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pa, and after all talk does about as well as goin' with pa. You tell me A Bit of nem, and I'll tell Pres'." "Well, there's English walnuts-this Progress sorter land and yore climate orter be just the thing for them." he began. In time he warmed to his topic, and Ianthe drank in his wisdom as eagerly 6-63 By KATHERINE BATES as ever heathen drank in the gospel. But the sound of a horn at last broke in on the conference, and Ianthe lazily (Copyright, 1918, by the McClure Newspa-per Syndicate.)

The sunlight fell so hotly on the pile of guano bags crowding the little wharf that the man leaning against the heaped-up sacks could hardly believe that it was May, and not July. He drew his eyelids together and through his lashes looked down the gleaming river toward Norfolk, three miles away. On either side of the river truck farms stretched away toward the pine forests farther inland; just now the farms were at their greenest, strawberry fields, cabbage patches, acres of spinach, all in verdant strife. The river ducked in here and there, flinging clear, shimmering streams a little way back into the country, and the marshes around these inlets gave a rank, yellow tinge to the green outlook. Now and then a pine grove not yet cleared

away led the greens to the other extreme, to the dark somber hue which had little but name in common with the brightness of the water-grass. The man on the wharf sighed as he noted these varying shades. "It would take me to make this pay,"

he said. "Yes, sir, what this here fer-tile patch of old Virginia needs is an Iowa man-J. Archibald Jernigan could make his pile here, but none of these lazy Southern truckers will make their salt."

The cool sound of the incoming tide swishing against the wharf turned his thoughts from the farms. There would be shade on the other side of the guand bags; he sprang upon them and dropped down into the shadow, dropped down beside Ianthe Yarbrough, who lolled in placid ease against the bags.

"Beg pardon, miss," said Mr. Jernigan, startled into a stammer, although his was by no means a hesitating nature. "Don't mind me," said the girl calm-

"I heard you talkin' to yo'self, ly. but I reckon I'd let you come over if you wanted to.'

She smiled at him with indolent in-terest and Mr. Jernigan smiled back. "Daughter of the gentleman over there?" he asked, politely, waving his hand toward a clump of pines around a small white house.

"Yes, this is pa's place. From Norfolk?"

He swelled with the importance of the man who comes from a distance. "From Wellsville, Iowa. Fine state "You are a long ways from home,"

Mr. Jernigan drew down his mus-

"An aunt just died down there

-in Norfolk-consumption. Doctors

sent her here, no money spared, none

whatever, but I come on and buried

her a week ago tomorrow. Aunt that

"I don't know as-"Well, good-by," she interrupted. "Pres' will be obliged, too." Mr. Jernigan looked at her wonder-ngly. "Talk about the selfishness of ingly. "Talk about the selfishness of men," he thought, "women ain't made of anything but that self-same article." