POOR DOCUMENT

SELECT STORY.

His Wife's Sister.

&c. Though he knew of no just cause sneer. "You in tears, he sitting in my When Hugh Follet's young wife was on before God why he should not contract a chair with a sentimental look, and holdher death-bed, she turned to her husband, marriage for which unanswerable Biblical ing baby on his knees. Did he make you who was holding one of her thin hands warranty exists, yet admitting his al- an offer of marriage ?" between his, and whispered, almost with legiance to the civil law, he found him- "Hugh!" her last breath : "How nice it would have self in a dilemma. Besides, a marriage "Oh, he might, you know. You're a

been, dear, if you could have married in England would have been of no use to a free woman in law; only if you mean to Maudel I should have gone away so him. In Switzerland, where a man may play that game, you had better tell me, happy to think she would be a mother to wed his deceased wife's sister, he was for I can play it, too." joined, as he believed, in a perfectly law- "Hugh! hugh! What have I done my poor babies- "

ful union. There was a wistful look in the dying Mr. and Mrs. Follet came back to the poor woman; but her husband left young mother's eyes as she said this; for England, and had some right to expect the room, telling her not to make a scene, thoughts were passing through her mind that they would be kindly received by as his head acked.

which she could not speak. Maude was her favorite sister, who had nursed her the friends who had counselled them to He did not mean what he had just marry. Cer ainly, their men friends said. He was sorry for it the next day, through her illness, and had taken the through her illness, and had taken the tenderest care of her children. Nobody else could have taken such care of them." greeted them pleasantly enough; but it was different with the ladies. It is curi-But the last remnant of dignity had been else could have taken such care of them; and the young mother could not help in most respect on at least apparently wife by the insult he had thrown at her, in most respects_or, at least, apparently wife by the insult he had thrown at her, of the children then? Would Hugh's good, forsook her. Even those who morose. Seeking self-justification, he

Yet, when she was dead, her sister con- followed by the community, not because ashamed before her servants. Hugh, tinued to reside in Hugh Follet's house, anybody thought much of the Jinks's seeing her every day, did not notice much Maude became her brother's house- Peer and Peeress.

keeper, his companion, and the guardian It was a painful life which Maude was pearance. He went at once to her husof his children, whom she truly loved as made to lead. To live amid the respect band, and told him the truth. "You if they were her own. She was a sweet of one's neigh

appearance, and with a voice that so makes all the difference between residing

to the adjuration : "I charge ye . . if | "It was quite a family picture, I de-CITY DIRECTORY. ye know any just cause or impediment," clare," continued Hugh, with a spiteful ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE OF TRAINS. REDERICTON RAILWAY .- Trains for St. John

