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look much like an eagle as he mumbled sadly, "Oh, Mistress Wallace, if-

if ye jist kent mu feelin's, ma inmos

"Are ye no' weel?" she exclaimed.
The grocer gave her a look that
would have melted a flint. "Pheesical-

"Of coorse, of coorse," said Mr. Ogil-vy, recovering himself, "emery paper." And he moistened his pencil.

"Weel, I maun gang. Guid day to

re, Maister Ogilvy. Mind, it's three eggs ye're to send." She left the shop

and turned in the direction of Hazel

For a minute Mr. Ogilvy watched her

in the window. Then he turned away,

with a groan, knocking over a large

pot of gooseherry jam. Surveying the mess at his feet, he sighed:

"Samuel Ogilvy, ye're jist an eediot!

Ye've nae mair sense nor that puir

When, about half past 2, the bell

impatiently: "If it's that Miss Perk

again, I've a good mind not to let her

busy. If I only knew it were she, I'd

let her ring. I'll wait a minute any-

She waited till the bell rang a third

But the ringer was not the pers

smiling and holding out his hand.

"Yes, but won't you shake

esome Miss Perk.

spring in your garden."

the year round, eb?"

"I can see that."

Jess dusted her hand on her white

apron and gave it to him, though not willingly. In spite of a kindness recent-

ly received from this man, she wished

her visitor had, after all, been the

"You have a pretty place here," he

bserved, eying her averted face in an

amused fashion. "One can believe in

"Yes," she returned, feeling that she

was looking foolish; "the snowdrops

"What about the roses?" he said

softly, with a glance at her face. "And

the lilles?" he added, his eyes falling to

"Oh, we don't have them for awhile

"I thought you would have them all

"We don't have any forced flowers,

But his meaning was fortunately lost

on her, and presently he smacked his gloved hands together, stamped his

affected shiver, said: "Yes, Mrs. Houston, the garden is a

pretty place, but at this senson of the year it's a cold place for talking in. Aren't you afraid of getting a chill

standing at the door?"

Jess shook her head. She felt awk-

ward and wished he would go away.

"You are not very hospitable," he said, with a light laugh. "Don't you

think you might invite me inside for a few minutes? I came from Glasgow

today specially to see you—to have a

little chat on business, you know."

"I beg your pardon," said Jess nervously. "Will you come into the parior,

"Will you walk into my parlor?" e quoted, with an air of originality

ittle parlor that ever you did spy,"
he continued on entering the room,
"Will you sit down, Mr. Dobbie?"
she asked gravely, placing a chair near

"Don't look so serious, Mrs. Houston," he said, stretching his bands and
feet toward the grate. "We needn't
talk business unless you like."

"But you're come from Glasgow,"
she began and halted lamely.

"Won't you sit down yourself, Mrs.
Houston?" he inquired politely, rising.

"No-no, thank you."

because you have not come from Kin-

iochan to see me."
"I—I didn't know you wanted to see
me, Mr. Dobbie. I thought the the

onsiness was settled for three m

he followed her. "'Tis the

ointed shoes on the step and, with an

and crocuses are doing very well."

yet," she answered him simply.

ble," she said shyly.

whose advent Mrs. Houston dreaded.

in. She's always coming when I'm

from behind a pile of wooden cheese

the eagle. Ha, ba!"

"Emery paper?"

Jaur o' jam!"

see I'm busy."

"Aye, emery paper, man."

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an' awfu' crash on the flure. I was be added, with an effort which brought thenkfu' there was nae customers in the perspiration to his brow. the shop. An' when I cam' to ma "Eh?" she demanded. senses I discovered three nutmegs o' the vera best quality that the wee deevil had pitten unner the legs o' ma stool, which account fur the accident, as it were, So, ye see!—

"It—it was jist a sma' complime as it were," he stammered.
"Humph! Compliment! We'll hearin' next that ye're takin' lessons dancin' an' deportment. 'Deed, Mais

"An' ye can send hauf a pun' o' yer best ham," interrupted Mrs. Wallace. "Hauf a pun' o' the best ham," repeated Mr. Ogilvy. "But what wey," he suddenly asked, "did ye no' return the 'Complexion Cream,' Mistress Wal-

"Weel, to tell ye the truth, I tried it on ma mahogany chiffoneer, an' the result wis first rate, only the cream



wis ower dear fur frequent applica-tion, as it said on the labbel. Ha'e ye got doon the ham?" "The ham is duly registered, Mis

tress Wallace, but I'm vexed about fresh eggs—list three, mind ye."

"Three best fresh eggs," echoed Mr. Ogilvy after remoistening the point of

his pencil. "Ye sent fower the last time," said "Did I?" said the grocer, somewhat

"Aye, did ye, an' I didna want fow-"It's jist three in the book, Mistress

Wallace." "Weel, the shinner ye mak' it fower the better fur yer profits."

