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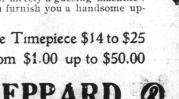
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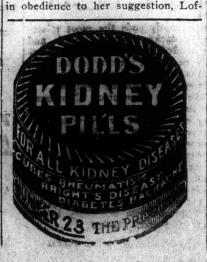
The Countess had been exceedingly gracious, and, moreover, she continued to be so. Nothing could ex-Chadburn's agent during the first Marling. In her calm, cool way it pleased her ladyship to take a fancy to him. She approved his dress, his manners, his looks, which were all hose of a gentleman; she announced that she had formed the highest opinion of his intelligence and business ability, and who was a better judge of all these things than the Countess, modestly aware of her own perfeccharmed with Mr. Barrington. She eyebrows and her faint cold smile quoted all sorts of revolutionary Republican reading, all triumphantly had said little in comment, scarcely a illustrative of the fact that if you wanted all that was desirable in the rushed away, scarlet and wrathful, so mental, moral and physical way you must search among the masses and leave the classes severely to themselves. Altogether it was not to be scattering handful of snow. Just at wondered at that her stepdaughter speedily made up her mind that she with which she was the angrier—her and that she recompensed herself for terribly lonely, and unquestionably all this display of cordiality and Mr. Barrington received a few less friendliness—which was absurd of snubs on account of it. Fenella, though just like her, and to She did not snub him on the preswhich the man had no right what net occasion when he entered the hall bing him crushingly whenever she couldn't.

Not that he was entirely without his redeeming points. Even Lady Marjorie, though ungraciously, found herself bound to admit that. He was sensible for instance, in electing to take his meals by himself, the Countidea of the glimmer of things in never intruding upon the precincts of the drawing room, preferring, it seemed, when he was not out on foot or horseback, to spend most of his time in the oak parlor, which was filled with all sorts of ledgers, acthe odor of a cigar box, for Mr Barrington, perhaps, to keep up his spirits in so much solitude, smoked amazingly. Marjorie passed the half open door one evening-a thing she never did if she could help it-and eeing the agent's long figure stretched comfortably back in an euqally long chair, half enveloped in a faint blue cloud of tobacco smoke, and certainly looking as lazily as he could do, wondered indignantly what Mr. Chadburn would say if he could see him, and almost pitied that deceived old gentleman. Still, he was less objectionable than he might have been though Marjorie, as a rule, was con-

sistently ungracious to him.

But not quite always; on several

occasions she had allowed him to relax just a little. Now and then they encountered each other in her favorite place—the hall—and it was not al- he had so clearly no business to look ways possible, or at any rate, not easy anything of the kind. o pass him by with a mere frigid r two on these occasions, or for ore perhaps which might surely be thorn into his foot and had promptof a dog in the last gasp, to the achievement she had found it impossible to snub him for a clear round of the clock. Indeed, Lady Marjorie, when she was up in her room afterwards and sat looking at lack as he sprawled on a cushion and licked and took herself to task for having, in the her in a rage. impulse of her gratitude, given her again when she met him the next tired. And Jack is not fit for running norning-it was almost impossible about yet. to avoid it when his hand made a movement to take hers-and stood talking to him for quite ten minutes with the old lozenge panes of stained glass making crimson and purple splashes upon her hair, until the Countess came rustling along with her stiff crepe covered skirts and dist deafness, and that is by constituturbed them, sending Barrington off to the oak parlor and Marjorie run- by an inflamed condition of the muning upstairs to her room. She scolded herself again when she got there, of course, but if she wanted an excuse it was easy to find one, for the Castle was so very dull and she was so terribly lonely-terribly lonely Inflammation can be taken out and and growing resentful too, for in spite this tube restored to its normal conof the letter which she had written,



But he had written twice, letter that were long and kind enough, but seed her kindness and cordiality to Mr which had somehow had left a miserable feeling of dissatisfaction on the eek or so of his residence at Castle girl's mind and made her restless with a new unhappiness. He was busy, he said-all kinds of things detained him in town; he would come to her when he could and soon as he could, but it was impossible to say when that would be. He hoped that

she was well in health, and was recovering her spirits; it was an excellent thing that she was to remain who was so superior herself and so at Castle Marling, and that spread elaborately over four pages, was all. In fact she avowed herself The raising of the Countess's fin had been very palpable when she askscraps from her pet Socialistic and ed for the contents of the letters. She word, but each time Marjorie had

mmensely disliked Mr. Barrington, stepmother or her lover. Yes, she was

ever—by keeping out of the agent's on his return from a ride to Upton way whenever she could and snub-Petherick and found her sitting in a corner of a huge old leather sofa, with Jack on a rug at her feet, her hat on her lap and a couple of immense old, faded moth-eaten banners drooping from the wall over her head. She had meant to go out, but it was a terribly hot day, her head ached a little ess's invitation to their own table and Jack was still on three legs, for notwithstanding; and he showed some the wound from the thorne was only two days old and he made as much fuss as any other spoilt and petted specimen of his race. So Marjorie, for these three reasons, had abandoned the idea of a walk, and sat down on the sofa to mope in the shadow instead. She was feeling more than uscount books and bill files, and had ually inclined to mope, for the Countess at luncheon had been more than disagreeable, and the time for the London post had passed by without bringing what she had been hoping for and expecting-a letter from Mr. Bligh. Altogether when Barrington entered and saw her and crossed over to her, all the originals of the grim

and frowning portraits on the walls might have found it in their dead and gone old hearts to forgive her for greeting him with a positive smile He looked bright and kind and handsome and cheerful; and she had been noping under the dreary old banners or more than an hour, and Jack, though all that could be expected as dog, had yet the drawback of not been able to talk. And he not only looked all this, but also decidedly surprised to see her there. That he also looked pleased Marjorie ignored,

'Why, Lady Marjorie, this is a sur-

'You understood " Marjorie asked. nity of Lady Marjorie Wynne. Then It was too late to stop the smile or nce in the park Jack, in one of his he would never have received it, for scrapings and rummagings, had run what business had he to understand anything about her movements She ly rent the air with piteous howls as knew nothing of the questions on the subject which he had at different agony and terror of his mistress. Mr times put to her maid, and certainly Barrington, providentially chancing did not suspect that the pretty Alice to pass that way, had extracted the had reaped as her reward for answerthorn and afterwards carried the ing a whole pocketful of half crowns. squirming victim home, after which The Countess was by no means the only person in the Castle Marling household with whom Mr Chadburn's agent was popular. But although puzzled, a little resentful, she condescended to explain-not quite truthfully, for how could she tell him that whimpered over his wounded foot, Fenella had been horrid, and had put

'My head ached a little," she said hand to Mr. Barrington as she thank- carelessly, and I do not care to drive ed him-a thing she had never done as far as Stilchester. Afterwards I before, and certainly had had no in- thought I would go out, but I was tention of doing then. But she did it afraid of the heat; it makes me so

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