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Althea's mother had been a gay, wild, though beautiful and accomplished ght. She was the daughter of an im-poverished nobleman, and had been educated with and by the generosity of the Princess Louise, her cousin, and who was afterwards Queen of Beiglum. Thus they also grew up together, a deep affection ripening with the years they spent in each other's so-

Afterward the family of Lady Helen, Althea's mother, removed to Florence, where she became acquainted with a promising young artist. He was to all appearances poor and without position in the world, and the young girl's parents forbade all intimacy between

The result was what might have been expected. Opposition only increased their interest in each other, until it ended in an elopment, the lovers

fleeing to Naples. Here they lived happily for a year, when the little Althea was born. Three months later the young artist, Arthur Damaire, received a letter

which threw him into a fever of excitement, although he did not confide to his young wife the nature of his trouble. "It was business," he said, which would call him away for a while," and with professions of tenderest love for his loved ones, and promises to return very soon, he left them, and they never saw him again.

Months passed, and the young and apparently deserted wife was wild with agony. She could not write, for her husband had not said where he

was going, except that his business called him to England, and she knew not where to direct a letter to him. Her money began to give out, her health failed beneath the doad of her

grief, and, heart-broken, world-weary, she took her babe and returned to her Arriving at her home, she found that her mother was dead, and her proud father, hard-hearted and unforgiving,

refused to receive her back again. In despair, not knowing what else to do, she tursed to the friend of her childhood, the Princess Louise, now Queen of Belgium.

Her appeal was not in vain. The queen loved her tenderly even yet, and though grieved at her misfortunes and the apparent blight resting upon her life, she graciously befriended her and her necess The Lady Helen, however, could not

rally; her strength was gone, her heart On her dying bed, she told the queen

all her sad history, solemnly declaring that she believed herself to be a lawfully wedded wife, although she had nothing by which to prove it, save the ring which Arthur Demaire had placed upon her hand the day they were mar-The ring, of course, proved nothing,

but it was all she had, unless a little trinket, which Arthur had given her before their marriage, would help to identify him as the father of her child, if at any time in the future the queen cared to interest herself in the mat-

This the queen promised to do, and also that the unfortunate little Althea should become, for her mother's sake, her especial charge.

She faithfully kept this promise while he lived, taking the child into her own usehold and rearing her among her children; and thus she became companion of the young princess, although there was three years' rence is their ages, yet they were est inseparable, and the affection they manifested for each other often the subject of remark by who witnessed it.

who called himself Arthur Deduring all these years, and the who knew the secret of Althea's became convinced that her n had been the victim of a bad

Before the queen died she had coned her history to the young girl: had ven into her keening her mother's ing and strange little trinket before entloned; and then the subject had lever been referred to again, until the young princess, in her jealousy and anger, had so unkindly twitted her

The trinket which the Lady Helen had given to the queen looked like a portion of a cross. was of Roman gold, very heavy, and with something which appeared to be a sement twined about it.

She had found it one day while looking over a box of broken jewelry and ornaments which she had discovered in the young artist's studio, where he had

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taken her to show her a picture he was painting.
"What is this?" she asked, examining it closely.

Arthur Demaire's brow darkened as

"It is part of an ornament," he said, "that once belonged to my grand-father. It was an heirloom, he told me. He gave it to me when I was a boy, and told me to keep it always as a talisman against evil."
"Why do you throw it aside in this

"Why do you throw it aside in this box of rubbish, then? Why do you not

wear it? Here is a ring by which it can be suspended," Lady Helen said, deeply interested in it.

"I am not superstitious; I have no faith in such things, although I would not care to lose it," he answered indifferently. differently.

"The queer thing possesses a strange charm for me," the young girl had said, regarding it thoughtfully.

"Does it? then you shall wear it, if you wish. I will test its efficacy upon you," the artist returned, as he took a slender chain from a drawer in his desk, and, passing it through the ring of which she had spoken, clasped it around her neck.

He laughed to see her pleased with such a "trifle," as he termed it.

"Trifle!" she said, archly, a little reproach in her tone; "you forget what
Young says:"

What does he say?" the artist asked, looking fondly into her face.

Think naught a trifle, though It small appear; Sands the mountain, moments make the year. And trifles life."

"Do you imagine that this 'trifle' can ever influence in any way your life?" Arthur Demaire asked, regarding her curiously "Perhaps-who knows?" she answered, lightly, adding: "Whether it does or not I shall always keep it."

