

TAKEN BY SIEGE.

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

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SYNOPSIS. "John Harrison" introduces his readers to the principal characters in the story of a "village" in central New York. Ruth Harstone, the hero, adopts journalism as a profession and after a year on a country paper thinks he has become more than a "village" man.

His experiences about the theatres and among men of a literary turn 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 his admirer.

Mr. Harstone is employed on the "Daily Messenger" and seeks a better position as a writer of verses for a magazine through the intervention of a friend. He is deceived by his paper to interview Miss Knowlton with a view to a matrimonial alliance between her and her manager, and does so successfully.

At this moment Archie put his arm through Ruth's and said in a low tone that he was to be off. Ruth thanked Mr. Harstone and the two young men went down stairs to the safe and opened it. They found a large roll of money.

"There's nothing pleasant than getting a copy in my hand," he said. "Now let us go to my uncle's office. I will leave you while I do the McMillan's. An I tell you before that I am not going long. Cousin Ben will take care of you while I am interviewing McMillan on the cost of his interestment."

From Delmonico's they strolled up town as far as Twentieth street, where they turned off to the house of the Archers, on Gramercy park. The moon was shining brightly upon this exclusive little park, and upon the ladies in their handsome wraps who were running gaily up the archway front steps and disappearing in a blaze of light through the door.

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