my boy," said the Grad, sighing.

Not the last, sir, I hope. We don't propose to be long away." "Don't cut short your time on account. This should be the happies

day of your life.' "I hope it may." Alexis was peeling a peach; his

eyns were downcast, his face compos ed, but in his voice, which was fin

cent, the Graf seemed to detect a note of irony "You are happy, are you not, my boy? You are contented with Anton-

ia? Alexis laughed. put it. sir! Antonia is perfection "You're fond of her?" "I should be a fool if I

"Truly, my son?" "Oh, sufficiently." "And she also?

"I helieve we shall both make out to its dreams! The older man turned vows with tolerable sincerity." Alexis was still laughing, but there was a flush on his cheek and his hand trembled upon the silver knife. "I am glad to hear it."

"Very glad; I fancied from your manner that there was something amiss

"It appears that these

their sake that he "You haven't mixed

this affair. Alexis?" said the

On my wedding day? No sir!

in timbre and studiously pure in acpride. Alexis was very handsome

sible distincion: he was a dutiful and

he never used that biting tongue

What wonder Alexis was

traits-the delicate, clever, unreadable von Radolin; the face of a girl hard

away and "Wote

revolvers went off together. in the Marien Felder: revolvers smoke cleared away, both ants were Then he had understood why their former places. had told him the story of the chal-

affianced bride, Antonia

won every pos

"Donner wetter, a clean mess,' gasp-

to hand

Alexis

He s

Von Edelh

be story.

the ground

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shoulder. He could not guess the young

eration. He did not c matter by introducing the

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It's awfully hard for a to keep in the straight path.

because it is forever overflowing.

telling him His baby looks like his

Many a girl who marries for me

You can flatter a homely

doesn't even draw a housek

If you require food for thoug

But for the mistakes made by

Beauty is only skin-deep, but

A spendthrift, like a buzz saw, scat

ters lots of dust while running around

and has nothing but his board to show

IS THAT THE END?

Peckem-I wish I could break

Meeker-When my wife starts

Wife (reading)-George, here is

nake a trade like that, would you?

story about a man who traded his

Husband-I should say not-but I'd

ronounced success of your dinne

party last night, said the physician.

But you were not present, although

nvited, replied Mrs. Stuffem, so how

Because, replied the M. D. I pre

cribed for three of your guests this

One walks in his sleep and, the

do you know it was a success.

congratulate you upon the

Now, you wouldn't

vife of the lecture habit.

Peckem-And does she?

Meeker-Say, you're too

hate to have any one

norning.

give me a lecture I just tell

men, history would be awfully

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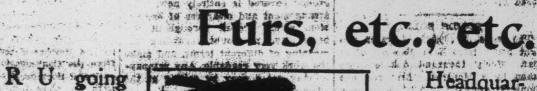
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-some lovers quarrel-but you say it is all well?" "I can assure you, sir, that I look

to yours." "Yes, you

ther," said "You are reserved! liked to die without giving any one the air under the faint morning blue, warning beforehand; yes, without which was netted up to the zenith warning any one! I remember when with small golden clouds. One of the

my father was alive"----The Garf's stories of his father's days were generally ten minutes in other big and dark, and ferociously scarred, was remarkable for the the telling: he was not often allowed to finish them, except in his own greasiness of his coat and the Isabella coloring of his shirt. house. Alexis had never let him know that he was a bore. He listen-"It's horribly cold," he grumbled. ed courteously until the stream stop-

ped and he could get in his word. pressed into the service by his com-"By the way" he said: "a queer patriot; he knew little about duelling thing happened last night at the mess. I've been meaning to consult you about it, as you're an authority on afsaid snappishly. "Yes?" said the Garf, at once inter-

ested in this new subject. "I shall be glad to give you my opinion, for I should have said P. M. instead of what it is worth. In my father's A. M. I never have any stomach for

fighting until I've had my breakfast, "This happened only last night. and I suppose I shall have to shoot Some of us were drinking coffee on this young spark. He's one of those

the plazza after dinner; it was quite young Austrian , upples who think dark, you know, and we thought we God made the Czechs for them to hed the place to ourselves. We were walk on. Do you know anything adiscussing, politics pretty freely, and bout him, Esmann?" committed himself to a certain statement about the Czechs. I in Neuberg till last week." myself think he was perfectly right, "My good Esmann, you aren't go

but as he finished, a voice out of the darkness said "That is a lie.'" The Garf pushed up his lips, "And afterward?

