# A Living Prisoner;

Or, Friends in Name, Enemies at Heart.

(CHAPTER VII.-(Cont'd.)

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In fact they did not seem a bit like strangers, but quite like old friends of long standing.

They discovered that they possessed the same tastes, the same wish for amusement, the same vague but magnificent expectations of life, though of the two life. Thompson possibly took the soberer view, her brief experiences of matrimony having already flavored her notions onthings in general with a certain amount of cynicism, which contrasted strangely with her bright, young face, and quick, vivacious manner.

if any encouragement was to be gained from her.

"Mrs. Box has just been recommending us to go to Schatz's. She says it is smell, but very clean and comfortable, and they feet you extremely well, which last consideration has gdite decided Ebenezer to try it," said Mrs. Thompson, answering Harry's question instead of her husband.

"In that case," he rejoined, "I shall most certainly accompany you, provided I am not intruding." And he glanced heetatingly at Mr. Thompson.

"Oh dear no!" said the little woman briskly, before her better half had time to make any reply. "The more the merrier. Ebenezer and I are far too sensible a couple to shut ourselves up, and sit all lay long in each other's pocket, just because we happen to have been married lay." Wro 8 ago."

"Don't talk bosh," he said grumpily, evidently resenting his wife's pleasantry. "I was going to Holtz's," said Harry, "but I quite agree with Mrs. Thompson in thinking that, as we are bound for the same destination, it's much joilier being together. So that's ectiled."

He spoke in a tone of authority very unusual with him, but he experienced a strange reluctance to ear good-bye to Mrs. Thompson, even for a short time. He thought it would be far nier going about Bergen in her company than all by himself, and for her sake he was even prepared to put up with the husband, though he felt an instinctive autipathy to the man.



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By Sad Experience.
"It takes an old maid to be always imagining there's a man in the house."

"Yes, a married woman soon learns to know better."

A CHINESE FUNNY STORY. Magic Jar Had Power to Multiply Whatever Was Put Into It.

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"What was it?"
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