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the bond between Britain and her colonies. The Exhibition had been in full principal to the man stopped, purchased a far-away struggle on the veldt. Still Lola, and I, who had worked our way up from the South in time for the did business; and one of the biggest did business; and one of the biggest these on the vellow, bill of attractions on the vellow bill of attractions.

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Monday evening, with that dull pain still in my limbs, I was sitting by the full bits by which the station was surnounted.

It was in time for the enthusiastic preparations for the departure of the Caradians, and my thoughts veered to that other scene did business; and one of the biggest the Exhibition—that other outsides on the vellow bill of attractions.

The Exhibition had been in full newsboy came shouting out some war news; the man stopped, purchased a paper eagerly, and stood still to read it. I walked past, brushed his arm of the glare, I felt my way down one of the tiered gangways, leaped the full bits by which the station was urrounted.

If was in time for the days.

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selves mystified—that the poison—ask nothing—I cannot, of course,—exglands of the full-venomed cobra were intact. And then, more than all, it just think of her as a friend till we was Lola's big shining, dark eyes, her nut-brown skin, and crop of little black curls, her childish unconsciousness as she crooned her "charm" lulbies, all of which she had inherited from her Octoroon mother, that added to the witchery of the thing, and made people flock to see her for her-time to come."

come back. She will of me, I know, if you let her!"

"I'm sorry," I said, "but it is out of the question. I can't say—we may be hundreds of miles away before that happens. Besides, my daughter has her professional engagements for a long time to come."

Committee to tell them she was sorry she could not help as everyone else was doing, and very likely inclosing a bigger sum towards the fund than she would like me to know.

I laughed as I went out but I had a sort of lump in my throat, I felt very sick and shaky. I would feed the made people flock to see her for her-

her leaving me for any husband; but man to make him happy."

collected at the artistes' entrance to If Lola slept that night, I did not

her a few days later.

than the woman. "I did mean to tell close at heart. you,-soon! He only said it frighten-

life, and-"

fairly stupefied.

He says he is miserable think-it—I don't know why. He would It was have liked to speak to you, but was I remember, I lived in a sort of un- Anything amiss?" It was the land-

was. "Twice daily-Little Lola, the "Certainly!" was the quick answer.

been all the rage. For one thing, I in-him a blow. His voice went husky. variably challenged criticism when I "Can I help myself? Your daughter daughter had -I have only seen her a dozen times, I picked up the sheet of blotting-pawho had stepped sceptically into the start for headquarters to-morrow of the faint words she had blotted; ring had had to publicly own them- night. I meant to see you first. I "My contribution. . . brave soldiers

Little Lola! Never forget that she was the one thing! had in the world to love, and that the mere thought to love, and the mere thought to love, and the mere thought to love the love that the mere thought to love the love the love the love the love the love the love that the mere thought to love the l

and he moved away. Afterwards, I could recollect having seen the man several times in the front row of the circus stalls, his lips parted, watching Lola like one fascinated.

"You have—you have seen that man again?" something made me say to be a few days later.

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"Afterwards, I could recollect having seen the man saways wore on the third linger of all these years—the trick that had brought me money everywhere, and made little Lola falsely famous as a being with a charmed life.

"That is it Harley," he answered; but then he laughed. He couldn't but then he laughed. He couldn't be then to have known those iron muscles better than to have fear-again?" something made me say to be a few days later.

"You have—you have seen that man and get his legs into days window between the man his grandfather, who had it manufactured in Genoa at great cost.

One day, sullen faced men, heavily armed, came to his dark dungeon and told him he must follow them. He storned have for muscles better than to have fear-again?" something made me say to be unmasked. Andiences everywhere, and made little Lola falsely famous as a being with a charmed life.

That big case, contrived by myself on a cunning inspiration was a fraud that I had come to believe would never a few days later.

