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gard to Lyster. .

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She sprang to her feet.

He raised his brows.

BEGIN HERE TODAY

PETER LYSTER has lost his memory from shell-shock on the Western Front. Upon return to London from France he fails to rccognize

NAN MARRABY, the girl to whom he became engaged before leaving for France. Nan has returned to her home, but is still in touch with her friend

JOAN ENDICOTT, whose husband is spending a few days in London on leave. Nan meets

JOHN ARNOTT, a fellow officer with Peter, who informs her that he is spending a few days at the home of his widowed sister and that Peter is with him. Nan is jealous of Arnott's sister and annoyed by the attentions of

HARLEY SEFTON, a money lerder who has been visiting her father. Selton has now come to visit Nan. He tells her that although he and Peter were great friends, Peter failed to r cognize him when they met on the road nearby. Nan turns from his advances, until he becomes aroused and indicates that her father is his debtor and that Peter also owes him a great sum of money. Nan becomes enraged and cries "It's a lie, a lie."

NOW GO ON WITH THE STORY Sefton laughed sneeringly.

"You're a plucky champion," he said. "The more so as the man you are defending is nothing to you." He watched her closely as he spoke, and it gave him a sort of satisfaction to see the color die from her face, to see the proud poise of her head faiter.

'There are some people whom one defends instinct vely from such a man as you," she retorted. "I wonder you are not ashamed to stand there and tell such abominable lies. Mr. Lyster is nothing to me any more, but-

Sefton laughed.

"Or is it that you are nothing to him?" he asked insolently.

Nan's eyes blazed. "Oh, if I were a man I'd thrash you within an inch of your life!" she said pass'onately. "To dare to come here and offer me your friendship and then insult me like this!"

She walked past him to the door. Sefton watched her.

"What are you going to do?" he you." asked.

"I am going to fetch my father and convince you that he is. Before you bed her heart. house," she answered. Sefton laughed.

he won't oblige you."

There was a note of certainty in money than he can repay at pres- Piter! What was has doing now?

s voice that arrested Ran's door on the second seco back, tapping the 'heel of his boot meant,

ask your advice about-am I to let ham go? It rests with you." He had moved closer to her again now; his head was craned forward in TODAY____ a peculiarly eager fashion. Nan fell back from him.

"I don't know what you mean." she said breathlessly. through no fault of his own. There He laughed unpleasantly. is no disgrace in getting into diffi- "I think you do, However, perhaps culties, as you would know, if you it is rather early days yet for me to

and seen the rain brought about by explain, seeing that this is only the this accursed war, as I have. Your third time we have met." father has been-unfortunate! I am He took up his hat and the ridingtelling you no more than the truth, whin from the table. Miss Marraby, when I say that I have saved him from absolute ruin. "I wish you good-day," he said. The gate creaked protestingly as

He is a weak man-but I suppose he shut, it and then all was silence. you know that. I advanced him mo- Nan stood where he had left her, ney which would tide him over a hor hands grasping the chair-back. temporary embarrassment-that is She felt as if the afternoon had been

Nan looked up then- her eyes were a bad dream. No wonder the boys had not liked Sefton; no wonder her own instinct "At a hundred per cent?" she had werned her against him.

"That is beside the point," he an-owered. "One has to pay for assist-"I con't believe at!" she said aloud. anse powed ys. . . . But with re- "A man like that would say enything. I don't believe it!" "I refuse to discuss him with you away the tea-things. She carried She began mechanically to clear -I refuse to allow his name to be them out to the little maid, who was

mentioned. You pretended to be a straining her eyes by the twilight to read a noveletee; then she opened the side door and went out into the "If Lyster has played the game he must have told you what I was," It was not dark yet. A breath of

he said. "Lyster is a very average cool air stirred the trees and fanned man, though I don't expect I can Nans hot face. The words Sefton had spoken to

her burned her heart. No man had ever dared speak so to her before. "And I've never been afraid of anyone in all my life," she told her-self, trembing. "What has happened to me?"

She had even been alraid to go to her father and tell him what had occurred; why was this? Deep down in he" heart she knew; knew that though she had called Sefton a har and refused to believe what he had seid, comething had told her that he thad spoken the t ut .

Nan had never been on affectionate terms with her father. She know that, no matter how

dceply involved he might be, he would never make a confidante of her.

And now the monacing figure of Harley Sefton had stepped in. What had he meant when he said that it rested with her whether or

not he asked Peter to repay the money he had borrowed? Nen had not the faintest ideahe walked up and down in the das-

ky garden racking her brains for a solution.

"Am I to let him go? It rest with What had he meant by hinting that Peter was shamming ?---she remembered her own doubts and fear stab-

ask him to turn you out of the knew him he went the pace very . She reached the gate, and for a much as the average man with no moment leaned over it, looking down ties to steady him does go the pace. the read to the v llage beyond, where "Do, by all means: but I'm afraid I'm not quarreling with him for that a few lights twinkled faintly through -but he owes me money-more the darkness.

his voice that arrested Nan's attan- ent, anyway. And the question is- Jeplousy of Arrott's sister rose again



Unconsciously Nan figured the

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Mr. Elliott Thinks Vacation is Time to Steal and Smoke. Discusses Eight Months School.