"They exchanged names, of course, and there is to be a meeting. The fellow was a Czech himself-Boris at any rate. I suppose that is Von Wotocek." Edelheim, isn't it? You ought to

"Wotocek the duellist?" Alexis nodded, "It's hard on my friend, isn't it? There's no doubt said Eamann, after screwing up his Wotocek has the devil's own short-sighted eyes. luck. I believe this is his thirty-third affair, and he has never yet been bea- that gray haired patriarch my man?

ten." "Well," said the Gart as he paused, "What is the point you wish me to

decide?" "The point is you know, is a private place. My

At six o'clock next morning the great golden sun was just an inch ahave the horizon Two riders, crossforward to my marriage as you did ing the Marien Felder, kicked over

mann's principal was far from satishour-old coral mushroom cups, fled; he wanted a second shot and left dark footprints on the bluish Again they took their revolvers, and fleece of the dew. Long and dark von Edleheim prepared to give the her; she was so their shadows lay across the sparklsignal. 'One-two.' The words died I think she would have ing dampness; sweet and clear was and he stood staring across the hill A faint shout drew all eyes in the ame direction. A fifth rider was gal like the Wild riders wore spectacles and had sandy hair above a pailid hook nose; the mar. He rode

"This can't go ake. It is my affair.' The Graf caught his arm.

gave the signal, and

'Is your principal satisfied?' asked

im of Esmann. No, Es-

nust let me finish it. Alexis.' His second was a schoolmaster. Es-'I will not.' said Alexis. mann by name, who had been im-'Your duty is at home.' 'My duty is here, and here I stay

'What the deuce is all this about' but his dislike exceeded his ignorance Wotocek, in defiance of eticried "You chose the time yourself," he 'Which of you tow am I sur quette. osed to be fighting? "I know I chose the time myself, It was I who spoke to you in th but I wasn't in bed when I did it or square.' 'I have already 'exchange

with Herr Wotocek. 'Perhaps you would like me to figh the pair of you?' obligingly 'My father has upon himself,' said Alexis, white with wrath.

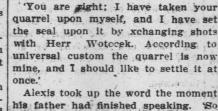
"No more than you do. I never wa ing to fight; why, then, are you in such a vile temper? Hullo, is that nce

our friends coming? Two riders were approaching from he woods. Wotocelt pulled his mous-ache. "He's got a full sized second beit father. I know the look of him." "The little one is Von Edelh

"The little one-what the deuce!

Sapperiot! It can't be!" Nevertheless, the riders cont to advance, saluted Wotocek and dismounted. Prompted by his principal Esmann stepped forward. "The Garf von Etelmar-is he com

tache.



don't dispute your knowledge of the laws, sir. The quar rel is yours, but you can't pursue it, ecause I was to retract what I said

in the square, I acknowledge that it was untrue and I ask Herr Wotocek's pardon. "The devil!' exclaimed Wotocek

Alexis had succeeded in surprising them all. Von. Edleheim's face had changed significently. Alexis had pu beyond the pale; nothing himself could justify such conduct. The Graf aught his son by the arm, but Alexia

had more to say yet. 'Do you accept my apology,' he ask d, looking at Wotocek. 'Oh, I suppose so,' said the duelist

shrugging his shoulders. 'Very good, the affair is settled now. Herr Wotocek,

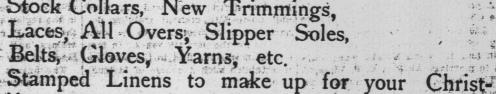
from insufficient knowledge month last night: this morn ng by the light of day I am persuad ed that I should have called it two. He finished his speech with a bow otocek turned scarlet and snatched olver. 'Esmann's mouth fell open and remained in that position on Edelheim laughed aloud. Only