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round my neck and hide that hot face and how Holly's last words had rank-told me more than any words. I stood led in me. It was a perverse bit of spite, no doubt; but, an hour later, formance so convincing and bewitchgot out at last. Who is he? You feet that, for certain compelling rea- slip it back, touch the spring again. must know that, or you would never sons, the "Queen of Snakes" would not be able to give her services on tidotal theory. And now, to-night, I "Yes! Holly," she whispered. "Will the day mentioned. Heaven knows, af- was not there; and Lola knew nothing Holly. He saw us at Duluth. He spoke to me there, but I thought no more right hand to be able to recall that cobra underneath. At this very mo-

It was gone. For the next two days

is going to the war; they tell him he has been chosen; and—"
"And—Go on; you know it all!"

on the third day, the new exhibition of the third day, the new exhibition of the has been chosen; and—"

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"Why," she breathed, "Miss Lola!

was Lola's big shining, dark eyes, her come back. She will of me, I know, nut-brown skin, and crop of little if you let her!"

snakes-a thing I had never yet al "Oh, if it's a question of money, lowed anyone else to do-and then go

that some day a man might take her from me had always made my blood tingle vaguely. I had no tangible fear of it, she was such a clinging little thing that I could not imagine little thing that I could not imagine had now when he has met the one wo-bar leaving me for any bushand; but the time had come when I scarcely ever let her go long out of my sight.

And it was here, at Montreal, that one day I had to wake up to that one day I had to wake up to the fact that my Lola was a woman, the fact that my Lola was a woman was the fact that my Lota was a woman, reasonable on my part staggering and had a woman's heart.

The revelation had been. I had wooed cobra case should stand. Gone—the syou hear the sweetest, weirdest, this of a track of the smell of a track of the It was just after one of the final evening performances. As the cheering died away a man had leaned over ing died away a man had leaned over the barrier and thrown a fresh rose that constant and thrown

pened to swing round suddenly, and fit to dismiss contemptuously what shall never know, never care to calwhispering something to Lola; and should act in his own way when he reLola's face seemed to show that she
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her a few days later.

"Yes," she whispered. "He was waiting. I never knew it."

"You never knew?" I threw down my cigar, and got up. "But who is be? What has he said to you?"

"Oh, no, you won't!" she breathed.

"Yes," she whispered. "He was starting for South Africa in a few days and it was enthusiastically proposed on all hands to organize a monster performance on the following device for trapping and holding safe-line.

"Oh, no, you won't!" she breathed.

"He stepped bravely out to meet his face sort of clouded over, and he sat fate, determined to die like an English gentleman and a brave man. And he believed that it contained one dead in your?"

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Well, it seemed that he and Nanny had been counting on getting married the signal came. He laid his the "Ones of Snakes" would contribute gratuit to England to the case, while, as for dramatic field the case, while, as for set free a swift-sliding shutter which of a queen. And de his wife, perhaps, I the did not stifled passion.

The my lip on the answer. I did she ran forward to put her arms of wish her to know my thoughts, and darted a clot of blood that a stifled passion.

The my lip on the answer. I did fatuously at her while she stood smilling arm or waist, and darted a clot of blood that a years had lain there and impeded the working of the limit that I good to the cause of the natives in the implicit helief in the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the cause of the natives in the control of the cause of the c

ment, perhaps. . "What's the matter, Mr. Joyce

afraid. But now-now he thinks he comfortable consciousness. And then, lady, who had perhaps been watch-

That is between Heaven and me; and if there's a price to be paid, why. That is between Heaven and me; and if there's a price to be paid, why. That is between Heaven and me; and if there's a price to be paid, why. They it in full every time I look back—back to dear, terrible Montreal! Yes! It was just after we knew that the war was going to tighten the bond between Britain and her coltable and her coltable bond between Britain and her coltable and the bond between Britain and the coltable and the bond between the total the baby-wide eyes started to stop the turn, whate that the war was going to tighten
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in a fever of excitement to do something to help the Mother Country through her war. That's why the place was in a ferment—and why Lo "Daddy! I'm going—to him—for him ed to my companion.
—out there!"