(By J. C. Elliott for The Star.) We note in The Star, under the had not studied much history. Had he never blew for a grade crossing but caption "Dover, Falls and Newton, been able to answer that question he that deep down in his heart there Urge Eight Months School System." would have known less about automo- was not a feeling of apprehension-This question is popular with teach- biles and more people would still be a feeling that perhaps some fool auers school board, etc., interested in a walking. They say country children tomobile driver would take a chance lrage school fund. Education begins should have the same schooling as in -would try to beat the flying locoat the dawn of life and extends far the towns and cotton mills where chil- motive over the grade crossing, and nto mature age. It covers all that chil- dren are not allowed to work until that grim tragedy would stalk into dren should know for their well-being they are 14 years old the few hours the little drama. period afterwards. They then begin to school age. If I was operating a cot- men behind the throttle of the lococompare cause and effect, and can ask ton mill, with congregated idle chil- motives, that much was made plain. questions that the best scholars can dren I would favor a 12 months The feeling that verhaps at the next not answer. Their education should not school of ten hours a day six days a crossing would come that staggering stop any day in any year. Text books week and not give them four months accident which almost all engineers at school are to enable them to carry vacation to smoke eigarettes and plan dread almost worse than death itself, on their education and gain knowl- to rob stores. Children not put to work the slaughter of innocent persens edge useful to them. In school age under 14 years will never learn to through lack of vigilance on the part they should work and play, and study love it and will contrive to live with- of the driver. school books every day. Reading, out it. But the slogan is high schools The majority of drivers are bewriting, arithmetic, grammar and and the tall brick buildings are going coming more careful. That was the

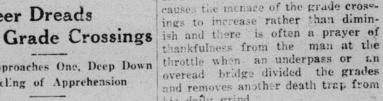
to see the errors, mistakes and super- work. stitions of their ancestors, so they scholars. Mr. Dover, one or Cleveland county's most successful business

men only attended school eight months had he gone four years through high school and four years through college, he might have been a teacher,

teaching boys how to keep clean hands Asheville,-How does it feel to sit and beating the world out of a lazy in a cab of a locomotive and watch it And that's the story of the An-

fogger lawyer or a seedy politi- tomobile at a grade crossing? cian or a statesman without a regular That question has been asked a from graves in mid-Atlantic as job. But the man that can make a great many times and different engi- Michael Matthews, of the furnace good mouse-trap is more useful than neers, giving their own personal re- room, told it to me.

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but he is a great maker of modern that comes when tons of angry steel

history. When he was contesting a go hurtling stubbornly along, in

senatorial election he had been spite of brakes and screeching rails,

fun exposing his ignorance. He could One engineer, here recently, sighed

not tell the cause of the war of 1812 deeply when the subject was brought

-with England. Answering that he to his attention, and stated that he

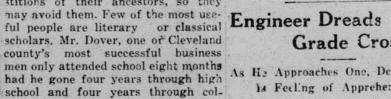
cheated out of-the lawyers had much to crash into some car.

geography, lay the foundation for any up on borrowed money at any cost. observation of one engineer who had subject they may ever care to study. And children are loaded down with spent many years with his gaze History may be read at leisure, enough books that lead away from useful g'u d to the shining rails ahead of his flying engine. But the vast increase in the number of drivers causes the menace of the grade crossings to increase rather than dimin-

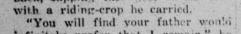
thankfulness from the man at the throttle when an underpass or an overead bridge divided the grades and removes another death trap from his daily grind.

living or he might have been a petta- go charging down upon a helpless an-

As He Approaches One, Deep Down 1s Feeling of Apprehension



in all the affairs of life. A child under they are given in school is all the The nerve strain, made more infavorable conditions learns more in time they are out of mischief. While tense by the increase in motor traffic the first 7 years of life than the like country children are put to work at on the roads, is felt keenly by the



infinitely prefer that I remain," he memory-so he says . . ." said coolly.

Nan's blue eves search his face; she caught her breath.

"I suppose you w'll be telling me the other case, of which I told ; ou her cold. as well?" she sa'd scornfully.

truth," he answered.

ed a hand above her head and shut money. This is what I wished to the door.

"Look here, Miss Marraby," he said more gently, "I'm not out to quarrel with you-I admite you more than any woman I've met in all my life. and-"

"Thank you," said Nan fur ourly. "Your admiration is an honor which I can do without."

He smiled.

He smiled. "Verv well, let it go at that. You don't like me for some reason, but I acsure you that I can be a very ed friend to you and your family. good friend to you and-your family, if you will allow me. My business I suprose, you despise-most women do. I believe-but I'm what you might call an unfortunate necessity If your father was not borrowing money from me he would be borrowing it from somebody else, and 1 daresay I am treating him better than a good many people might in the same circumstances. With regard to Lyster-"

"I don't wish to listen to you-I believe you're lying-I don't believe my father ever borrowed a penny from you in his life, or from anybody

She faced him proudly, but her heart was beating with unformed fear.

Sefton shrugged his shoulders. "Very well-go and ask him-I

will come with you, if you like." He stood aside from the door. orened it, and looked at her. "Well? Shall we go and ask him?"

"No," said Nan.

Her courage seemed to have deserted her, though she did not show it, she was afraid of this man; it med to her that there was some underlying motive in all he was saying-that he was just leading up to a point which had been forming in his mind ever since their meeting in the train.

Sefton shut the door again and walked over to the fireplace.

"Will you listen to me for a moment?" he said, presently. He did not wait for her to speak, he went

"Many a man gets into difficulties"

Sefton went on: love her. . . "Lyster is suffering from loss of "He is. How dare you suggest any. ring which she wore at her neck; she thing clae ?"

had always felt that she got courage "Very well, then, he is. But with from touching it, but tonight it left

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his stooping position. and crossing has lost his momory, he has prob- "Nan-Nan. . ." One of the boys the room to where she stort stritch- ably forgotten that he owes me called from the house behind her. (To Be Continued)

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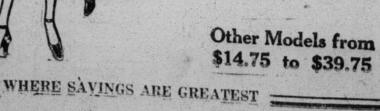
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