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and looks with a little, troubled smile

gratulated," she says. "What does he

hesitatingly, and tilting her hat off

her forehead, just as Rick tilts his,

with the unconscious imitation of him

-"why, a few days ago he appeared

totally unconscious of my existence.

A red flush sweeps over fair Alice's

brow, and the blue eyes lighten, but

she smiles calmly enough a moment

ortistic taste has awakened, and he sands.'

Inds that he prefers your style of

the poor fellow seems very much in

at that photograph of you which

adorns the parlour mantel-shelf, and

"That hideous thing which makes

me squint and look like a murderess!

"Oh, he has spoken, then?" says

"I did not say so," breaks in Paula,

Dear me!" And she sighs. "To quote

They say that Stancy will be a million-

know it is impossible, even if-if-"

dering young baronet with the dark

you think so?"

eyes and grand, historic manner. Do shoulders.

your favourite Shakespeare:

Alice, with a twitching of the lips;

promise to Stancy.

"actually spoken?"

blushing deeply.

Paula, wonderingly,

at the fair face.

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"So do I, most heartily," says Alice,

quite coolly. "I should not have said

of a million. I should have taken him

and said 'Thank you.' But then I am

not romantic—and I am not selfish."

"Selfish?" echoes Paula, dismayed.

head, and looking up at the sky medit-

atively. "I should say to myself, 'My

dear girl, here is an opportunity to

raise the Estcourts to something like

you can do for Bob'-poor Bob. Did it

ever occur to you, my dear, that Bob

Paula sighs. This is Alice's strong-

not the most money-making business

few thousands would be the making

Paula's face goes from white to red

faintly. "I shall be able to help Bob.

"Has Sir Herrick come into a for

ing him so mysteriously in town?"

"I was thinking of Major Vericourt,"

"Oh the major." murmurs Alice

"How horribly you put it, Alice."

"My dear, I am the only practical

member of our romantic family. And

you will wait for a dead man's shoes,

pend too much on him if I were you-

With a faint cry Paula approaches

"Why do you talk like this?" she

asks, piteously, her lips quivering.

"You know that it is of no

use. I couldn't have married Stancy

loved him! If all the world depended

it. I wouldn't do it even for Bob.

droops with a meek supplication that

But Alice merely shrugs her white

taining strength and keeping

is pretty heavily weighted?"

"Poor Bob!" echoes Paula.

"I mean," says poor Paula, falter- and lately it has been anything but

ingly and hurriedly, "that-that he picking up gold and silver on Tom

never spoke or looked at me while Tiddler's ground. Poor dear Bob! A

mind." says Alice, coolly-"in fact, be chosen me instead of you, my dear,

has come to his senses. Perhaps his Bob should have had those thou-

earnest, I am sure, to see him stare Sir Herrick-" she stops, and Alice

to hear him sigh, is quite touching." tune? Perhaps that is what is keep-

She stops short, warned by Alice's then she laughs. "Don't depend too quick, upward glance that she has much on the major, my dear. You

made a slip and nearly broken her know the uncertainty of waiting for

"My child, don't be alarmed. Of you know. And after all he may disap

course you didn't. But if he had, it point you; I should say the major is wouldn't have been any use, would just the man to do so. I shouldn't de-

"Of course not-I say so. We have the rocking-chair and lays her hand

Just think. To be mistress of Powis de Palmer whatever had, or hadn't

Court and the Powis money! -- to be happened. And-and Alice-don't-

really and truly rich, and so rich! don't worry me. If you knew how I

aire. It is almost a sin to throw away upon my giving him up I couldn't do

"Please don't," says Paula. "You Please let me alone," and her head

"Yes, yes; a thousand times yes," to give him up, as you call it? I was

says Paula. "It never could have been. merely remarking what I should do

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"If you had not met with the wan- would have melted a stone.

Paula flushes.

dead men's shoes."

Paula shudders.

leauty-rich, glowing, and mediæval and her hosom heaves.

Well, after all, it is a joke, as I told; she says in a low voice.

"Use? No. How could it?" demanded and Sir Herrick."

heroic and penniless, haven't we? and troubled.

