

TAKEN BY SIEGE.

The Story of a Young Journalist's Experiences in New York.

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SYNOPSIS.

"Taken by Siege" introduces its readers to the principal characters in the story at a village in central New York. Here, in the town of Newburgh, the young journalist, as a professional and after a year spent on a country paper, finds that he has nothing more to learn. Then he seeks a position in New York and learns that he has been rejected by all.

His experiences about the theatre and among men of a literary bent are well portrayed and at last he falls in love with Helen Knowlton, the heroine of the story. Miss Knowlton is an actress of considerable reputation and has many admirers.

Mr. Harlestone is employed on the Dawn newspaper and secures an engagement with a young girl named Annie. Through the intervention of a friend, he is introduced to Miss Knowlton in regard to a difficulty between her company and her manager, and does so successfully.

Mr. Harlestone becomes familiar with the circle of newspaper men, writes noticeable articles in "Haven," is introduced into society where he meets, not only Miss Knowlton, but many others of her set, who play "lover" with the sophisticated Harlestone.

Miss Knowlton's brother John is introduced, who sets into fast company and the secretary of a manufacturing company. He is introduced to the prima donna, who says she regards him as a "nice young brother."

He resolves, however, to get away from her to the test by making himself especially agreeable to Miss Knowlton in her presence and noting the effect.

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