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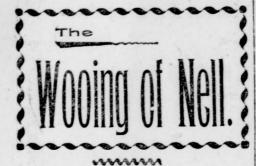
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She burst into a violent fit of weeping, which made the colonel rather ashamed of himself. He tried to calm her, assuring her that nobody but the answered Meg, very gravely. doctors, who were pompous asses without an idea how to treat men of utes, staring at the fire. his daughter's efforts to detain her, she set off to walk to the Blue Lion, that she might at least have the assurshared the colonel's rashly-expressed

"Mind, Nell, you are to come back here to sleep," commanded Miss Bostal, who objected to the girl's remaining in the vicinity of her highly undesirable lover.

But Nell would give no promise. She was deeply anxious, not only to hear how Clifford was, and what people thought of Jem Stickels' death, but also to know how soon she would be able to speak to Clifford, about whose position in the affair she had become deeply anxious.

Refusing, therefore, a rather perfunctory offer on the colonel's part to escort her along the lonely road, she bade her friends good-bye, and started on her way to the Blue Lion. The house was shut up when she reached it. Meg, who opened the door, started at the sight of her. 'Lord, Miss Nell, is it you? I

thought you was going to spend the night at Miss Bostal's, when it got "She did ask me to, but I wanted to get back home," answered the young given him. So we told him we was girl who was white and shivering. sure it wasn't. But, for all that, we who was white and shivering. "You do look bad," cried the good-natured Meg, as she pulled the girl,

"Sit ye down and warm yourself, before you go up into that cold room up top chair by the fireplace, and then she went down on her knees on the hearthrug and looked at her askance.
"You've heard all about it! I can see that!" cried she at last, in a loud,

bar-parlor, where the fire had not yet

hoarse whisper.
"Oh, Meg! What did you hear?
Who told you? It's true, then? What -what do people think?" But Mag was more reticent than usual, or more ignorant. She contented herself at first with sighs and shrugs, and exclamations of wonder and perplexity; and she got Nell to tell how Col. Bostal had broken the news at Shingle End, before she would confess how the news had first reach-

ed her own ears Oh, it was in the bar I heard it. of course," said she, when at last Nell Insisted on hearing exactly the version of the story which had come to the Blue Lion. "It was one of them reg'lars, Bill Noakes, I think, that bursting in crying as Jem Stickels was found dead by the road-We wouldn't believe it at firstnobody wouldn't. But presently some more of 'em came in, and they all said seen him, and heard what the doctor

"And what was that?" asked Nell, 'Why, that he was dead, that's all," "That seems to be about all that anybody knows up to now."
"But what do you think? You must have heard them say something about

it! Do you think the died in a fit, or-Meg looked steadily at the fire, until Nell repeated her question, and emphasized it by a pull at her sleeve. "Well, I must tell you if you want to know; they talked about an injury to the head. About-about what happened to him here, you know." And Meg jerked her head in the direction

of the back of the house. Nell stood up. "And Mr. King? Has he heard of it? What did he say?" "Well, he did hear of it. We couldn't keep it from him. There was such a row, and such a commotion; some of 'em, the cheeky beggars, was there." Nell made a gesture of indignation. "Well, and it was just as well they should see he was, if it comes to that." And Meg wagged her head in a series of significant nods.

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"So they can't make out he wasn't in the house, you know, when it was

"Do they-do they suspect? Do they dare to suspect that he-that Mr. King-?" "Lor', they'll dare anything when there's a stir like this!" returned Meg.

with conviction. "And I say it's a fine thing for Mr. King, as there's plenty about can vouch for him having been re all the time since the fight! "Fight! It wasn't a fight! It was a nost cowardly and unprovoked at

"Ah, but folks won't call it that now the chap's dead!" said Meg, astutely "Don't you know, miss, what fine characters they give us all on our tombstones? And how we all say 'Poor Mr. So-and-So,' of a feller we couldn't abide when he was alive And so you'll see that Stickels, that everybody fought shy of when he was among us, will have a whitewashing now he's gone."

Nell moved impatiently. "It's dreadful-for him to have died like that, of course," said she, in a low voice. "But it would be much more dreadful if they took it into their heads that Mr. King had any-thing to do with it!" "There's no denying about the blow he gave him, you know, miss," ob-served Meg, in a warning voice. "But he recovered. I saw him af-terwards!"

'You-saw him-afterwards?" "Yes. At his cottage. Miss Bostal made me go with her to ask. And there was nothing the matter with him at all then, nothing at all. Don't you think he got tipsy after that? And that he fell down? Didn't he come here again on his way to Stroan?" "No, miss; he didn't come here,"

Nell remained silent for some minpowers and position vastly superior to their own, would ever entertain such a monstrous opinion. But she could not find enough comfort in his deeper every moment, that Meg was in the streets by the free use of brute force. words; and at last, in spite of his and startled, and began to watch her with open mouth.