"Well, you see he has changed his of him, and if Stancy de Palmer had

"No," says Alice, throwing back her

Paula wipes her tears away with I wish-" she stops, abruptly. covert hand; and Bob, after staring "What do you wish?" says Alice. from one to the other for a momen "I wish it had been you," she says

and she smiles.

"Well, I wish you'd see about the tea; I'm awfully hungry. Has Sir Herrick turned up yet?" .

has honoured you. That was all. And as you say, perhaps the major will

behave liberally. I humbly trust he

here's Bob," she breaks off rather

Paula does not answer: but Alice, as she rises languidly and enters the house, looks over her shoulder and

"Not yet. Business of importance detains," and Bob, with a grunt, goes

Paula goes to her room and change and tries to throw off the effects of Alice's worldly, cynical remarks; but it is hard work. That speech of hers anent selfishness sticks like a brier.

"Poor, dear Bob," she murmurs," If -if ever I am rich. Bob shall have all sighs with impatient annoyance 'What an idiot Stancy de Palmer must be to perfer me to Alice. Why didn't he ask her, and make us all

A strange feeling of loneliness falls on her as she brushes the heavy curls of red-brown hair, and a strange and heavy sense of impending evil.

"If Rick were only here!" she mur murs. "If he would only write!"

Then she goes down to the parlous nd takes her accustomed place at the tea-table. Alice sitting in the easychair, and Bob perched at the end of the table and balancing his knife ex- begged me to save him the walk up

"Any news from Crawfield, Bob?" she asks, determined to drive Sir was worn out; but of coure he didn't Herrick from her mind for a few min- care. And aren't you going to read it

Bob looks up with a little start. "News! Whoever heard of news being found in Crawfield?" he res- murely. happens there: you know that."

"And how's the market?" "Jolly bad." he says, and the shadow deepens on his broad, sunburnt brow. "It seems to me that they'll have to build a special lot of workhouses all over the country for the farmers. foreAgriculture-but I think you have heard that remark that agriculture is

trouble you with it." "I've heard it ever since I can remember anything," says Paula, pour- from her pocket and looks at it; then ing out his tea. "Those dogs who have she looks round covertly, and puts it plighted our troth to Sir Herrick, the upon Alice's arm, her own face pale set their minds upon waiting for agri- to her lips. culture must be getting rather tired

and impatient, Bob." "Don't joke on serious subjects Paula," he retorts, with rather a forced smile. "I shall go to London to

"To-London!" echoes Paula, with wide-open eyes, while even Alice leans forward and stares.

"Great Jupiter!" he says, with smile. "Anyone would think that I had said I was going to New Mexico. That Lydia E. Pinkham's Why shouldn't I go to London as well Vegetable Compound made as other people? Do you think that a journey to town is the exclusive priv

Sir Herrick, my child?" Paula colours and laughs "What are you going for, Bob?" she

ilege of such swells as your grand

A brief pause. "To get my hair cut."

Paula received this audacious fabr with a peal of incredulous laughter: curiously.

"You might as well say one as th

"Mind your own business: kids ould repress their curiosity!" he re orts; and, although the tone is pleas back of it that silences Paula effec

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"By Jove!" he says, penitently. "I say, little one, I've got something for you. Guess what it is. I'd nearly for-

"Quite, you mean!" says Paula Bob?" and she comes and puts her

"No earneying, young 'un," he says, coolly, releasing himself and striking light, while he guards his pocket with his other hand, knowing full well that otherwise the slim little fingers would dash in. "No, it is not gloves. What on earth should I buy you gloves for?" Though he does with tolerable frequency. "And I haven't a narasol up my sleeves. There, take

Paula's face flushes, then grows deadly pale with the swift emotion of nope and delight.

"Oh. Bob!" she says, with quick reproach, "and you could forget it." "I've been busy," he says, apologetthe hill. I told him I should most probably carry it about with me until it now you've got it?" he demands: for Paula has thrust it in her pocket, and stands looking out of the window de-

smile. What! read it with Alice's cold eyes fixed on her! Read Sir Herrick's letter with other people in the room?

"What a lovely evening it is," she says, with the thinnest attempt at carelessness. "I think I shall go down to the stream for a little while," and

Yes, by the stream—where they wandered, Rick and she—she will read his letter. She goes to the stump and seats herself, and takes the letter

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