that you should treat me so ?" exclaimed

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and the young mother could not help wondering why the law should exist to prevent Hugh from marrying Maude. A time might come when Hugh should marry again to some strange girl, and when Maude herself might go away to a when Maude herself might go away to a home of her own. What would become and yet many, who passed for be very min, and which he had broken in the bound in the bo bury streets, at the Auditor General's Office the Queen Hotel, the Barker House, the W. U braved prejudice for her sake did not accused the iniquitious law which left by the children their would heges new wife love them as Maude did, treat ing them like her own flesh and blood for her dear dead sister's sake? The young wife considered it would be a natural and almost holy thing that Hugh and Maude should be married to each other; and should be married to each other; and her last moments were saddened from reflecting that this could not be. of marrying a deceas d wife's sister he had Lady Jinks. The noble pair tabooed Maude Follet, and their example was THE CITY OFFICES taking up that anamalous position which public morality only nominally sanctions. Maude because her brother's house. the children, was alarmed at her wan ap-THE COUNTY OFFICES. The Office of the Registrar of Deeds is on he corner of King and St. John streets. Office hours 10 A.M. to 4 P.M. st he very careful Mr. Follet and comely girl, very like her sister in ungenial stares and whispered jibes, wife is in a decline." The Secretary-Treasurer of York County s on Carleton street, near Queen. "What makes you think that?" asked abled hers, that when Hugh in a sunny climate or in an icy cold one. Hugh, turning pale. In an instant there The Clerk of the Peace on Queen street. opposite Phœnix Square. The Sheriff on Queen street, near St. John. BOARD OF SCHOOL TRUSTERS. A. F. Randolph, Chairman ; C. A. Samp son, Secretary. Meets at their room, on the Officer's Square, on the last Saturday of every month. He sat down beside her, and took her SOCIETIES. Church of England Temperance Society.-Patron, His Lordship the Metropolitan President, Rev. G. G. Roberts; Secretary, J. Douglas Haz St. Ann's Lodge, U. T. A., No. 166.-Geo. J. Bliss, President; J. T. Horseman, Secre-Meets every second Thursday in the Re She forgave him then all at once, as Women's Christian Temperance Union.-Mrs. Steadman, President; Mrs. Sampson would try to get well if I could, for the Secretary. Meets every Wednesday at 4 p. m., at its ooms in Reform Club building "Oh! and for my sake, Maude!" "Yes, and for your sake," she said with a faint smile, as she stroked his McGoldrick. Meetings are held weekly in their Hall on Regent Street, on Tuesday evening at a voted and, impartial of mothers. Hugh good to the children when I am gone? good to the children when I am gone? If you marry again, don't let your wife speak badly of me to my two darlings." It almost broke Hugh's heart to hear her talk in this way. From that day he her talk in this way. From that day he ing one. There had been a general elec-decline. As if to atone for his former Street, on the second and fourth Tuesday Conservative, had destroyed all hopes that the law would be altered within any ing as if he would pick a quarrel with G. E. Coulthard, M. D. any person who denied Maude's right to on Sunday evening at 8 o' clock.