Turning towards her companion sud-denly, Nell caught the look on her ance she longed for that nobody there face, and grew red and confused, as if she had herself been caught in some guilty act.

"And—and what do you think of it all, Meg?" she asked tremulously. "I think I shall be most awful glad when all the bother's over," replied Meg, gloomily. "For a bother there'll be, sure enough."
Nell, who was standing by the door,

sighed heavily. "I hope it won't worry Mr. King," she said softly. "How is he, Meg?"
"As well as could be expected, the doctor said, miss. He's to be kept very quiet.' "Yes, and then they go and disturb

him, just out of idle curiosity." Meg shool her head. "And has he heard about it? Have they told him?"
"Yes; I told you so."

"Did you? My head seems to spin. can hardly understand what I hear. What did he say?" "He was that shocked, I was sorry we hadn't been able to keep it from him. He seemed to think it must be something to do with the blow he'd don't know what the doctors will say at the inkwich."

"No, Miss Nell, I don't want you to be took by surprise when they ask masty questions, that's all. Do you She almost flung Nell into the arm- think I'd worry you if I could help it, my dear?" And she threw a brawny, rotecting arm round the trembling "You know I'd give my right hand to keep you from harm, and that I wish all good to Mr. King, for your sake as well as his own. For he's as nice a gentleman as ever I see, and fond of you, well I know it! But it's est you should know all they say, so

"Oh, Meg, you make it worse,

it won't give you so much of a shock "Thank you, Meg, you do mean to be kind," said poor Nell, as, with tears in his eyes, she turned away and crept upstairs to bed.

On the following morning George Claris, who looked worried and anxious, told his niece, as soon as breakfast was over, to pack her trunk for her journey to London.

Nell did not dare to make any protest, nor even ask any questions of to be respected. She had to content nerself with Meg's report, obtained from the professional nurse who had been engaged for Clifford, that the patient had passed a good night. Before 10 o'clock Nell and her uncle were driving towards Stroan in a dogcart, with her trunk behind them. They had not gone far when they noticed that something unusual was going on along the road. A party of

men, among whom were two or three of the Stroan police, were busily engaged in examining the road itself and the ditch on either side. Nell, with feminine quickness of perception, guessed that this search was in some vay connected with the discovery of Jem Stickels' body on the previous evening; but her u.le, being less acute, pulled up his horse and made

"Hallo, what's up?" said he, addressing the nearest policeman. "Oh, nothing particular," replied the man, with a glance at Nell.
"Nothing as would interest you," added another of the searchers. And he, too, glanced in an odd manner at the young girl who with pale face

and silent lips beside 'corge Claris.

"Well, you might give a civil answer to a civil question, I should think!" said the innkeeper angrily. His niece, more by gestures and coaxing, little pulls at his coat-sleeves, than by words, tried to induce him to drive on. But he was obstinate. As an old inhabitant, and one, moreover, who had always been on good terms with everyone, he thought he had a right to the information he had inno-

ently asked for. 'Come, now," he persisted, leaning out of the dog-cart and speaking in a confidential tone; "if it's a secret, you know as I can keep it. I've kept sebefore, haven't I?" But to his great indignation he saw on some of the faces of the men at work what he took for a pitying smile.

He lost his temper.
"Now, then, out with it!" said he, in The policeman to whom he had first spoken repressed the smile on his own face and answered seriously enough: "We're not at liberty to say any more at present. But you'll know as

such as we do very soon-this afteron, most likely. Uncle George, we shall lose the train," said Nell, in a quavering voice. Then the policeman glanced from George Claris to the trunk at the back of the dog-cart, and as the innkeeper drove off, whispered some words to the man nearest to him, which sent the atter running at a good page in the

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How It Is Done by the Policemen of New York.

Clubbing, Which Was Once So Popular, Is Not Now In Favor-Telephone Stations Along the Line of March Keep the Chief In Touch With a Big Parade.

For the control of large crowds New York policemen have been regarded as more effective than those of any other city

It has been said that New Yorkers will stand more police dictation than would be endured by the people of London or Paris and will submit without complaining to being ordered about and even clubbed by the autocrat with brass buttons. Recent observations have tended to confirm the belief that the police of this city are becoming less domineering, while they are no less effective in the protection of the public when the streets are filled with crowds.

There was a time, remembered by many New Yorkers, when it was hardly safe to ask a lordly policeman a plain question. He was inclined to make reply by a "stiff punch" with the end of his big night stick. The art of clubbing was practiced with such impunity that the average citizen regarded a policeman with fear and trembling. Alec Williams was in his glory then, and the "boss clubber" was an object of so much interest that people would stop and gaze at him with curiosity as he strode about the streets. His declaration that there was "more law in the end of a policeman's club than in a decision of the court of appeals" had weight then. It was the custom in those days to control crowds People were so much accustomed to exhibitions of violence that there was no public outcry when a squad of police chased a crowd of unoffending men back from a fire with a shower of blows and a deluge of awful threats.

