

"Goin' to Chicago for a visit, be thee?"

"No, Mrs. Whitford," Grey replied,

you have done for me.' giance tell on the haggard face of "her guest, her heart melted, and she added asked honest Mrs. Whitford at breakwith much feeling: "I know all Jack's fast. "Hast thee volks down i' those secrets. Bear your trouble bravely. parts?" We are your friends and what Jack wants you to do, is for the best. Trust "I have no business: my father and him as you would a brother."

"Easy, easy, old lady, you're too fast; you'll spoll it all. Women in busihave never known other relatives." ness and hens in a garden-always, the same trouble."

"You savage man, I leave you; but to your arm." remember, if you fail to bring Mr. Grey to our way of thinking, I shall believe that all your boasted tact is only strong enough to impose upon an unprotected female, who hasn't the courage to rewas a lad in the royal marines, I-"

"Ah!" the prospector mused, casting a proud, loving glance at the retreating figure of his wife. "Did you ever see such a woman? Nature made her, and broke the mold." "Have you seen Wixon, Edgerly and

the others?" Grey asked, too anxious to bandy compliments. presently." "Seen them! I've been running about

all day, like a candidate, who wants to save his country by taking office." "Well?"

"Well, the whole concern beiled down to facts means that Wixon holds two bowers and the joker, an' you are euchred."

"But his charge is so utterly, wildly absurd. Surely the child's age might have protected her-" "Hold hard, Grey. You forget she's

a bouncing slip of a girl sixteen years "What!" the schoolmaster's eyes flashed fire. "Have you a shadow of

emotion.

But this was not to be.



"Ha, ha, ha," 'Wilders roared. "So

the truth?"

don't you forght it."

he hill homeward.

the office, do you think?"

ruptly.

they did."

kind of thick?"

"I do not know," she stammered; "per-

haps I was foolish. Oh, take me home."

"See here, parson," Wilders said.

much mystified, "I'm goin' to take this

young lady back to her parents. The

road's free; you can go first or last; but,

understand that two's company an'

three's none. If you desire to go sky-

larkin' into a law court you'll not have

to run across lots to find me, an' if you

The baffled Dodd, muttering speedy

vengeance, slunk away towards the

"You never promised to run in double

harness with that cuss?" he asked, ab-

"No!" she answered, emphatically.

"An' your parents-did they give him

"Did they encourage him, do you

mean? Oh, Mr. Wilders, I am afraid

"Great Scott!" The information

seemed to reduce the honest prospector

to a state of speechless indignation.

"Say, Elsie, you an' Mr. Grey were

"Yes." So low the answer that even

Presently, however, he ventured:

endure the perpetual presence of one she instinctively detested, and who 've hooked you at last, you sneaking, hypocritical, 'tarnal old wolf in sheep' added to her abhorrence by constant lothing." unpleasant allusions to her absent "I'll have the law of you. I'll charge on with assault and battery, and-"

friend To add to her dilemma, the man "Eurglary, infanticide, manslaughter emed to have bewitched her fosterand arson. Whoop her up, old boy arents-Mrs. Whitford by a sanctibut," he added, sternly, "if you don't monious appeal to her easily wrought right here give a better explanation of religious emotions-the corporal by a your conduct I'll pound the life out of dazzling display of a knowledge of eleyou sure as my name's Jack Wilders." mentary geology, with a special bear-"I was simply offering my heart and ing on minerals, which, to his untuhand to the maiden, with her parents' tored mind, revealed a depth of learning full consent. I have been guilty of bordering on the supernatural. When nothing more dreadful than snatching the cunning rogue told Whitford it was a kiss from a promised bride, Mr. Grey. gold he was after, and gold he would "Why, dod-gast your all-fired impusurely find, and how he would share dence, your heart! your hand! to a his fortune in embryo with his host, the slip of a girl of seventeen at most! corporal's heart glowed with hope, Eisie," he said, turning to the trembling and he was quite aware that he was young woman, "does this fellow speak

entertaining an angel, who would be a special providence to him in his daily ncreasing difficulties. Day by day the clouds gathered over the young girl's life; at last the storm mother died when I was a lad, and I burst "Elsie, lass," said Mrs. Whitford late

one evening, "Oi hate to send thee out "P'raps," interrupted the corporal, at this toime o' noight, but thy feyocularly, "we shall see you tripping back with a trim little wife hanging on ther's tired, an' I ha' need o' things from the toon. Gan thee must, Oi be "No, Mr. Whitford; I never yet spoke afeared."

