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"Them concerts would be too swift for me," declared Frank Parlow, on a return from one of his dances.

His companion was the young proof-reader. She had yielded to his blandish-ments, and had consented to accompany him to Harmony Hall, where they had footed it industriously until nearly two in the morning. Up to the present hour they had had little but shop in common, and as they sped along homeward in the half-empty car the talk drifted back, with automatic ease, to the associates in their daily work.

their daily work.

"Too swift? Same here," returned
Myrtle Race, concisely. "No 'symphonic
poems' for me. I wonder,' the girl went on, knitting her brows to call up an image of the absent Miss Grahame, "if she knows anything more about music than

she does about painting?"
"As much," returned Parlow, "as he knows about a primary, or a twenty-four-foot ring." And the young man's tone made it clear that Golson was ignorant of "life" indeed.

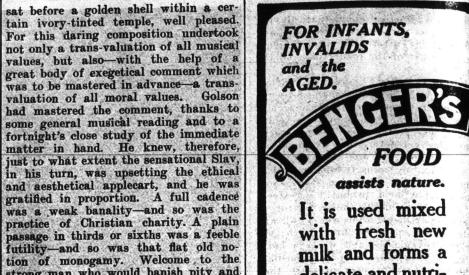
"I could do her work," Myrtle Race "I could do her work," Myrtle Race continued. "If papa had only made out a little better last year, I shouldn't have had to drop my studies at the Art Gallery and take up with proof reading." "Papa" was the proprietor of a small weekly "down state"; and his daughter

before the call of art had lured her to the city—had made herself useful about his office.

assage in thirds or sixths was a feeble futility—and so was that flat old no-tion of monogamy. Welcome to the strong man who would banish pity and strangle decency and would do in all things as he willed. Golson was immensely uplifted, and during the short intervals between the movements he endeavored, by means of hurried and eager exposition of the composer's aims and practice, to help his companion share his delight. Here, he declared, was a great and daring soul—one who would sweep away the conventionalities and timidities and injustices that fettered the modern

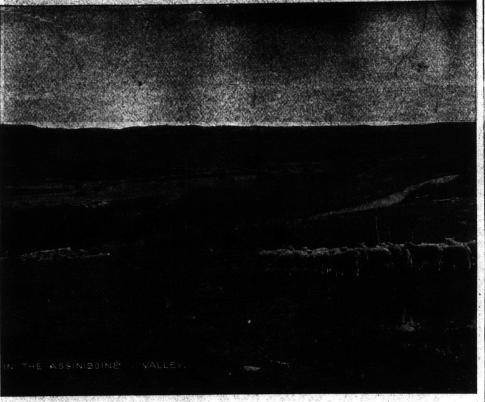
fair and hopeful and new. The next morning at nine, purged of "In that case," observed her escort, all asperities, he was writing away in his

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fondly, "where should I have come in? | little editorial den with a patient self-Don't forget little Frank."

Myrtle had gone to the dance with a fearful joy. She had heard various tales of her young knight's prowess, and knew that, so far from "side-stepping" lifeas he himself expressed it—he welcomed its rush with outstretched arms and a hearty hug. She had anticipated becoming a bone of contention-the envied object, perhaps, of a scuffle on the open floor. But nothing of the sort had ensued. Parlow had taken her to quite the choicest of his resorts, a place against which no "lady" could bring the slightest objection. The evening had passed pleasantly, but uneventfully. Parlow himself had felt this lack of saliency and had tried to inject interest by picking a quarrel with the guan on the home-bound train. The man had wearily refused to make much of him, and the young fellow was still suffering from a sense of vague dissatisfaction. "You don't think we've had a slow

time?" he asked her anxiously, at part-

"Oh, no; not at all," replied Myrtle feeling in her pocket for her night-key. "I love refinement, and have to thank you for a very pleasant evening."

On that same evening, though at an earlier hour, Leopold Golson and Avis Grahame were attending a concert. An anarchistic symphony by a new and notable Russian composer was the principal number on the programe, and Golson | wallowing in the sunflecked stream—it

control that promised soon to become habitual.

Avis Grahame was deeply affected by this hour of revolutionary harmonies. She, too, felt the need of wider horizons and of greater freedom of action. As they parted that evening, she invited him to accompany her, the next afternoon, to an exhibition of German paintings which had been sent across the water to jar the complacency of the prosperous bourgeois and to raise the loud shout of rebellion in a new and alert society.

Golson wrung his hands with delight as his quick eye swept over these insurgent canvases. He hardly needed the exposition his companion was so desirous of making-surely the revolt of such men spoke for itself. "Secession!" he cried, from the middle of the room. "'Secession' is all too weak a word. What I hear is the loud trumpeting of a band of high-mettled young individualists, rearing, tugging, straining at their traces, and determined to overtake and trample down the tyrannous academics of whatever established order My brothers, I salute you!"

"Get the color scheme," panted Avis Grahame, determined that the technique of these revolutionaries should receive due recognition, too. "It is a tonality completely new. And note the brushwork-knife-work, thumb work, what you will. Even at this distance it is like a fist-blow in the eye. See that pig



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