Old time police officials have declared that the riot of 1863 was responsible for much police brutality in the years that followed. The police had to fight hard on that occasion, and their only weapon was the club. When they closed with the mob, their orders were, "Take no prisoners." Inspector Carpenter, who led in the fighting, gave the additional command, "Wherever you see a head hit it." When the riot was over, the citizens of New York united in praise of the police, who had earned the designation of "the finest." Later the members of the force never failed to distinguish themselves in fights against disorderly crowds, but they often failed to make distinction between rowdies who deserved to be clubbed and unoffending citizens who were entitled to protection and considerate treatment. The habit of "charging the crowds" with drawn clubs remained fixed for years, and it was not until the commissioners amended the rules so as to require a policeman to keep his club in his belt unless he was obliged to draw it in self defense that the practice was dropped. Even in holding police lines at fires or at great parades it was the custom of policemen to use their clubs in pushing back persons who got over the line, and it was a common thing to see a policeman reach over and hit the heads of people who were being pushed toward the front by crowds in the rear. The sight of waving clubs was an inseparable feature of every great parade in Broadway and Fifth avenue, and smashed hats, if not broken heads, were often the results of too much eagerness to get in the front rank of

The ability of the police to handle large crowds without the use of clubs was first demonstrated at the great Columbian pa-rades in New York. Never were the sidewalks in Broadway more densely crowded at a passing show. At all the corners of side streets stood trucks, four or five at each corner, piled high with spectators. People pushed their way in solid masses between the trucks, blocking the outlets from Broadway and threatening to force the police lines. The orders of Superintendent Byrnes against clubbing were positive and explicit, and it would have been reckless for policemen to use their clubs in such an emergency. Mounted policemen were stationed at the street corners, and they used their horses in pushing back the crowds. Some of the well trained animals appeared to understand the work cut out for them as well as their riders. They would lean up against crowds and push, making short, careful steps, as if mindful of the feet that were near their iron shod

It was at the time of the centennial parades also that the system of telephone stations along the line was first put into operation. Mr. Byrnes was able to sit in his office at police headquarters and hear the music of the bands and the cheers of the multitude at any point from which he desired to get information. He was able also to strengthen the police lines at a place where a crowd increased unexpectedly by sending a reserve force from the

nearest station. The advantages of a complete telephone service were demonstrated in the centennial parade. Several persons were hurt at overcrowded stands or fainted in the crush of pushing people, and in every case ambulances were summoned from the near-

est hospitals without delay. At recent large parades and on other occasions when the police have had to control large crowds in the streets it has been noticed that all the policemen carry their clubs attached to their helts and wave only their hands when they order people to move back. They have received the most positive orders not to be rude or use unnecessary force in keeping the lines, but, on the contrary, to mingle gentleness with

It must not be supposed, however, that all the members of the force are fond of the new method, and there are instances when a policeman will exhibit the domineering manner which members of the force often displayed 20 years ago. - New York Tribune.

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troit Free Press.

The mayor of Chicago has refused to sign the anti-high hat ordinance.

Business Outlook.

An Improvement in the Commercial Situation.

Moderate Movement in Merchandise Failures Are Fewer.

Canada says: There is little change in the trade situation at Montreal. The distribubeen no real livening of demand as yet. Fourth of February payments in the drygoods line were rather better

n drygoods. Failures in Ontario have perceptibly liminished, and the sentiment on the street is gradually improving. The quotations for wheat are better than a week ago, and some inquiry for ex port is reported. The high freight rates is a drawback.

A shipment of corn is said to have made from Ontario to the United States, the first ever recorded Failures for the week were 61, as against 67 for the same week of last

New York, Feb. 12.—Bradstreet's ays: The more favorable features of the business week includes sales of 300,000 tons of steel rails on the collapse of the pool, which promises work for the mills for months to come; the advance in the price of print cloths following the sale of 750,000 pieces from accumulated stocks, and the starting up of a number of important metal and ther industrial establishments through the Eastern and Middle States, Amerian purchases of wool at the late London sale amount to 45,000 bales—the neaviest total at one such sale since he speculative buying there by Amercans prior to the going into effect of

the McKinley tariff. flect the quieter trade in that month than in January, 1896, while showing the effect of reduced grain ton-nage and severe storms in the North-

Exports of wheat, flour included, from both coasts of the United States and from St. John, N. B., amount to 2,501,345 bushels from Feb. 5 to 10, inclusive (the week being one day short), as compared with 3, bushels in the week a year ago, 2,752,-000 bushels two years ago, 2.005,000 bushels three years ago, and 3,080,000

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