"I will accompany the maiden," Dodd he word of love to living woman," suggested, with a ready smile. Grey declared in slow, impressive tones. Elsie started at the proposition. "No "Lord, but I pity your bad taste," grinned the corporal. "Why, when I sir. I prefer to go alone.' "Whoy, Elsie!" There was a world of

"Howd thy tongue, mon," Mrs. Whitreproachful surprise in Mrs. Whitford's city, and the prospector led Elsie up ford interjected. "Dunna thee see "Hoot-toot, lass," broke in the corhow thy foolish claver reddens Elsie's poral, hotly, "the parson's good enough cheeks." Then turning to the girl, she ompany for the likes of you; get on added: "Gan thee hast finished thy coat an' start this minute." meal, my dear, get thee to thy room an'

fettle it oop a bit. Oi 'ull be wi' ve He spoke as though he meant to be obeyed, and the girl with a sigh made her preparations. Grey seized on Elsie's absence as a As the ill-assorted couple wended good opportunity to finish packing, for he was haunted with a painful dread their way along the lonely path that led to the city, Dodd talked fluently, reof arousing her suspicions of his permanent departure, feeling sure that a ceiving, however, from the panting lips of his companion but brief responses. long farewell would be so hard for the In fact she heard but half he said, but dear child-aye, and for him, too;

suddenly she was shocked into strict atwhereas if his plans did not fail he tention would slip away under the pretense of "My dear child," he said, suddenly, going to Chicago on a vacation, and be "the Lord hath appointed the blessed off .without any painful betrayal of state of matrimony.

Elsie felt constrained to say some The last book was packed, the last thing, so curtly replied: "I suppose belonging put away, the last long,

"And St. Paul says that it is not meet lingering look out of the window at the that man should live alone." lake, now a big plain of snow, fringed "Does he?" very wearily.

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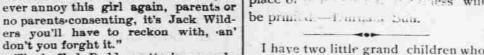
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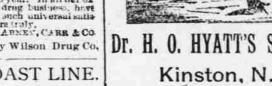
We Have Been One,

Jack's acute ear could hardly catch it. One of our exchanges says a news-"Don't think I want to pry into sepaper should give a party candidate rets; but if it had been him trying to the same support he receives from snatch a kiss on yonder ledge, the lady wouldn't have opened her breathin' pipes so 'tarnal loud-now, would she,

gist.

A man who does not contribute a







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the first shrill scream of a steam whistle roused the miners from their sleep and TT. called them to another day's duties when they were but half rested from yesterday's.

"Stay a minute," Wilders said, as his guest rose to leave. "Millie wants me to give you this." He handed the young man a bulky,

sealed envelope, which he took from a table-drawer.

"Just a woman's whim - nothing worth mentioning-but she said you were to keep it in your pocket, an' not open it till you were a day's journey from Oretown."

Grey's face was shadowed as he stood fingering the little parcel. "Guess it's some of those furze-flow-

ers," the prospector added unblush-ingly. "Females is marful tenderarted, an' chock full o' nonsensekind of forget-me-nots I guess-but take of them for the little woman's sake." "I will," Grey replied in tearful tonesWHITFORD CONFRONTED HIM.

had no difficulty in recognizing as Dodd, the Hopkinsite.

This was the beginning of very bad times for the poor girl: for, in place of the pleasant companionship of the cultured young schoolmaster, she had to

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