you."

and call it square.

other man."

it was a regular sale,

be as you say."

necklace.

his pocket

ty quid." "Don't you find that mask rather unpleasantly sinffy?" Inquired the lady,

Why Doctors Commit Saicide. 'If you would like to take it off, don't Statistics show that the medical profeasion is more prone to suicide than "And have my description in the pa-per to-morrow?" replied the burglar. any other. During the last three years the number of suicides occuring among physicians in the United Kingdom has "I think that I could give it in my been, respectively, 45, 49 and 47 per annum, an average of nearly one to ense," said the lady. "Listen: 'A tall, fair man, about 40 years of age, scar on right templs, and left syebrow, blue 2,000, or, as the death rate among physicians, is about 25 to 1,000, nearly one-fiftleth of all the deaths in the eyes, rather close together, dark eyeprofession have been by suicide.

"You needn't go on, Geraldine," said It has been suggested that an ex-plantation of this tendency may be the man pulling off the mask, and flinging it on the table. "I see you know me well enough." found in the development of morbid funcies in the mind of a doctor, on ac-"Do you think anyone could live with count of his constant association with you for three years and not know you the sick and dying, or because he has pretty well, Arthur?" asked the lady in the requisite knowledge of how to dle

pnintessly and conventently. knew you had gone to the devil, but I A medical journal dessents from al did not think you had come down to "If you do not want to lose your jewes," said Captain Mauleverer, "write me a check for four thousand,

Suicide is largely a matter of insan impulse. Imagine a man fatigued in body and depressed in spirits-as a "This is a delightful reunion of two doctor often is-swayed by an over-whelming conviction of the utter wearidissevered souls that ought to beat as one. I am afraid, Arthur, you do most of the 'beating,' don't you? No, I ness of life to the impulse of suicide If he had but to put on his hat and walk to the chemist's and tax his ingenuity for a lie with which to explain his desire for polson, he might post-pone the fatal act from mere inertia, or "I have two hundred pounds, and upon my honor-well, upon the Bible may meet a friend or have his interes -I have no more. With what I can in life aroused by one of a multitude or get on your jewels, I shall have enough everyday occurances, or physical exerto leave the country and become ancise may bring him to his senses.

If, however, an is the case with almost any doctor, he has simply to feal in his pockets, or walk across his room to get a deadly poison, the impulse may be carried into execution before anything can happen to supplant it in the brain.

Lockwood's Client.

"You take it coolly, my girl," said Captain Mauleverer, "I always said you When the eminent English advocate, Sir Frank Lockwood, was a young were a well plucked one. Well, let it man, he was retained to defend a ruffian accused of a desperate crime. There seemed little hope of saving the He took out a pocketbook and countprisoner, and Lockwood said to him ed out ten ten-pound notes on the table; "Take my advice and plead guilty and save the old man trouble. It's your only chance of getting a light ren-Mauleverer the sum of one hundred pounds, as the price of a diamond tence." The prisoner looked him up and down, and leaning over the bar of "Sign it," he said, handing it to his the dock, said: "You fuzzle-headed wife, and at the same time picking up the jewel-case and dropping it into beggar, what do you suppose I pay you for? For me to do your work that you can't do? Go back to your sent and Lady Geraldine appended her signa-ture, and carefully counted the money. do what you're paid for!" Lockwood went back and got the man acquitted. "Don't blame me if you are sorry for your bargain, Arthur," she said lightly. Captain Mauleverer laughed. "Well, Spoke for Twenty-Six Hours.

The longest speech on record was made by Mr. de Cosmos in the legisgood-bye," he said. "It has been a queer meeting, hasn't it? I am off for lature of British Columbia when a measure was pending to confiscate the Amsterdam to sell the stones, and then lands of settlers. He was in a hopefor Australia. Will you shake hands before I go?" less minority, and the enemy expect ed to rush the bill through at the end of the session. It was 10 in the mornlightly. Always shake hands over a good bargain. Good-bye, and if you ing; at noon the next day, if no action were taken, the act of confiscation would fail. De Cosmos arose, spoke happen to be in the neighborhood of for twenty-six hours continuously, and then with baked lips, bloodshot eyes, and almost dead with fatigue, he won the victory that nearly cost him his his entrance and exit, and watched his life.

The Country Postmaster.

A new postoffice was established in very good looking. Helgho, I am a small village away out West, and afraid the poor fellow will be disap- a native of the soil was appointed What luck it was that I repostmaster. After a while complaints were made that no mail was sent out from the new office, and an inspector was sent to inquire into the matter. He called upon the postmaster, and statto go up to town by the early train. Ing the cause of his visit, asked why

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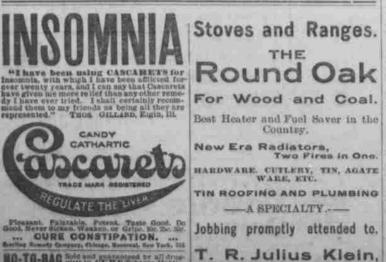
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While Lady Geraidine sat comfortably reviewing her triumphs of the evening, she heard on the soft carpet behind her a light footfall, and supposed it was her maid. "You had better put them away in

the safe, Marie," she said. "You are very kind," said a masculine volce, in low tones. "That is exactly what I propose to do. I have a safe that will hold them admirably." With a slight shrick the lady turned and saw, standing close behind her, the figure of a tall man, dressed entirely in black, and wearing asilk mask which concealed the upper part of his

free. In his right hand he held a sliver mounted platol, the muzzle of which was directed towards her heart. "Let me advise you not to make any

outery," said the stranger, whose gently modulated voice contrasted oddly with his threatening attitude. "I should be sorry to make any fuss but I really cannot afford to have the house aroused."