> of other people, my son, but it usually fails down when applied t

The Graf stepped forward with Bride-Elect-Mamma insists on o 'Herr Wotocek, he i

Of course, she said, yo w papa tomorrow Yes-er-I suppose so,' replied

young man. By the way, what's his -er- telephone number?



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the Graf, who did not know what they ophy help us to endure trials? were talking about, looked blankly Pa-It helps us to endure the trials

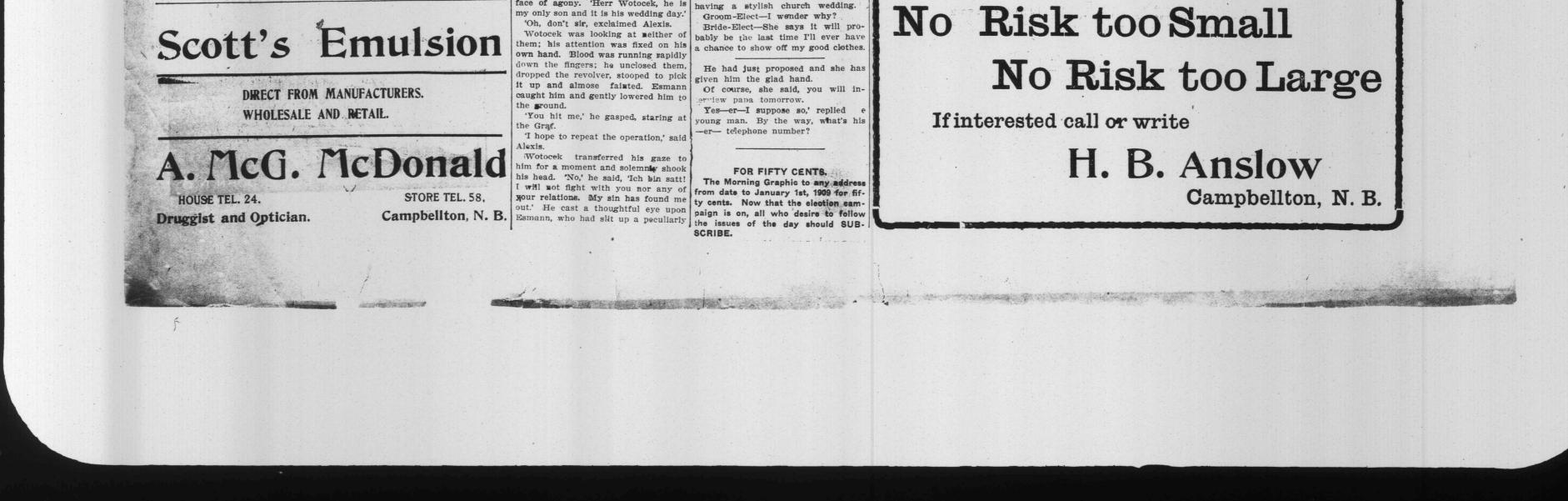
horrified 'We'll settle this at once!' said Wot ek, angrily. 'With all my heart.' smiled Alexis.

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other sleeps in his walk-that's the lifference, said the man who seemed to be letting out an audible though Difference between what, askel the arty with the butt - n habit Between a somnambulist and a messenger boy, explained the noisy think Bones-What am de diff'rence

hould like to explain that my mispastry cook an' er bill sticker. Tambo-Ah dunno. What am d

diff'rence, Mistah Bones? Bones-One puffs up de paste de othah pastes up de puffs. Little Willie-Say pa, does philos