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Martin Thorneau looked like a fit mate for this queenly beauty. He was tall and commanding, with a face not handsome, but grand in its grave, calm power. Something to propose to you. My cousin Martin does not care for me, I am sure; not in the way that a promised husband should: not as I care for Frank Curtiss, Florry. And you say—that—Frank thinks of me. Let us exchange lovers, Florry; you take Martin, and give me Frank?'

Florry laughed, in spite of her recent tears, and throwing her arms about Theresa, excla med:

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written, and very much a favorite because he would fall in love with you at once, I of himself. He was Theresa's cousin, and, am sure."

hicke every Thorneau, a blonde. His fair skin was darkened on the face and hands from travel and war, but his eyes were blue as Thereas's own, and there was a tinge of gold in his brown hair.

It was very common for the Thorneaus to intermarry. They were very proud of their blue old blood, and loth to mingle it with less patrician streams; neither did they like to have the long-descended family wealth pass into other hands. So when Thereas Darrelle was born, her mother had promised her oldest brother, Edgar Thorneau, that her daughter should sometime marry his son, if they could bring it about. Martin and Thereas had been educated for each other; all their lives were regulated with a view to their eventual marriage, and they were early taught to regard each other as future life-companions; and when Martin's father suggested that it was time he made a formal proposal for Theress's hand, he did so at once as a matter of course. It was now three years since their betrothal, but neither seemed in any haste to consummate it by marriage. Every girl who knew Martin envied Theresa Darrelle, and more than one man envied Martin.

It was near the close of the evening that Thereas it had deared a list of re-work and there were a libed of the ladies' Journal that they have have been deallying about three years. "Sub the first the last of correct answers to Bible questions. It is surprising how little is known of the Bible. The questions are not so difference of the making," The proposal for the Ladies' Journal that we have bother of correct answers to Bible questions. It is surprising how little is known of the Bible. They could bring it with less pairly and there was a hearty response so as to be glad if there was a hearty response so as to be glad if there was a hearty response so as to break it."

And so that night, as they walked home together, she said to Martin:

"I was not aware that I had been remiss in my duty," said Martin, stiffly.

"That is just it!" pursued Theresa, bent on a possible. "If you had ever been jea

knew Martin envied Theresa Darrelle, and more than one man envied Martin.

It was near the close of the evening that Theresa, tired of dancing, asked Martin to take her to the conservatory, and when he had taken her there, and found her a comfortable seat, she sent him back to the ball-room, saying she wanted to rest. Martin obeyed her, as he always did, without remark; he was certainly a model lover.

After he was gone, Theresa sat still playing with her bouquet, and not looking particularly happy. Presently she arose and walked about in an idle, listless sort of way, stooping now and then to smell a flower; and passing a quaint, carved seat, one of her lace flounces caught upon one of its many projections and was torn.

She gathered up the trailing skirt and went to the dressing room "for repairs"
Pausing at the door, she stood dumb with astonishment to see her friend Florence. There are all suited to each promptly to answer these questions with a little study, and so secure some one of those remarks; he was certainly a model lover.

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"Now, Martin, dear, don't be cross," and the to; and you offered yourself to me to; and you offered yourself to me to; and you flow you, and somebody else does. It don't love you, and somebody else does. It don't love you, and somebody else does. We never could be happy together; let us be happy apart."

"Your happiness has been my sole of its many projections and was torn.

She gathered up the trailing skirt and went to

ence Ellery, the gayest, merriest little witch that ever laughed, lying upon a lounge and crying as it her heart was ready

to break.

"Why, Florry, dear, what is the matter?" she cried, kneeling down beside the lounge, and putting her arm about Florry's "What are you crying about, dar-

and her face grew pale, but she said very quietly:

"Then why did you promise him?"

"I couldn't help it!" wept Florry; "Papa and mamma insisted that I must say yes, if he asked me, because they thought so much of his father, and because he is a good fellow, of course and all that. And—oh, dear! I'm afraid I have encouraged him, but I didn't do it because I cared for him, only because—because I love some one else who doesn't care a pin for me!" and she ended this lucid confession with a great sob and a fresh burst of tears.

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"Florence Ellery," exclaimed Theresa, "are you quite sure you are sare?"

"No; I am not at all sure of it," said Florry, vehemently. "And I think it's a great wonder that I am not quite insare."

"My dear, I think you are rather hysterical," smiled Theresa. "Suppose you give me a clearer explanation, and perhaps I can help you. In the first place, your parents insist upon your marrying Frank Curtiss, for all he is only your father's bookkeeper?"

"Yes; for that isn't anything against him you know, and page is year demo-

ries; for that isn't anything against him, you know, and papa is very democratic," replied Florry. "He says Frank will be respected sometime as a successful man of business; and I believe papa thinks that is all that's required!"

"And, secondly, you've been flirting with him, to conceal your love for some-bedrales."

body else?"

"Yes," answered Florry, coloring.

"And have even gone so far as to engage yourself to him," continued Theresa.

"Are you very sure you cannot love him, Florry?"
"Yes," replied Florry; I don't care a pin for him, only as a friend, and I do not think he does for me,"

"Then, why—"
"Oh!" interrupted Florry, "he knew paps wished it so, and so he proposed to me. Paps has been good to him, and I suppose he wants to be accommodating in return," she said, with a bitter laugh.

Theresa was silent for a little; then she

"Florry, will you tell me whom you love instead of him?"
Florry flushed at the roots of her chestnut hair, and answered, brokenly:
"I dare not, Theresa! Don't ask me,

please!"

"Is it Martin?" whispered Theresa.

"Oh, Theresa, do not blame me! I could not help it. Yes, it is Martin!"

Theresa's eyes glowed, as she clasped Florry's little hand, and exclaimed:

"Florry, I am glad, I am glad! Win him, if you can; I will help you!"

"Theresa! what do you mean?" cried Florry.

Florry. "This: That I do not love my cousin, than for the love of a thousand Martin Thorneaus!" cried Theresa, impetuously.
Florry stared at her amazed. That any girl could prefer Frank Curtiss to Martin Thorneau, was inexplicable to her. Frank's great dark eyes and Greek features and purple-black curls, would not weigh a moment in the balance with Martin Thor-

neau's genius and wisdom.
"Do you really mean it, Theresa? Do you truly love Frank Curtiss?" she asked.
"With all my soul, and I have for
years!" was Theresa's answer.
"Theresa Darrelle, he loves you! If it were not for Martin Thorneau, he would tell you so! I understand it all now!"
"Understand what?" asked Theresa.

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"What he means by looking at you so strangely when he sees you with Martin; what he meant by carrying off your bounguet by mistake one night, and why he marked all the passages which you admired in 'The Wagoner of the Alleghanies?" replied Fiorry.

"Oh, Florry!" and Theresa eovered her of the genuine.

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other. Let it be just as you say."
"Then I say let us be cousins always."
"So be it," said Martin; and they walked

on for a while in silence.
"What did you mean just now?" asked

"What did you mean just now?" asked Martin, presently.
"By what?" queried Teresa.
"When you said some one loved me."
"Some one does," smiled Teresa. "You must try to discover whom."
Martin did try, and wes very successful.
Florry's engagement lasted only one night; the next morning she told Frank that she had "treconsidered." and gave him a hint neck. "What are you crying
ling?"

And Florry bursting into another storm of tears, laid her head on Theresa's shoulder and sobbed out:

"Oh, Theresa! I am so sorry, and I feel so wicked! I've just been and promised to marry Frank Curtiss, and—and—I would not for worlds!"

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