Lady Geraldine could certainly not be called a nervous woman, and after the first shock of surprise, she rallied her faculties amazingly, and smiled, while the color returned to her checks. "This is rather an unceremonious visit isn't it?" she said, "Gentlemen -for I gather from your voice that you are gentlemen, and gentlemen do not a a rule invade ladies' rooms with re volvers, and wearing masks-may I ask what you want?"

"I want your diamonds, nothing else, believe me." replied the intruder. "My diamonds?" cried the Indy.

"surely you would not be so cruel as to rob me of my chief charms?" "Pardon me," said the visitor, "only

time can do that." Lady Geraldine laughed. "For an avowed burglar," she said, "you are immensely polite. Do not find it pays in your profession? I suppose it is useful to wheedle servant girls, but you see I am not a servant, and am proof against flattery. A diamond neckiace for a compliment is rather too high a

"I do not exactly see," said the burg-ler, quite unruffled, "how you are going to avoid it. Johnson is away, and there are only two women besides yourself in the house. I think you had better make the exchange with a good grace, though I can realize that you do not

enjoy your position. Lady Geraldine looked keenly at the man for a few moments, and then, with her foot, pushed a chair towards him.

"You are rather interesting," she aid. "Sit down for a few minutes, muid. and let us talk. You will find cigar-

tell him I want mail had been sent out. on's, and a facsimile of my necklace as soon as master pointed to a big and nearly he can make it. He has the stones to empty mail bag hanging up in a corner and said: "Well, I ain't sent it out copy, and can repeat the setting as 'cause the bag ain't nowhere nigh full closely as possible. Now put me to hed for I have had rather an exciting even- yet." ing.

in a small room in the top of a low London lodging-housesatanill-favored man gnawing his nails, and glancing now and again at the door with an air of impatience. Presently a tread the sounded on the crazy stair, and Captain Mauleverer entered the room with a jaunty air, and threw himself into a "Well," said the other, in a surly tone, "did you work it."

"Like a charm," replied the Captain, and saved my conscience."

"D- your conscience!" was the reply, where's the stones.'

"In my pocket," said the captain, "and a little receipt for the money paid to ribem." He took out the case and the receipt, and laid them on the table. "What's this," said the surly man,

"one fundred pounds? Do you mean to say you bought them?"

"What if I did?" replied the other "Isn't it worth a hundred to get four or five thousand, and no risk of guod? Besides, it was my own cash." The surly man grunted, and picked up the case, which he opened, while Manleverer watched him in evident

expectation of some complimentary remark. "Well, Fancy." he said, having to gather anything from his friend's countenance, "are you not going to congratulate me on my management The jadgment of Solomon was of the affair?"

Fancy laid down the case, and placing his hands on his knees, took a long stare at Mauleverer.

"How long have you and me been pardners?" he maked. "Five months or thereabouts," said the captain, airily, "why do you ask?"

"Because," said the other, deliberately, "you and me can't be pardners no longer. It won't pay Fancy Wills making a fool of himself is to try to to be any more pardners with a d-

The captain started to his feet with self unworthy of his sweetheart's love an oath.

"How much do you reckon them dia-monds is worth?" Fancy asked, with an ugly grin

"About four thousand, after deducting expenses, I should reckon," re-"What are plied the captain, flercely. you grinning at, you old villian?" "I'm a grinnin' at you," replied

Fancy, showing every yellow tooth in his head. "I'm arinnin' at the hand-

Size of the British Empire. At the present moment the British empire is fifty-three times the size of France, fifty-two times that of Germany, three and a half times that of United States of America, thrice the size of Europe, with treble the population of all the Russias. It extends over 11,000,000 square miles, occuples one-fifth of the globe containing one-fifth of the human race, or 250,000,000 people, embraces four continents, 10,000 islands, 500 promonotories and 2,000 rivers.

An American physician in China writes that he has been specially impressed by the vitality of the natives. Of a hundred cases treated in a dispensary, some of them very serious, not one proved fatal.

Pointed Paragraphs.

Much of the experience a man gets omes too late to benefit him. To the victors belongs the privilege of fighting over the spolls. Down in front-a young man's first attempt at mustache culture. No person enjoys drinking in a conversation of the extra dry brand. When the acts are long drawn out it's quite a distance between drinks. Some clubs cause scolding wives and

The Judgment of Solomon was great, but he never tried to umpire a basebal game

Many a boy who runs away to join a circus is only too glad to walk back home again. The gas meter's claim to the cham-

plon Har' medal is disputed by the bl- No cycle cyclometer. The first thing a man does after

explain how it happened. Before marriage a man declares him-

"What do you mean?" he and after marriage he spends about two-thirds of his time in proving it.

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