CHAPTER VIII.

As soon as the princess comprehended the injury that she had done her fair kinswoman she was consciousstricken. As soon as it was practicable, she excused herself to the duke. and with tears of sorrow in her eyes she sped up to Lady Althea's room to confess her fault and make her peace

with her. But Lady Althea was not to be seen. In none of her apartments was she visible. Upon a desk in her boudoir the princess saw a package addressed

A legal-looking document fell out,

and a small slip of paper fluttered to the floor.

She picked it up and read: "Dear Marie,-I am going away-if I am forbidden to come into your presence, or to speak to you-if I am demied your favor and your confidence, I cannot abide in the same house with you. Do not think that I go in anger, at is only in sorrow that you should be so unjustly suspicious of me, that you have ceased to love me. Besides-although through the unvarying kindness which I have always received from you, I had almost ceased to remember the fact until today—if, as you say, there is a blight upon my birth and reputation, at is not fitting that I should remain longer as the companion of the daughter of the King of Bel-

[To be Continued.]

THE WORLD OF SPORTS.

Kraemar Wins 25-Mile Bike Race at New York.

Another Group in the O. H. A.-Was the Big Six Day Bicycle Race a Fake?

WHEEL.

KRAEMAR WON 25-MILE RACE. New York, Dec. 20.-At Madison Square tonight Frank L. Kraena, of East Orange, N. J., formerly amateur champion of America, won the 25-mile professional bicycle race by a wheel's length from Bob Waithour, lanta, Ga., who in turn finished a wheel's length in front of Tom Cooper. Time, 1:01:55%. Most of the riders in the recent six-day race were contestants, but before the race had gone half the distance Kraemar, Walthour and Cooper, by desperate riding, lap-ped the rest of the bunch. This caused the announcement that only those riders who were not lapped would be allowed to finish, the others retiring at the end of the 24th mile. Of the latter bunch Arthur W. Ross won the fourth prize. The leader at the end of each five miles also received a prize, but with the exception of the 25th, Walthour captured all the extra Walthour captured all the extra prizes. Kreamar took the 25th. In a mile exhibition race behind motor page, Harry E'kes, of Glens Falls, broke the world's indoor record, covering the distance in 1:36%. Owing to the illness of Roundsman Haussler, the inter-city police championship match did not take place. Policeman Hayssler, who was to race against Schuessler, rode an exhibition mile, unpaced, in 2:11. The one mile indoor championship was won by G. C. Schrieber, Harlem Wheelmen; 2:331%. The Christmas half-mile amateur handicap was won by F. J. Caldwell, Hartford, with a handicap of 15 yards; time, 1:02%.

THE SIX-DAY GRIND. Buffalo, Dec. 20.—A special to the Express from New York says:
"Archie McEachern, of the team of
Pierce and McEachern, winners of 2nd prize in the six-day race at Madison Square Garden last week, declares that Floyd McFarland, of the winning team, agreed with him to combine and share first and second moneys alike. The statement is strenuously denied by the lanky Californian, his partner, Harry Elkes, and Tom Cooper, his manager. They unite in saying that the statement is out of rea-Either McFarland or Elkes, according to the trio, can out-sprint the Canadian pair, and as they were certain first prize would be won on the tain first prize would be won on the final sprint, such a proposition would be an act of philanthropy. The managers of the race—Jim Kennedy and P. T. Powers—deny any knowledge of such an arrangement, saying if they were aware of it, they would take measures to prevent its consummation."

HOCKEY.

ANOTHER GROUP IN O. H. A. Toronto, Ont., Dec. 20 .- The Northclubs at Collingwood, Barrie, Newman ket and elsewhere, has been absorbed in the Ontario Hockey Association, and will form a group in the O. H. A.

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TURF'. AT NEW ORLEANS. New Orleans, Dec. 20 .- Belle of Orleans, Strangest and Indian were the only winning favorites today, and the latter's support was only mild.

weather was cloudy and the track First race, 1 mile selling-Belle of Orleans 1, Silver Coin 2, Lady Curzon 3, Time, 1:48.

Second race, 7 furlongs, selling—Georgie Gardner 1, Saline 2, Algie M.

Third race, 1 1-16 miles, selling—Strangest 1, Sauber 2, Alvin W. 3. Fourth race, 6 furlongs, handicap—Senator Beveridge 1. Tom Collins 2, Tom Kingsley 3. Time, 1:19.

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