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"You will hear me to ough patient- The heiress spoke passionately, and confession of my passion for you ly, then? A thousand thanks, Xina," a flery glow burned on either cheek, might prove a consolation in some and a thrill of joy ran through Lyle and a stormy look brooded in her dark hour." Indor's soft tones. I have never said dark eyes.

a word to you of love because I had Lyle Indor saw the struggle she arising and leaning upon the arm he always known of your betrothal to was undergoing-the struggle be- offered her. "I shall think of it of-Lord Ashcroft. I would not be dis- tween love and pride-and he chose ten, Lyle. Perhaps something may honorable. But now that he has come to end it. to Egremont, and you have shown no "Dear Xina," he said, in those soft, should, remember then that I am

warmth of manner in your treatment feminine tones she loved so well, "I bound to you. I would rather marry of him, I am emboldened to plead in could never accept such a sacrifice you than any one else in the world." my own behalf."

Receiving a gracious smile, Indor You will wed Lord Ashcroft, and I- despondingly. "Yet what good will continued: "I will not plead in the usual lover another, and then return to my lone- I would not for worlds that harm

phrase for your smiles and your love, by life. If I may not have you to should come to Lord Ashcroft, not Alexina. I do justice to your good love, no one can prevent me from even to bring about my joy!" impulses, but I am not ignorant of cherishing your memory. I shall He held out his arms, received her your faults. You are selfish and never marry!"

tyrannical, but if I become a part of "Oh, why did not that assassin upon her forehead, received a caresa yourself tyranny will not be hard to succeed in his design ?" cried the heir- in return, and then put her from him, bear. Can you smile upon a lover ess, passionately. "If he had but kill- saying: who reminds you of your faults, ed Lord Ashcroft-don't look so

The novelty of the manner of his say it-I would then have married wooing pleased the heiress, and she you, and we would then have been she said eagerly. happy. I cannot think of it without

asked most kill Lord Ashcroft myself!" love me?"

turn?' "I can-I do, Lyle. I have loved enough to think of assassination even here longer."

Your coldness has at times offended woman's lips----. But you were not went out upon the step while he exthe, but I have never ceased to love in earnest!" and his tones became tinguiched the light, put away the lancalmer. "Poor, troubled child! In tern, and then rejoined her.

Lyle Indor's eyes sparkled, and he your momentary bitterness you would made a movement toward her, but in- have welcomed anything that would they passed slowly into the walk that stanly checked it, sinking back in his have set you free from your galling led to the residence. band.,'

chair.

Lady of Egremont?"

bartering away?"

Xina "

ed pleasure, Xina," he said. "I prize more than momentary. Last night, as loved him, not knowing that her affecyour love that I might speak to you of I arose from the chair in Lord Ash- tion was returned, but receiving his marriage, but, alas, you are primised croft's sitting-room and looked up in- attentions only as the respectful to Lord Ashcroft, who will marry you to his face, I could not help feeling treatment he would have accorded a from a sense of duty, and I must walk sorry that I did not look upon it in dear sister. The knowledge that he on through life alone. I cannot ask death."

you to dismiss him and give yourself "I think he read your feelings, delicious joy, and she longed with all to me, for by so doing you will lose Xina, as I did," answered Indor. all the wealth you now adorn. I "Then perhaps he will resign my tear, too, that should you see some hand and go home." ther lady enjoy the fortune of which "No, for he feels bound in honor to you would be dispossessed, you would meet his engagement with you. He

regret your rejection of Lord Ashcroft | will not give you up, and it is best not. It would be well if you could gain an and acceptance of me." "Oh, no, I cannot give up Egre- interest in him, Xina. You would be

mont!" declared the heiress. "Tired the happier for it." as I am of being here, I would not "There is no need to 'affect' an in- him, but the caution and love of luxexchange the place for any in the terest in him, Lyle. I feel one now, ury that were a part of her nature

"I can understand your feeling, age of his respite."

Noticing her emotion, he arose and approached her, took her hand, and respectfully raised dt to his lips, and said: "Perhaps I have done wrong, Xina, in talking as I have done to the betrothed bride of another, but I fancied that you loved me, and that the

"It will! it will!" sobbed Alexina, happen yet to free me, and if there

at your hands. No, we must part. "I will remember it," he answered,

I will look on and see you given to the remembrance do me? And, Xina,

in them, pressed a long, tender kiss

"Henceforth, Xina, you must be to

shocked, Lyle; I think it, and must me as the bride of another!" "Unless something happens, Lyle,"

"Unless something happens," he re-"Am I to understand, Lyle, that you anger. I feel as though I could al- turned, with sad emphasis. "And now, Xina, I will extinguish the "You are! Can you love me in re- "Alexina!" and Lyle Indor shrank light, and conduct you to the house. from her in horror. "It is terrible I fear you may get cold if we remain

you ever since you came to Egremont. at the hands of a man, but to hear a He opened the door, and the heiress

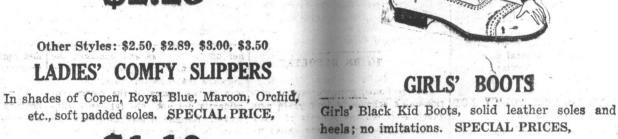
She took his arm silently, and

The conduct of Lyle Indor had "This assurance gives me unbound- "I would, Lyle, and the feeling is touched her to the heart. She had long loved her now filled her heart with a

> the strength of her passionate heart to cast off the fetters binding her to Lord Ashcroft, and become the wife of Lady Egremont's nephew.

