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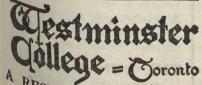
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'Is lordship was compelled to leave a few days back, sir, 'avin' business in New York."

"Ah? Returning soon, I suppose?"
"Hon that point, sir, 'is lordship seemed somewhat huncertain."

"How is Reuben?"

"Reuben 'ave enjoyed good 'ealth, sir. 'E is down by the lake, I fancy, sir, at the present moment, with Miss Ellison."

"I guess I might as well go and see him," said John awkwardly.
"I fancy 'e would happreciate it, sir."

The lake was he house. The John turned away. The lake some distance from the house. nearer he got to it, the more poignant did his nervousness become.

Aline was standing at the water's edge, encouraging Reuben to growl at a duck. Both suspended operations and turned to greet him. Reuben effusively, Aline with the rather absent composure which always deprived him

of the power of speech.
"I've taken great care of Reuben,
Mr. Barton," she said.
Something neat and epigrammatic
should have proceeded from John. It did not.

"I'd like to have you all for my own, wouldn't I, darling?" she went on, bending over the snuffling Reuben and kissing him fondly in the groove be-

It was a simple action, but it had a remarkable effect on John. Something inside him seemed suddenly to snap. In a moment he had become snap. In a moment he had become very cool and immensely determined. Conversation is a safety-valve. Deprive a man of the use of it for a long enough time, and he is liable to explode at any moment. It is the general idea that the cave-man's first advance to the lady of his choice was a blow on the head with his club. This is not the case. He used the club because, after hanging round for a month is not the case. He used the club because, after hanging round for a month or so trying to think of something to say, it seemed to him the only way of disclosing his affection. John was a lineal descendant of the cave-man. He could not use a club, for he had none. But he did the next best thing. Stooping swiftly, he seized Aline round the waist, picked her up, and kissed her. She stood staring at him, her lips parted, her eyes slowly widening till they seemed to absorb the whole of her face.

A minute before, John would have wilted beneath that stare. But now the spirit of the cave-man was strong in him. He seized her hands and pulled her slowly toward him.

"You're going to have us both," he said.

Reuben gave an approving snuffle.

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