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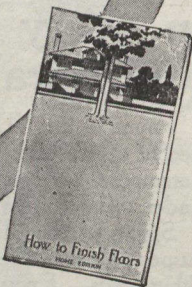
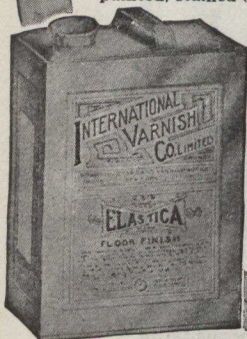
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on the animal's huge head. "In any case, as far as I've been able to gather from Boy, the dog handled them pretty savagely, but they both got away. And Kitty—"

"Oh, how they ran, when Boz let go!" interrupted little John, his cheeks flushed with excitement.

"And Kitty," continued the Doctor, "seems to have disappeared altogether. Too frightened to show herself, Mrs. Barnes suggests."

I dropped on my knees and flung my arms around the dog's neck, and kissed his silken ears—and burst out crying, which was the last thing in the world that a nurse is expected to do, under any circumstances. The dog endured it patiently enough, and the Doctor took my hand and helped me up.

"There, there, child," said he soothingly, "you'll feel better now."

He gave me his own handkerchief, which was nice and big and cool, and didn't smell very much of iodoform. And choking back my sobs I hurried in to look after the little Simpson woman.

Lord Lockington

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show of spirit, and for a moment she paused. But then, recovering herself, and drawing herself up with an air of intense surprise at the girl's assurance, she said:

"It is not usual, however, to find young girls braving the opinion of the ladies of the household they enter as you are doing."

This was a challenge, as Edna knew. However, she was not prepared to take it up, and there was another silence. Then Lady Lockington said, sharply:

"It is known to me, Miss Bellamy, that, when you were supposed to be playing and singing to Lord Lockington in the old wing, you were really bestowing your kind attentions on Mr. Tom Kage at the Home Farm."

Edna did not look up, but she became very pale. She could not deny the accusation, without an explanation which she could not give. She could only listen silently, and without raising her eyes.

"Do you deny it?" went on Lady Lockington, sharply.

"I have said all that I can say," said Edna, quietly, aware that she could not help appearing impertinent, but unable to think of any way of getting out of the difficulty she was in without breaking her promise to keep Lord Lockington's whereabouts a secret.

The Viscountess rose in a very whirlwind of indignation. Edna, who knew that it was the dressmaker, Miss Woods, who, having been at the Home Farm this morning when she was there, must have brought the news of her appearance there, thought that she was to be confronted with this woman.

But Lady Lockington rang the bell without speaking, and when her maid answered the summons, told her curtly to send the butler to her. Then she waited, standing by the fireplace in an attitude expressive of intense irritation and annoyance, until Revesby made his appearance.

"Tell me," said she, at once, turning upon the man a look so penetrating that Edna wondered that he could retain his usual woodenness of visage under it, "where Miss Bellamy was this morning when you went into the old wing to let her out, as I believe you usually do."

"Miss Bellamy was in the outer room on the ground floor, my Lady."

Lady Lockington moved impatiently. "I see. You are in league together to deceive me. I may tell you both that it is useless. I know that Miss Bellamy was not in the old wing at all this morning, or that, if she was, it was only for a very few minutes. She was at the Home Farm. Now you, Revesby, must have let her out and have let her in again, or you must have shown her some way of getting out and coming in again without being seen. For I may tell you that I had the doors watched by which she could have come back, and that no one passed through them."

Edna glanced up quickly. That, then, was what had been guarded against when she was sent back underground.



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