(Concluded from first page-) "YES OR NO."

taught her the lesson without try ing. But though so kind, and polite, and considerable, he was nothwas making himself agreeable to a mere acquaintance. Margaret could after that." not help enjoying the drivd in a measure, though not as she bad haps the last she would take with him saddened her. At first Mr. Raymond had asked her to ride and drive often, but being usually either refused or else finding that Margaret preferred being left alone, had ceased to do so, and to-day was the first time for more than two months that he had done such a thing. Then, again, her face tinged as she thought, "I wonder it I can ever have courage to ask him to go with me?" And the sudden resolve that would brought the light back to ber eyes, and she laughed and chatted as she had not done since the marriage, nor for some time before it. And when they returned home she said, as Raymond helped her out:

"I do feel better; it has been such a pleasant drive."

"I am glad that you enjoyed it and that it has done you good. possible. I think the horse is per- if there the slightest hope. fectly safe, and I have not the slightest fear about your driving bim. "Remember," he added, "this is entirely your own, and that I want you to enjoy it in your own

Thank you; you are very kind, responded Margaret, "but I don't think it is much fun driving alone.

"Why not ask Miss Loring to go with you often ? or any of your friends. I only mention her be cause I know you are fond of her. He saw her in the bouse, and then

"I will be back in a few moments I want to get a package from the drug store that I left there this morning," bowed pleasantly and left her. I could not stand it, he thought, as he went down the steps, her kindness is worse than her indifference. I suppose she thinks she must be bright, but I can see what an effort it is, and I cannot bear it. Oh my darling, if I only did not care so much it would be easier, easier to bear. And Margaret going to her room threw herself on the couch and sobbed as she thought of the love she had thrown away, and now he cared nothing for her, for if he had he would certainly have seen this afternoon that she did care for him, and would have store for a package. She heard his voice on the pavement talking to some one, and hastily rising commenced to bathe her face, but it was no use, the tears would just stream down, and she had to give up at hast and let them have their way. Sue darkened the room, and ringing the bell told a servant to ask Mr. Raymond to please excuse her, Mrs. John Raymond-" as she had a bad headache and and would not be down to dinner-"You can bring me a cut of tea," she said to the maid in her "Won't you have anything, ma'am ?" "but

would not be repressed. It was a long and weary night to will be able to be there." John, too, he did not go to his "I hope so, too; but, Madge dear, fering," and thus poor John re- cheek. proaching himself. And in the In the evening Margaret told ber tasteful to ber; and Margaret, with at Madison street." a weary sigh, thought how little be "Yes; I had an errand up town, a glad happy look in his eyes, did not feel equal to a drive, but How did the horse do?" was wondering whether she ought Carrie Loring walked in.

"Why in the world are you not ble and pretty one." out today? I was suce you would

"Was that the reason you came?" eaid Margaret, with a little laugh-"Not exactly, for my errand could be accomplished about as well without|seeing you as if I did. I brought said rather shyly. a note to leave in case you were out; "I remember having the same dif But must confess that I greatly ficulty with my first horse."

prefer having the pleasure of seeing your beaming countenance; but, by the by, it is not so beaming this morning.

"No, I had a wretched headache ing more, and conversed as if he nearly all night, and one does not usually look particularly brilliant

"I suppose not, I am happy to say I seldom have one, and so know hoped, for the fear that it was per- little about it from experience. I came this morning to ask you and Mr. Raymond to dinner to-morrow evening. Sister and her husband will be here, and we want two or three friends to meet them."

"That means that you are going o bave a big dinner party.'

"No it doesn't; do you suppose ve would invite you the day before o a big dinner party?"

"Yes, I don't think you would mind; how many do you expect, and who? But come take a drive with me, and tell me all about it. Mr. Raymond," and her face colored, as always did now when she menioned his name, or spoke of him in ny way, "gave me a beautiful litle horse yesterday."

"Dear bless me what won't be do next ? I do think you have the best husband in the world, when you die I hope there will be a chance for me would advise you to go every day, if I think I will wait a while and see

> I won't give you the opportunity, so you had better not wait. But come up stairs with me while I get ready for our drive." And ringing. the bell she ordered the buggy and the new horse, "my horse," to be brought to the door. It was a glorious day, and the fresh atr and right sunshine, and gay chatter of er companion brightened Margaet considerably, and brought the color to her face, so when her husand passed them as he went rapdly up town on a business errand, and saw her bright face and heard the merry laugh as she responded to her friend's nonsense, he sighed to think how happy she was away om him; but was glad he had been he means of giving her this pleas-

"There goes Mr. Raymond." "Where I did not see him,"

"He just turned the corner of Madison street. He did not conv descend to look at me-was so busy ooking at yon.'

Margaret's eyes sparkled as she said: "Of course be was-wby shouldn't he?"

"Do you know, Madge, I was worried when you married. I thought you did not really care for told her so, instead of going to the and how well you bid it. 'It,' my him. Just think what a fool I was; dear, means my tender affection "

"Nonsense, Carrie; be quiet or, what is almost as difficult for you, sensible. Tell me about the dinner party-I don't know yet who is to be there's

"It is not a dinner party, in the first place; you are only invited to her dine. Well, there will be Mr. and

"I don't know yet; Mr. Raymond may not be able to come," interrupted Margaret, "and, in that case, we will be counted out."