"Go on," I said.

little Lola gave her contribution.

A REMARKABLE RING.

The most charming little ring and interesting little curio in the world him coming, for I knew in a minute rest would be easy enough, the climb

the barrier and thrown a fresh rose Into the ring. A few minutes later when Lola had dressed and we were when Lola had dressed and we were when Lola had dressed and we were long ago; and now to lose little Lola, which will be a like of the Revolution, he valiantly espoused the cause train as well as he did; was regularly cut out for a road man's wife.

To my face to shut out—what royalist, and in the days of the Revolution, he valiantly espoused the cause train as well as he did; was regularly cut out for a road man's wife. stare at the cases being placed on At breakfast-time two letters werelystare at the cases being placed on At breakfast-time two letters werelysweat beading out on me, and that
He was arrested, thrown into jail,
up to spend it with her. And yet he
after the flying thing! icy wind from nowhere seeming to fan where he lingered for days and weeks. couldn't be content that long without the hair back from my forehead? I One of the few pleasures in the

cwher took it to a London jeweller. little something laid by for a rainy who found in the musical mechanism day, he'd just been telling her they'd have to wait a bit longer.

A THING OF BEAUTY.

She-Did you get a good look at the bride. What is she like? He - Fine eyes, good complexion, ovely hair-

And teeth? Like a new born babe's

"He only begged me to tell him where we should be when he comes back! That was a I couldn't help just dared to open the portmanteau and look at one of those yellow posters. I put it away quick; there's a lump in my throat that seems as if it will never go. One look, and I could in the look at one of look, and I could never go. One look at one of those yellow posters. I put it away quick; there's a lump in my throat that seems as if it will never go. One look, and I could never go. One look, and I could never go. One look, and I could never go. One look at one of look at one of those yellow posters. I put it away quick; there's a lump in my throat that seems as if it will never go. One look, and I could never go. One look at one of those yellow posters. I put it away quick; there's a lump in my throat that seems as if it will never go. One look, and I could never go. One look at one of those yellow posters. I put it away quick; there's a lump in my throat that seems as if it will never go. One look, and I could never go. One look at one of those yellow posters. I am not billed to appear look with one of the circus go. She was all lexitiment—just time for her turn, she man to snut my teeth on words that me?"

"Mean? Didn't I tell you?" I said, "Going to the war, is he?" I said, sharply. "I never promised. We shall I realized was that I was panting after a train that might have no exist.

burst of loyalty.

Where was Lola? I suddenly won
The music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, and the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, and the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, and the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, and the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, and the music had broken off as the cobra, away in magnificent perspective, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the cobra had broken off as the cobra, and the music had broken off as the cobra, and the cobra had broken off as the cobra, and the cobra had broken off as the cobr Dusky Queen of Snakes."

"It gives me my chance. Mr. Joyce, Anyone who has been to that part of the world knows two things: How hope I've given no offence in thinkof the world knows two things: How the people there love a healthy sensation, and how they would all be ter!"

In a man, same as yourself. I do me quietly, and said she must go out to do back with a cry that no one understood. Dead and powerless it lay ago. Perhaps in her room, crying quietless, and she sway- an intersecting road, to frame it in.

"You're right, sir," he replied, with derstood. Dead and powerless it lay evident pleasure at my appreciation; ago. Perhaps in her room, crying quietless, and she sway- an intersecting road, to frame it in.

