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Anice made a face at her image in the glass, saying as she shook a dainty fist at it: "You idiot! Why don't you make yourself look as ugly as you

"I think, my dear," Aunt Margaret said, sticking her head through the open door behind, "it is because vanity is a trifle stronger with you than apprehension. You think you don't want to marry Charley Cliffe. I know you don't want him to find you a fright."

"Isn't it horrible, being so vain, with one's whole future in the balance?" Anice said, trying hard to be tearful. Aunt Margaret only laughed. After a little she said with twinkling eyes: "I have always thought vanity was among the heaven implanted instincts which help to save women from themselves. Now I am sure of it."

"What do you mean?" Anice cried.
"Surely you don't, you can't, think I'm shamming?" Again Miss Gordon laughed and said: "Not consciously, my dear. The truth is I think you reent the fact that you have no choice in this made to order match."

"Well, wouldn't that gall any girl with the spirit of a mouse?" Anice demanded. Miss Gordon looked thought "It is unfortunate, as I see it," she said. "That, however, does not alter facts. Instead of cultivating a hostile mind, you had much better be fair. Remember, it is not the young man's fault. The blame, if blame there is, lies wholly with old Mme. Boynton. She wanted her fortune to go to you two, her step-grandchildren. the sole descendants of her two husbands. Besides, I think she reasoned that as Charley, whom she petted, would certainly marry somebody, it was just as well to put him in the way

of marrying you."
"So if I say 'No' he gets the whole fortune, whereas he may 'relinquish' me and keep two-thirds of it," Anice exid. "Aunty, I have the greatest mind to stain my face and dye my hair red and wear a grass green gown and a yellow stock"—
"A rainbow would become you ever

so much better," some one said, coming through the door—some one tall and slim, with merry eyes and firm, muscular hands. He went straight up to Anice and kissed her upon both cheeks, saying: "Stars and garters!
What a beauty you have turned out to be! Why didn't I come straight to see you? Nan, dear, I'm in the confes-sional. I've gone and courted another girl without ever giving you a chance"— "Oh, how jolly!" Anice cried. "With

all that nonsense out of the way I am awfully glad to see you. I remember you as a real nice boy ever so many years back."

"I think you were a tartar, and I know you were ugly," Cliffe said, his eyes twinkling. "That's why I made up to the other one. What have you done to yourself? The girl I left behind me was sallow and scrawny and green eyed, with no hair to speak of, and fingers like talons"-

"And just up from six weeks of fever." Anice interrupted, shaking a mop of yellow brown curls at him. "I have spent an hour a day ever since forgetting how I looked just then. If I had known how faithfully you remember-

"Well, what?" Cliffe asked as she made a tentative pause.

"Oh, nothing," Anice returned. "I almost said I would have made myself live up to your recollections."
Cliffe laughed, then ran on: "Now

that under our granddam's nightmare of a will we have duly arrived at years of indiscretion let's settle money matters out of hand. I'm going to relinquish you in the presence of witnesses. You may marry whom you please for all of me. I shall also give you half the money'

"Oh, I think you are a dear!" Anice interrupted, dimpling all over her rosy face. "And you'll stay here a month, and we'll be the best comrades going. You'll tell me all about your sweet-

"On one condition." Cliffe broke in. "That you get engaged to somebody before I go away.'

"You are a trifle unreasonable," Anice said with a softly brilliant smile. "I want to be free—free as air for six whole months—before I even think of

bondage." Comrades the two became, comrades so close and congenial Miss Gordon looked after them sometimes with eyes that were not quite clear. "They were made for each other and will find it out too late," she said in her heart. Outwardly she kept silence. Fate had taken up the cards, and she had no

mind to try crossing the deal. Cliffe spoke often of his betrothed, but always vaguely—she was as high as his heart, her eyes the color he loved best in all the world. When the wedding day was set Anice and Aunt Margaret should know. He had no sort of doubt they would come to love his sweetheart as she so well deserved. Now and again he gave them messages out of her letters. Anice was insanely curious to read one of the letters through, but Cliffe would never agree

The month was almost ended. Next to the last day of it Cliffe rode with Anice up Round Top to watch the sun go down. It was Indian summer weather, with all the air full of warm haze and dead ripe autumn scents. They went slowly, he leaning toward the girl all up the long slope. At the top he dismounted and held out his

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arms to her, saying a little huskily: "Come! I will carry you to the very tip of the rocks."

into his arms. Her own heart beat furiously-she was beginning to find out what his presence or his absence would mean in her life. But she smiled back at him bravely when at last they stood hand in hand upon the craggy pinnacle. The sun sank, a globe of crimson, filling the whole world with rosy radiance. In that transfiguring illumination Anice had the face of an angel, serene, transparent to inner light. Cliffe laid his hand softly over hers and said very low. "It is hard to go down from all this to utter darkness." As he felt her shiver faintly he went on, "Anice, must a man suffer his whole life long because of a mistake?"