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closed his eyes and her talk, he often Moreover the cold introduced itself into rose before his imagination the picture fancied that his dead wife was in the Maude's home. Hugh Follet first of what his life would be without Maude room. He gould have felt for no other suffered keenly from his wife's un- He hurried home. By the light of what woman as he felt for her, for part of the merited disgrace; then he got accus- the doctor had said, one glance at love which he bore her came from the tomed to it, and from weakness of cha- Maude's face was enough; 'he read comdeep affection which he had cherished racter, came to make mental concessions ing death in it. towards his wife; and she could have re-towards public opinion, or rather towards garded no other man as she did him, be-the opinion of Lord and Lady Jinks. He hand. It was a long, long time now cause the memory of her beloved sister and the duties she had undertaken it troublesome to keep aloof from the spoken her a truly kind word. She towards her children formed the strong. houses of his friends, because their wives looked surprised, and that half-shrinking est natural link between her heart and would not receive Maude. One day he look cut him to the soul. "Maude, the his. Yet Maude was in law only Hugh's compromised his dignity by accepting an invitation to dine at a friend's house faltered; "you want a change of air." her attentions and make her offers of without his wife, and on that occasion marriage_which they did, to her own he virtually crossed the Rubicon. Every women do. "Hugh, dear, I think I shall distress and Hugh's misery and annoy-step he took from that time was a false not be here long," she said gently; "I ance. Maude refused all offers; but He loved Maude still very well in his children's sake" when it was seen that she did this systematically, people began to whisper. new way. Two children had been born People are very good-natured. They hew way. Two children had been tone to her, but they did not diminish one might have tolerated Maude's residence particle of her affection for her sister's elderly woman; but they doubted the propriety of her living with him as things stood ; for all which they kept on repeatsaw it and admired her. She was was a sister, and several of them expressed the good wife; she had never said or done a speak badly of me to my two darlings." thing of which he could complain. hope that she would not so far forget hope that she would not so tar lorget herself as to marry that brother, in whose house they held it improper for her to live otherwise than as a wife. ion, and the new Parliament, which was decline. As it to atom to be and the analy, and, want of spirit, he talked incessantly, and, This curious confusion of strictures. Conservative, had destroyed all hopes want of spirit, he tanked incoming indeed, aggressively, of his "wife," lookproduced by an unnatural law which had muddled public opinion, had its measurable time. Hugh dined out more inevitable effect upon Hugh and Maude. inevitable effect upon Hugh and Maude. It would have been very bitter for them to part; indeed, Hugh felt that the whole future of his children must be affected for the worse by their being deprived of such motherly love as Maude deprived of such motherly love as Maude they always meant the elder two; and pily with him, had he protected her with believed it was her plain duty, in the advertely said that the last baby was doing well. He had the meanness at her self to him by a marriage as sacred as len th to invent excuses on Sunday for not going to church with his wife. He was ashamed to show himself with her in the streets. She, poor woman, was a long time before she suspected all this. In her simple truth the street in the street i little things who clung to her, and were len th to invent excuses on Sunday for learning to call her mamma. Besides, was it not the opinion of the great to church with his wife. He majority of the nation_nay, of the whole long time before she suspected all this. bed beside her sister. The During time before she suspected all this. diocese, who claimed jurisdiction over eivilised world-that a man ought to be allowed to marry his dead wife's sister? The House of Commons had just passed a Bill, giving its sanction to such mar-a Bill, giving its sanction to such mar-ber from annoyances than to avoid any ther from the first and third there from annoyances than to avoid any ther from the first and th t table, quick to find fault, and generally f table, quick to find fault, and generally unkind—she still thought that he was vexed at the public injustice against her-self; and as it was for her sake that he was suffering all this, she telt for him with the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his painful it may be to rown forling the bishop's chaplain to Hugh, "and his t riages, and it had only been rejected by on his own account. Even when Hugh's self to object to Maude being described way represented public opinion. Everybody was saying that the Lords could not hold out long against the good sense of the community; and so Hugh and Maude waited another year, hoping that the Lords would at last give way. But, meanwhile, Hugh thought it honest to tell his men who love. friends that he and Maude had quite One evening, when Hugh had gone out wife while she is alive, is not likely to do made up their minds to marry, and were only waiting until the law had been altered. The consequence was that poor Maude was more whispered against than the good sort of clergymen; gentlemanever. Once again the Hereditary House ever. Once again the Hereditary House threw out the Common's Bill, and then a day came when some of Hugh's friends here is increase respect for her. He called the sincerest respect for her. He called the sincerest respect for her. He canded on her several times before, and had always sought to give her consolation for that the two sisters should sleep in the Ashurst's own sake that he should make her his wife without further delay. "Peothe injustice she was enduring by assur same grave. ple will talk, you know," they said, "and ing her as being beyond all doubt lawfully after all, every person whose opinion is wedded. On the particular evening in worth having will think you are doing right. The Bill must be passed before his knee, and seeing her sad, said a few question, he took one of her children on long, and then a clause will certainly be kind words to exhort her to bear her persecution with fortitude. Some tears that your marriage will be legalised." Accordingly, Hugh and Maude went to Switzerland one autumn and got married. Switzerland one autumn and got married. escaped from her eyes, and she had not If Hugh had been rich he would probably have settled in Switzerland until the Mr. Swain evidently did not soothe him. Lords chose to hear reason; but he "It's a strange hour for that man to earned his living by an appointment which obliged him to reside in England, pay you a visit," he remarked, sulkily, and even this short trip abroad caused when the rector had gone. "This is the him inconvenience. But he took it third time he has called in ten days." because his conscience would not have "He came to-night to bring me a book," allowed time to give an untruthful answer said Maude.

more manliness, and cherished her as he Regent. G. S. Peters; Secretary, E. S. Way.

self; and as it was for her sake that he was suffering all this, she telt for him with the grateful, wholly unselfishness of wo-might promote scandal." A man who cannot stand up for his

One evening, when Hugh had gone out to dinner, Mr. Swain, the rector of the parish, called on Mrs. Follet. He was a young man, but lately beneficed—one of the good sort of clergymen : gentleman-The words on the second Mrs. Follet's

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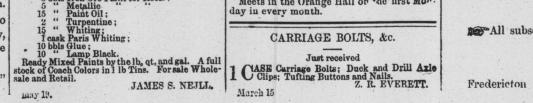
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