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these who return-they will never the side of the baggage-room, "well, for me to do.' Then for one instant he know all, but they will hear of the sir, it was this way. It was just about bent his head and closed his eyes, just fund, and they may like to her how such a day as this, and just about this one instant; and after that he looked time of the day too, strange to say. I up again and—waited.
was in the baggage-room, here, looking over some little matters, when Jim that was it, to take the one chance out Pallock, a great chum of mine, and one of a hundred of dropping on the cab One of the Most Interesting Little Curios of the finest engineers on the road, roof as she passed under him! If he came strolling along up the platform. root as sne passed under him made no mistake—dropped at the right

wriggling score of small, harmless pathetic and romantic in the ex- company. He was going to marry the ly he would have fallen behind, getting

coming down to cast his eye up and yet out of danger, for he was clinging

I should see from the papers that the loyal Canadian contingent would be er now be unmasked. Audiences, ex- He stepped bravely out to meet his face sort of clouded over, and he sat fore the curve was reached, and saved,

"Oh, no, you won't!" she breathed devoted to a presentation for the men quickly, as if she guessed I had meant Monday. Part of the proceeds would be ed. One cobra—that I always slipped little ring and lovingly held it to his couldn't but wonder what was up, and

turned seventeen she was in many ways infinitely far more of the child then the many others who had the cause who had the cause the many others who had the cause the many other money he had saved to go to house. analand; but they resent this name ou,—soon! He only said it frighten—he wished I could give up the fellows! Write at once; we will—we imprisoned the genine snake out of fellows! Write at once; we will—we will!" breathed Lola, clasping her hands as if thrilled at the mere sug-in, in, in a stifled passion.

The a swittesting shutter which is a queen.

In the course of time the little ring found its way back into the Temple found its

was dreadfully sorry to hear that, but his part of the country than any oth-This was removed and the little ring that I guessed Nanny wasn't the girl er two dozen native chiefs. sings again the same little tune that to find any fault, when I saw Jim sud- He will not allow any intoxicating "You'd better tell me at once," I spite, no doubt; but, an hour later, ing. I was always at head, ready to beguiled the many sad hours of its denly give a great start and fix his liquor whatever to be sold anywhere eyes like a cat away down the road: within his dominions. He and all his and the next instant he was saying in people are strict teetotallers, and a hoarse whisper 'God help us, Pan. there is a heavy fine for making tsch-

> to the track, but at that I wheeled mealie meal. around like a flash. "'A train!' I cried; 'but what train,

"He didn't answer, only made a

"Going to the war, is he?" I said, sharply. "I never promised. We shall I realized was that I was patterns after a train that might have no existing out to tell me there's nothing in the world to forgive. Nothing! No; she would love to have us think she she would love to have us think she world for her Canadian boy who's out."

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"Now wasn't I the worst fool to say

thing to help the Mother Country through her war. That's why the place was in a ferment—and why Lola's performance with the snakes had la's performance with th I turned up the gas. She had packed her boxes for the journey; and she had been writing. To Holly, perhaps. In packed up the sheet of blotting-palies time to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies time to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open, and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eyes open and I packed up the sheet of blotting-palies to see her eye claimed that my daughter had brought a charmed life from her planbrought a charmed life from her planb enough to catch that faint whisper: was casting long shadows, then turn-that man was Jim Pollock. No, his one and only thought was of Nanny.

out there!"

No more. . . The Canadians have gone—many, they tell me, to prove their bravery with their lives. And their lives are the bravery with their lives. And the bravery will prove the bravery will be the braver

"You understand the plan, sir? Yes. "I laughed to myself when I saw instant and was able to hold on, the

cut out for a road man's wife.

"She lived here, up the hill yonder; what had happened to him. Bring-How long did I stand, with the ly, doomed queen, Marie Antoinette, and as he had a day off, Jim had come ing all my strength to bear, I glanced "Thank God! there he was, but not

my heart jumped; the man was there, was with him a vital matter, he should act in his own way when he rewhispering something to Lola; and was with him a vital matter, he should act in his own way when he rerealize that I had been playing upon the little musical ring which he down to see if I was all right? Wall I realize that I had been playing upon the little musical ring, which he down to see if I was all right? Well, I it possible for him to draw himself up and get his legs inside the window be.

"And the company? Well, Jim did not have to wait to marry Nanny,

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uala, or Kaffir beer, a comparatively "I had been standing with my back harmless decoction of fermented

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