Anice said untruthfully, turning away her telltale eyes. Cliffe caught both her hands. "I think you do know," he said. "Anyway you know we love each other. Now, the question is, What shall we do?"

"Easily answered—for you," Anice said, her lips trembling. "Tou are go-ing away—to keep your pledged

"But you and my heart? Dare I leave both behind me?" Cliffe said very low, his voice thrilling strangely.

"I could not love thee, dear, so much loved I not honor more," Anice quoted almost under breath. "We—we are comrades," she ran on a little tremslously. "Comrades stand by each other, keep each other up to the mark"— "Comrades indeed and sweethearts

and shall be plighted lovers," Cliffe cried, catching her to him in a breathless clasp. "Anice, darling, forgive me. I deceived you. I said I had courted another girl and spoke the truth. But it was with the understanding that she refuse me. I had your picture, dearest—even that had taken me captive— but I knew you well enough to under-stand how little chance there was of making you love me if I appeared the light of a necessary evil. I kept it up thus long because—well, because I wanted to find out how well you loved me. Dear heart, sweet one, say you forgive the comrade who tricked because he feared to lose you.' "I do not see anything to forgive," Anice said, nestling to him with a little happy smile.

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BEIGE SAILOR HAT.

with red embroidery. Little tasseled gowns, and the pale biscuit and beige tints accord well with the coarse lace used on such costumes.

Although the blue gown trimmed with green is no longer modish, yet a pale green lawn or batiste gown is charming with a blue hat, and the prettiest blue hat is of rough straw, with plenty of light grass green foliage and blue silk cornflowers. A gown of pale blue green cambric is also effective with a deep willow green straw trimmed with pale blue forgetmenots and a deep purple iris or two.

The ruffle is no more, but last sea-

son's cape ruffle with longer ends is the fashionable "stole" of the present season. Three or four frills headed with lace or a flat collar put on to form a heading is sufficiently deep to widen the shoulders in the accepted style, and with long ends decorated with frills, ruchings or ribbon, and sometimes with all three, the stole is complete. Some of the newest stoles have capes with numerous frills, and these are already copied in common lace and will have but a brief reign. Flat stoles of ostrich and marabou feathers are very handsome. These have many tails and are altogether fussy and becoming.

The illustration shows a sailor of

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little collar of velvet, white moire or white kid. The craze forced is growing in favor. There is a good deal of distinction to it, and its wearing qualities are good. The deeper shades are the most fash-



FOULARD WAIST.

ionable and also combine best with the ecru tints in straw which are the fad this year.

A good many Parisian dressmakers are turning out skirts of plaited grass lawn with blouse bodices and large collars, adding at the neck and waist a touch of grass green or old rose. These are sure to have a fair share of popularity, owing to the rage for biscuit and fawn shades.
Grass lawn can look very charming

for a simple frock, combined with er tre-deux of coarse lace around the hem of the skirt and a wide lace collar.

Panne or plush ribbon, fancy and brocaded, is accounted a novelty and is quite a host in itself for trimming purposes. A belt of it worn the other day was in a rich shade of green, with a delicate gray cloth costume, fasten-ing in front through an immense square buckle of plain dull gold. These buckles, by the way, large, massive and severely plain, carry the mind back to the Stuart period. They are details accounted smart in Paris and seem to fit in with peculiar aptness to the style of the gathered skirt and waist bodice. Black belts with these great dull gold buckles are immensely chic and are to be worn with all man ner of toilets, silk alike with cloth.

The picture shows a simple waist of blue and white foulard trimmed with embroidery. JUDIC CHOLLET.



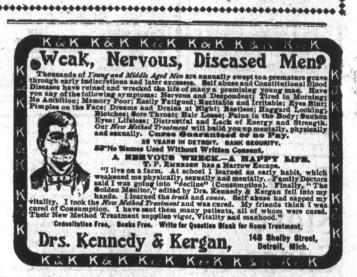
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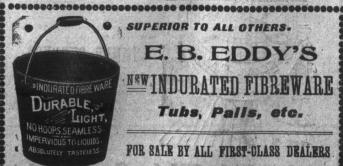
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