

that Lord Alwyn and Signora Pasquale would be engaged before the vessel sighted Sandy Hook. Their acquaintance began at the captain's table on the first day; on the second, since the intermediate

DEEE VERYBODY on board

the ship thought

passengers were all seasick, Lord Alwyn took thec hair next to the opera singer; thereafter they seemed to be inseperable.

"A good match it will be, too," the gossips said, as they plied their knitting needles. "He's the head of one of the oldest families in England, and they say his incime's a quarter of a million dollars. Isn't it strange he hasn't been snapped up yet! Why he

must bet hirty-five."



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foam glistening in the moonlight in ing the deck together. "And she's eight and twenty, if the wake of the Albanis.

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"You'd better tell me, dear," she answered, slipping her arm through his. "Come let us walk up and down the deck, and you shall-tell me everything and I will listen and not say one word until you have ended." "You know I love you," he began,

as they walked slowly under the stars. "Yes, there was never any not that I would have been

pretence between us. And our love hamed of her, but it would have should naturally end in marriage, been impossible for her.

"The day before our marriage I Alwyn's shoulder. Again she glanced at him in that received a letter from England. My "Stop dear!" she sad. "Now look compassionate way, but though he father and brother were dead; both at me. I want to ask you a question. waited for her to shrink back from had been instantly killed in a train Do you love her as much as you love him she showed no gesture that she wreck. I was heir to the title and me?"

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felt the blow; she did not even with- the family estates and fortune. In Lord Alwyn laughed rather bit- So I am going to try to nd find her- horse to the old post, and knocked. A draw her arm, but they continued pac. my elation I told Eva."

crazy over her last season. Such a evening, for the realisation of his years younger I quarreled with my covered the cause and threatened her I feel my duty the more strongly strength and passion of two who not Eva. It was not Eva. It was

talented young woman, and perfectly love for the beautiful singer had come father. My elder brother was alive her, pleaded with her, implored her. irreproachable! You can't say as to the Englishman quite suddenly, then; I had no hope or thought of He was not avaricous, he would much about all those singers. Why, and when it was too late to withdraw succeeding to the title. I was sent to never have left his ranch; but he the Duchess of Eastbourne took her He felt that hem ust tell her now, be Colorado to a ranch. I was twenty- felt that his girl was good enough under her wing and introduced her cause it would be easier for her and three, impressionable, hopeless for for any man. In the end we overeverywhere. I was reading an ac- for himself, too; things had gone too thef uture, and very lonely. Old came her opposition. We were marcount of her life; it reads like a ro- far for that merely friendly farewell Aaron Hopper the ranchman who had ried the next morning, and Eva mance. Her father was just an ordi- and hand-clasp which means so much undertaken my education in return, cried all through the ceremony. for fteen hundred dollars, had a "There was to be no honeymoon.

nary American, and she saved up and and hides so much more. went to Italy, and there she was a- "Alice," he began-they had called daughter, a mere slip of a girl, good, It was having time, and after the dopted by a rich count, or something each other by their given names al- sweet, pretty. and charming, but marriage I went off to work as usual, of the sort, who made her his ward most since the beginning of their ac- hopelessly illiterate. She was entire- leaving Eva to keep house in the and left her his fortune on condition quaintance, soi ntimately did they feel ly ignorant of civilised ways; ate little cottage old Aaron had built at That night.

the brave little spirit that had given itself into my keeping was mine always: that I was morally responsible for her; if ever she appeared I should have atken her home and asked no questions. I kept the detectives at work for years. And lately I have felt that I must do something is to ask small premiums and to pay more to find Eva. So I am going out prompt, generous reimbursements.

to Colorado, to the old ranch, if it is Why not have Santa Claus leave still there, and I shall try to discov- one of our er whether she has not come back. Perhaps-I have hoped it--the early

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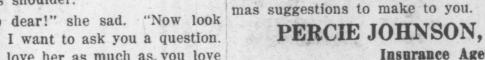
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use? He ceased and the woman withdrew her hand and placed t on Lord



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"I shall never forget the scene "I don't love her at all," he said. "Good-bye," she whispered, and ed as a rancher's daughter, a rake "Let me tell you briefly the story of that occurred. How she refused to "And how much I love you you know. raised her lips to his. For a moment over her shoulder, her hands dusty she's a day. They say all London was They had not much to say on that my life," he said. When I was ten marry me, how her old father dis- But, my dear, because I do not love thehy clung to each other with all the with hay, but Eva matured-No, it was



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Come in and talk the matter over ney. But it could not be she! No doubt the whole place was leased. That accounted for the cultivated fields-for the girl would never have come back Insurance Agent. to manage the farm alone. Alwyn drew rein at the door, hitched his

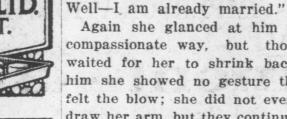
woman opened it. It was Eva, dress-

Alice Pasquale!

Lord Alwyn staggered against the door and his hands, groping feebly, found hers and held them.

"Do vou know me now, dearest?" she whispered. "Have you found her again, this Eva, this ignorant girl?" "Alice!" he said, chokingly, "it is you? You are Eva?"

She placed her arms round his neck and drew his head down to her breast. "You couldn't have known, dearest," she whispered. "It was cruel of me to try you so long. How could you have recognized the ignorant farmer's girl in Alice Pasquale, the singer, the Italian nobleman's adopted daughter? But I have waited for you so long, my dear!"



that she would change her name. "What was her name?"

the sense of spritual union between peas with a knife, as she had always the head of the valley. them-"Alice, I've behaved like a cur seen her father do, and sang centi- when I came home, Aaron stood at

mental ballads to his accompaniment the door, waving a letter, frantic "O. Smith or Jones or Robinson- toward you. something very ordinary. I wonder "Why?" she asked looking at him on his concertina. with rage and humiliation. Eva had with a glance of infinite tenderness "Eva had refused me for a long run away. She would never come when he's going to propose." Butn neither of the lovers dreamed which he did not see; as he raised time. In spite of her ignorance, she back she said, and would never acthat they were the subject of univers- his eyes she veiled hers with her hea- had an unusual refinement of mind knowledge the marriage; I was to be al gossip, aboard. Absorbed in one vy lids. "Why?" she asked again and and soul. She knew that I could free. She had time her moveanother they leaned over the ship's feigning that she did not understand. never introduce her to my folks ments so as to catch the night train rail and watched the long streak of "Because," he answered slowly, at home, if ever I went back. It was east. It was just the foolish act of



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