colossal chariot.

"Our Cerberus." said I, nodding to-

ward where the bemedalled keeper

drowsed at guard, "shares your opin-

ion. Now I-I find it rather frivolous."

"Yes, indeed," said I. "Carter and

Hope and Sir Benedict French wanted

me to join them at the bridge. I said

I was going to study at the British Mu-

seum. They advised me to see a doc-

you were going," thrust Miss Nancy.

"I thought you didn't know where

"My forgetfulness," I parried apolo-

"And to study," she murmured

"It was quite true," said I. "The

"I had the blues," said I. "So I took

the doctor with me. Safest, you know."

"If you come up those steps," I

would come to see if they knew of it.

"Oh! well, I'll come-as I'm not "all

"Yet," said I, under my breath, fin-

ishing the sentence. But I think she

heard me, for she ran up the stairs

makes a woman young-and young wo-

men younger. I followed more slowly

as befitted my years, and I saw that

"Aphrodite isn't quite the same,"

"Impossible," she cried, "love never

perfect blindness of the eyes invited

abandonment to passion and servi-

tude." And I sighed, not too regretful-

without wishing to fly," said I.

I presented the parasol.

"touching that Babylonian bun."

"really the buns are rather stodgy."

"Goodby," said she, "I hope I haven't lost anything"-her eyes showing she

thought of Mrs. Moray-Fox and her

"What is lost," said I, "is worth

keeping-sometimes," thinking of some-

She was gone in a summer of smiles.

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I bowed.

said I. "There's a change. She has

Cerberus had opened one eye.

grown older."

grows old."

ian bun?" she whispered wistfully.

At least all the world would."

the world's' wife," she said.

"Frivolous!" she cried.

study of man is-woman." "Did you see the doctor?"

Nancy Power.

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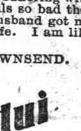
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A WOMAN'S WAY

"I won't have it," Mrs. Moray-Fox was saying, "I won't have it. He's a

detrimental. Think of your papa." "It was just of Poppa I was thinking," Miss Nancy Power replied in a tone that would be a godsend on a July day in the sun. "Poppa stands the racket for my amusement, Mrs. Fox. And if I choose to go walks with Mr.

Damer, I go walks with Mr. Damer." "But think of your reputation, dear." in the sweet voice women use to gild the nauseous pill.

And in a sweeter voice came the retort courteous: "The reputation that can be lost isn't worth the keeping." And, with ever such a suspicion of a flush, and ever such a contemptuous cock of the nose, Miss Powell had joined me in the hall, where I was busy studying the simple truths of Brad-

"Have I kept you waiting?" said she. "Just long enough," said I, "to let me discover how good waiting can be." I was thinking of what I had heard. As we came down the steps a few

drops of rain began to patter on the pavement. "I don't know where we are going," said I, "but unless you wish your wings drabbled, I should suggest the respectable refuge of a growler."

"Oh, no," she cried, "a hansom! a hansom!" "Hansoms are wicked," said I.

"Think of your reputation." "You heard?" and she flashed me a glance of inquisition.

"I may be old," said I-"You're not," said she, holding up her parasol to signal a natty hansom driv-

"But I'm not deaf," said I, placing my arm so that her skirt should not touch the wheel.

- We leaned back with a smirk of laughter playing summer lightning about us. The cabby coughed uproariously, and

lifted the little trap with a good deal "To the British Museum," said I. "Right, sir!" and he whipped up.

"Why there?" said she. "Only fogies go there." "Oh," said I, "the Assyrian rooms are

rather quiet, and they give you tea brewed in the time of Thothmes III and real Babylonian buns. I assure you it's very lively." "Splendid!" she cried. "That's one of the charms of London-you can get

anything you want." "By the bye," said I, "have you seen | more beautiful"-

Sir Timothy lately?" "Sir Timothy!" and she arranged Miss Nancy Power. "You are too imsome lace affair at her throat with in- | aginative."

finite care. "Let me see. Oh, yes! that baronet man. Well, he called twice the day before yesterday, three times yesterday and twice again to-day. I saw | looking at the watch that winked on him on each occasion." My face fell.

"But he did not see me," she added reflectively. "Oh! Mr. Damer, he has the most disreputable bald spot, and I give you back"he has no stability of mind. At each denial he puffed away to his chambers in Clarges-st., and-will you believe it? -changed his necktie. A thing that Miss Nancy looking rather serious. I can't make up its mind about its necktie-well, it oughtn't to be at large. I

told Mrs. Moray-Fox so." "And what did that Delphic oracle reply?"

"She said that the poor man is superstitious. If things don't turn out rightly he blames his necktie and changes it, just as some people turn their chairs at whist. He carries his belief | ly, and she flushed. "Besides. said I, so far as to have three or four ties stowed away in odd pockets to be changed as opportunity offers."

The hansom pulled up with a jerk. I think I made one man happy that day. He had a very discriminating mind. He avoided all crowded thoroughfares, and after the first smack refused to touch his whip. A most excel-

lent and tender-hearted creature. "You leave your parasol here," said I. "They give you a metal receipt for it," with a number. It is customary to string it about your neck. That's to identify you should you get lost among the other goddesses, or succumb to the fascinations of Babylonian buns. With

this you cannot be lost." "What can be lost isn't worth keeping," said she in reminiscent tones. "It all depends how the thing was lost,' said I, remembering the episode. edy is given as soon as the child be-

of the fan. "Now, for instance" -- beginning an exordium. "Oh! what a horror!" she cried, pointing to an ugly black mask, grin-

ning with unutterable malignity. "Do not blaspheme," said I. "That is the Egyptian presentment of love.

Things are not what they seem." "It reminded me of Sir Timothy," said

"In that case," said I, "you are right. And now-on closer examination-I find this is the god of deceit-a particularly objectionable and obnoxious dei-

"Ah!" said she, "that is better." "In fact." I went on, "if you stand at this angle you will see that a part of

the god's habiliment simulates the modern necktie."

"You promised me Babylonian buns," she cried vivaciously.

"Presently, presently," I temporized. "You have not seen any of the wonderful Greek things. Down this stair is a quite comfortable seat, whence you may view Lycian tombs, and other cheerful trifles." · "Poppa would rave over that," said

she. "He never misses a funeral. He often laments the decay of the wake." "He is a true Irishman," said I. "The Hibernian soul still revels in a wake. The O'Shaughnessy-we have the same club-tells me that when his tribesmen grow mopish they kill a few tourists, and have a good time. The O'Shaughnessy's lands are situated advantageously near the great tourist track. Since this became known immi-

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