For one wild moment, when the avowal yet trembled upon Indor's lips, she had been tempted to declare that she would forfeit everything if she might but be always with





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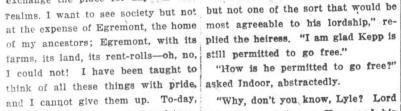
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No, she could not give up everything even for Lyle Indor. As they proceeded up the gloomy walk they talked freely of the love of

gave her power to resist temptat

which the expression must henceforth be forbidden them, and when when we walked through the picture- Ashcroft went to see Kepp and his they reached the porch the heiress

gallery, you can scarcely imagine mother to-day, and his tender heart whispered: "Remember what I told you, Lyle. what a thrill of pride I experienced in , was so touched by their distress that If anything should happen to Lord thinking that that long row of por- he has begged my guardian to wait Ashcroft I am bound to you. If Kepp traits represented the faces of my a little longer, and see what will hapshould kill him, I will surely become ncestors Is it not a grand thing to pen next. Lord Egremont protested be the owner of all these possessions, against this request, but finally yieldyour wife."

Without waiting for the reproach to be admired and honored as the ed, for new complications have arisen. which this remark would call from I only hope that he will take advant-Indor's lips, she ran into the house,

"Hush, Xina. You do not hope so.

teeling that was almost fear.

her, and he hastened on to his room,

breathing more freely when he had placed his door, with its secure bolts,

between himself and the spectral

(To be continued.)

A frock of black crepe has a jabot

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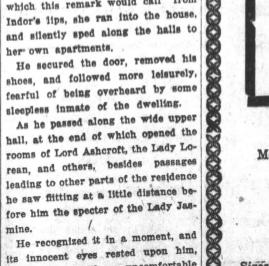
visitant of Egremont.

"I love you, as I said, Lyle, and I It is a terrible thing to be cut off in her own apartments. would sacrifice almost anything ex- ene's youth, when one's prospects are shoes, and followed more leisurely, cept Egremont, to become your wife. all bright, and a happy marriage is But I cannot resign what so gratifies all arranged. An assassination is aw- fearful of being overheard by some my pride-no, not even for your love. ful at any time! As much as I re- sleepless inmate of the dwelling. Oh, why did my father make such a gret that Lord Ashcroft is bound to hall, at the end of which opened the cruel will! Why did not my mother you, and that you are bound to him, rooms of Lord Ashcroft, the Lady Loprotest against it! Was there no one I do not wish that any evil should to plead in behalf of the little child happen to him. On the contrary, I rean, and others, besides passages whose future they were so lightly wish him all possible happiness." he saw flitting at a little distance be-Indor's tone was profoundly melan-

mine.

ed her up.

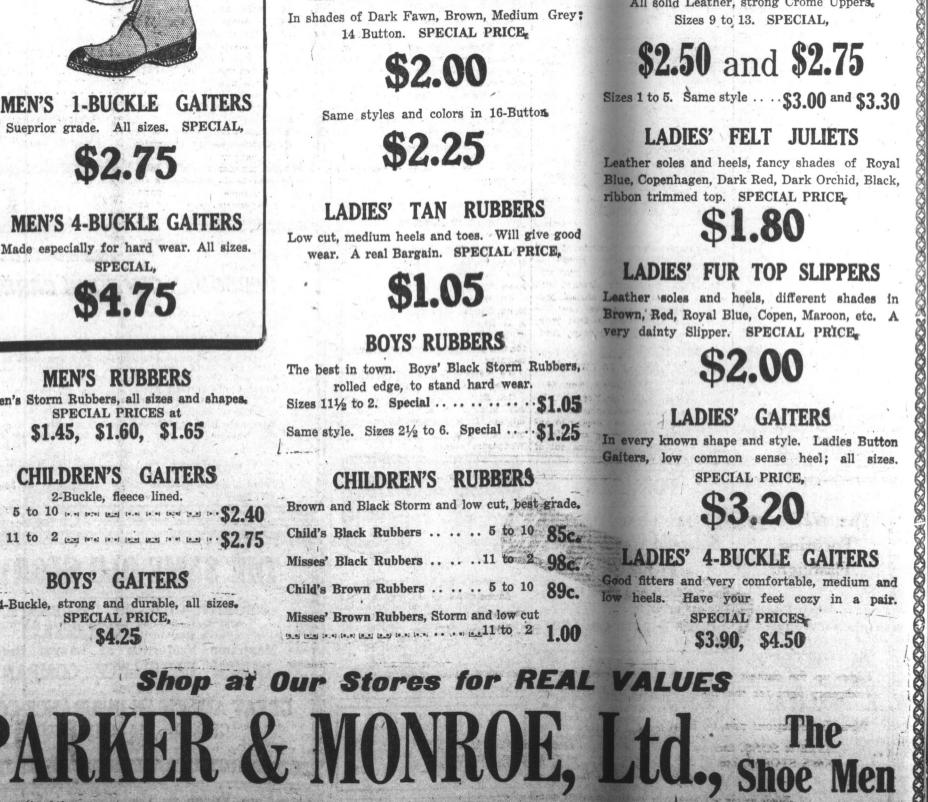






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