

## New Stories O. HENRY

A SPORTING INTEREST. It is a busy scene in the year of one of Houston's greatest manufacturing "You go, Mike," three or four of them

scrambling out of the way, a loud, while we thry to get the corpse jarring crash, a cloud of dust, and a shape." man lay stretched out dead beneath the heavy timbers.

Mike is a pleasant-faced man, young and stalwart, and with a last look a

hoarse murmur of pity from rough but kind breasts, and the question runs around the group, "Who is to tell her?"

In a neat little cottage near the railroad within their sight near the raillifts the gate latch and walks firmly to road, within their sight as they stand, a bright-eyed, brown-haired young face, before he speaks, that tells her a bright-eyed, brown-naired young face, before woman is singing at her work, not the truth. knowing that death has snatched away her husband in the twinkling of an eye.

Singing happily at her work, while the hand that she had chosen to protect and comfort her through life lies still, and fast turning to the coldness pointments!

of the grave!

These rough men shrink like children from telling her. They dread to bear the Wheeler Syndicate, Inc.

the news that will change her smiles t

establishments. A number of workmen are busy raising some heavy object by than any av us, whatever, and ye'll be means of blocks and tackles. Somehow a rope is worn in two by friction, and a derrick falls. There is a hurried shake gently to Tim's poor lassic

The others gather around and with herculean efforts drag the beams from across his mangled form. There is a

"What was it?" she asks. "Spontaneous combustion or snakes?" "Derrick fell," says Mike.
"Then I've lost my bet," she says. "I

Dick-We want you to be sure-

Lola-Listen; I'll settle it this way Both of you have your motor boats

in the race tomorrow. I'll marry the

Father-Well, they're lining up for

Quick

the big race-both your young friends

in it, eh?
Lola—Yes—yes—there goes the

Father—Can't see—look! No. 7! Lola—Seven! Hal's boat!

Lola—Who is it? Father—Passed him! Jove! That

Father-Five's leading! He's got

Lola-Father! Look! That rowboa

Father-By heavens, he's swerved!

Lola-His boat's turned over! He's

Father—They're picking him up-inconscious, I guess. Here they

Lola-I've got to find out-come on!

Hal—It's all right, Lola—he's only tunned. Come away—

Lola—Dick! Are you all right? Hal—Lola! Do you realize Fwe won the race? You're mine!
Lola—Yours! Do you mean you're

Hal—Claim it—of course! Lola—When Dick was ahead of you and risked his life to save those Hal-Well, all's fair in love and-Lola—Dick, do you still want me? Dick—Hal's won, Lola. I—I can give you up to him.

Hal—Of course I've won! Don't forget your promise! Lola-I promised to marry the win-

ner, and Dick's won a greater race

Lola-You may have the silver cup.

but I give Dick a consolation prize-

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going to claim that race?

with the children!
Father—Lord! Right in his path

Lola-Oh, oh! I can't look!

Father—Somebody's gaining im! They're nose to nose!

pistol! They're off!
Father—Whew! That's going!

Lola-Which is ahead?

No. 5's going like a demon! Lola—Five! That's Dick!

the race!

They'll be killed!

s he hurt?

than you! Hal-But-

## THE ETERNAL QUESTION

Lola-Why! Dick and Hal-calling together. What does this mean? Dick-It means something very serious for both of us, Lola.

Hal-We've come to ask you to winner-Now please go. choose-which one of us will you finally decide to marry?

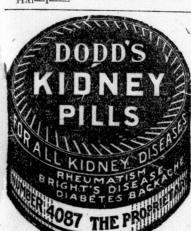
Lola-Marry! Why-why-Dick-We knew it's hard for you, but we've got to know. Hal-We've decided that each is

to speak for himself. Lola-But I can't decide! I don't

Hal-L'll begin. Lola, we only met a little while ago, but from that first moment I've loved you-Dick-We've been playmates all our lives-I've loved you since your hair was in pigtails.

Hal-I'll give you everything that money can buy-we'll travel-see the Dick—I offer you a home among

the old friends who love and cherish



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