"Make him come; but if you do not disturb me, for I hope to get really cannot, let me know early in asleep, just put it down, and close the morning. Then there is Hatthe door when you go out." And the Levering and Gus, Miss Travers as the servant left the room she and Dick Hunter, sister and her again buried her face in the pillow, Eusband, and Mr. and Mrs. Grantand gave way to the sobs which do you cell that a dinner party?"

"Certainly I do, and I hope we

wife's room "as," he thought bitter- I will have to ask you to take me 13, "sue will not want to see me," home, for I have an engagement in and be, too, passed a miserable a quarter of an bour," said Carrie, night pacing the library floor the looking at her watch. "I had no greater part of it. It was too much lidea it was so late-the morning for her, " he murmured, "I ought has just danced away. Tell Mr. not to have asked her, the effort Raymond I admired his horse very to appear bright and happy has much, and, indeed, his taste in evgiven her this terrible headache, and ety way," she said, with a merry now. now for my selfishness she is suf- laugh and a peck at Margaret's

userning, when they met at the tab'e, he hardly dared asked her how had had and of the invitation for she was, for fear of showing the the next day-"I did not see you, teeling which he thought so diss but Carrie said that you passed us

cared-and so things were worse, if and was glad to see you out. You picked her up in his big strong possible, than before. Margaret appeared to be enjoying the drive, aims, carried her to the library,

"Splendidly; can you suggest a to take one when the bell rang and name for him? I have been thinktug, or at least trying to, of a suita-

With what result ?"

"A blank; I can think of nothing that pleases me."

"Did you ask Miss Carrie to nelp "No : I thought you would," she

"What did you finally name him !

or did some one do it for you?" "No, I named him at last, but

not very satisfactory. I called him Margaret laughed, as she said : "What a name-but I beleive I

rather like it, so will christen mine Imp tomorrow," Mr. Raymond looked up quickly,

but turned away again, as he said: "I did not mean to suggest that name for yours. I think you could find a great many prettier; indeed,

that is not pretty at all." "No, but it will do; it has the advantage of being short, and I like

"Mr. Raymond," said the servant. opening the door, "Mr. St. Clair is in the library." "Very well." Then, as the man

closed the door, he turned to his "I will not see you again, Margaret. Mr. St. Clair has come on business which will take us all ev.

ening, so good night," Margaret did not raise ber eyes, she was afraid to, as they were swimming in tears, and only said, "Good-night."

She want to ber room, in a few moments, vexed that the evening which had begun so pleasantly, should have been interrupted.

As Mr. Raymond had said that he would be pleased to go to Mr. Loring's to dinner, Margaret wrote a note to Carrie to that effect, which she sent early the next morning They had a pleasant 'evening, for eople always enjoy Mrs. Loring's nouse, whether it was a dinner, a ea, a party, or merely a call, but f course they did not have any conversation together, and Margaet was looking forward to the walk ome, but the Grants, who lived ust around the corner from them went home at the same time, and she, somehow, got with Mr. Grant. and Mr. Raymond with Mrs. Grant, so poor Margaret was disappointed.

Several days passed; she tried to be bright and chatty, but John was low the unresponsive one, and a voman cannot make love to a man even if he is her husband), though, according to Bellamy, she will in he future. So Magaret, after one or two little efforts, which John did not understand subsided. At last one morning, after an almost sleep a less night, Margar et determined that she would end it one way or the other. She would either know hat John had ceased to love her. or he show that-she loved him. She could stand it no longer. She went down to breakfast with this determination, but with not the slightest idea how she was going to carry it out. It was a glorious morning; she had not been very well, it was in truth that she was unhappy, and had not been out for some days. So when John said :

"Are you going out this beautiful dap?" A sudden thought seized

They were watting for breakfast to be brought in, which was rather late this morning, and Margaret had sauntered out into the hall. and was pretending to brush some imaginary dust from the bannisters, which Peter had cleaned most beautifully. She looked up with a brilliant color flaming ner cheeks.

"I think," he continued, "Imp would enjoy it, too."

"Will you go with me?" She was so frightened when she had said it that the color quickly vanished and left her pale and trembling.

He turned suddenly. "I? what do you mean, Marga-

His tone was stern, not tender, and poor Margaret felt as if she would die. "I thought perhaps you would

go with me," she faltered. I-I -do not like going alone. "Can you not get Miss Loring!" Tone and manner were as usual

"I do not want her." said Margaret; and the miserable tears would come, though she tried so hard not to let them; for she used to say that she hated those women who cried on all occasions. But poor child, she was so weak and miserable that she could bear up no longer; so she sat right and put her tenderly on the sofa. Then drawing a chair close to it. sat down, and, taking her hand,

"What is it, Margaret ?" "Oh, John!" she said.

was all; but it was enough. He knew all; and folded her in his arms, he kissed her lovingly, tenterly, passionately. She just clung to him, and as the breakfast-gong sounded, said with an April smile :

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