"Are-are ye shair it was fower ye "As shair 's daith. Man, dae ye think I wud cheat masel' oot the price e' an egg at yin an' ten the dizzen? she demanded severely, while Mr. Oglivy perspired with his mental agony. I doot the laddle ye've got noo is nae better nor the yin we wis speakin' aboot, an' he hasna hauf the fun in

Maister Ogilvy, in a maist unexcitin "Aw, the laddle's honest, I can tell ye aye, he's honest."
"Weel, he's no' ready to quit the schule if he canna tell three frae fower. An egg's an egg."

him. He's jist wastin' yer substance,

"Ye never said a truer word, Mistress Wallace, but"-"An' I'll tak' a pun' o' bakin' sody." "A pun' o' bakin' sody," he repeated aloud, but to himself he grouned: "Oh, mel Can I no' send her an extra egg noo an' then wi'oot her detectin' It?" Mrs. Wallace picked up her umbrella

and prepared to depart. "Wull that be a' the day?" the gro cer asked in a tone which suggested re-"That's the lot, an' see an' tie up th three eggs yersel' an' no' trust to yer laddie till he's better up in the count

"I'll attend to that," returned Mr. Ogilvy, checking a sigh. "Are ye fur Mistress Houston's noo?" he inquired, adding: "There was a strange young man in the shop jist afore ye cam' in spierin' the road to Hazel Cottage. had it on ma tongue to tell ye, but"-

"A young man? Whit like a youn "Ay, a weel dressed, genteel lukin' young man. He cam aff the twa o'clock boat. He was that polite I thocht at first he micht be in the jam an' jelly line or maybe traivelin' fur yfn o' that new patent infants' foods, ye ken. That infants' foods is jist"— "Nae doot, but whit wis he

at Hazel Cottage?" "I cudna say, Mistress Wallace, im he was wantin', was awa' workin' i Maister Colman's new boathoose an' rudna likely be at hame, an' if he bad ny business wi' Davie he cud leave a age at the shop wi' auld Angus."

He jist said he was greatly obleeged an' gaed awa'."

"I wunner whit he wis wantin',"
ninttered Mrs. Wallace. "There wis a
young man cam' all the twa o'clock
boat yin day last week an' spiert at the
pier-the road to Hazel Cottage, but he business was settled for three months. It's only five weeks since you were since you were so kind to me."

He smiled in a way that many of his town lady friends considered unite fascinating. "I've been hoping you would eall, as you promised—well, perhaps it was not a definite promise—to let me know how affairs were progressing.

virgaed there." That was queer," said Mr. Ogily). "It cadns ha'e been the same young man, fur he wudns ha'e needlt to spler twice." But dootless some of the merchants in the city 'll ha'e been hearing about the big jobs that Davie's gettin', an' they'll be wantin' to share in his prosperity, as it"—

You gave me so much of your conf-dence during one call that I think I was almost justified in expecting an other. Can't you understand how deep-ly I was disappointed, Mrs. Houston? prosperity, as it."—
"That'll be it. The wudd merchant
an' fibers 'll be wantin' to dae busines
wi' him. I maun say that mairriag
has been the makin' o' Davie Housian
though I wudna tell Jese that." ly I was disappointed, Mrs. Houston?"
"Perhaps I should have let you know how things were going on," said Jess somewhat coldly, "but they were going

on well, and I knew I could manage haven't been in Glasgow since the day you were so kind to me about the

"But you will be coming soon. You nust find it rather dull here in the lead season."

"But it must be appallingly quiet." "It is quiet." "I think you said you were brought up in the city, Mrs. Houston."

"And don't you weary for a little

"Do you mean to tell me that you are

"Would you not prefer to have less work and worry, Mrs. Houston?"

Her curt answers amused rather the factory existence by coming to see me, say, this day week."

"Oh, I can't, Mr. Dobbie!"

"This day week," he repeated gently.
"You owe me something, don't you?"
"The money will be paid on the day
you said," she replied, feeling at a loss.
"Is that all you think of me?"
"I—I cannot thank you any more
than I've done," she said, praying that

he might depart.
"Do you know that I came to see you

last week?" he asked suddenly. "It was you? I heard that some one had asked the way to the cottage, but I didn't think"-"I found the cottage, but I noticed

your husband was busy in his garden, which is more to his credit than to that of his bank account, I'm afraid, so I passed the gate reluctantly. don't suppose you would have welomed me in the presence of your hus-Jess paled slightly, but held her

"Mr. Houston has no idea of our tle secret?" he continued. "You are quite certain he suspects nothing? It's just as well, for he might take it badly if he knew."

"There's nothing wrong!" she gasped "Oh, no," he answered lightly, "nothing seriously wrong. Still, you know, a as you told me, you are very anxious to manage Mr. Houston's affairs without his knowing what is going on. It's a pretty idea, but apt to lead to trouble. A women can take too much upon herself. Even an incapable man has his dignity."

time, and then, without removing the flour from her arms, she went to the ment she felt that she had taken too door, saying to berself, "She'll surely "Well, I'll put it plainly, Mrs. Hor ton," he said, rising slowly and turnin his back to the fire. "Suppose some on told Mr. Houston that his wife knew On the dooratep stood a man of per-haps thirty-two, fashionably dressed, gloved and with a hothouse flower hi

The flush on her face deepened, and Would he like it? Would he appreciate for a moment she hesitated. "Mr. Dobher self sacrifice?"

Speaking her husband's name emed to strengthen her. She looked him straight in the face.

He hesitated, but only for an instant. Nobody knows but myself, and nobody else need know," he said deliber-Jess felt herself turning cold. Her



say that?" she asked in a while He smiled. "Did it frighte

"No-no, thank you."

"How shy she is!" he said to him office and persuade me to make it up."

self, resuming his sent, then sloud, "I he said harshly. "Won't you?" he said

"How dare you?" she exclaimed.
Still smiling, he took a step forward.
"Don't move!" she cried, gripping the back of the chair with both hands.
"Don't be alarmed, my dear girl. I shan't move. I wouldn't spoil the picture you make on any account. But I want to talk to you. Why are you allege? I Let's be triends. Sh?"

on't you?" he repented, this time in

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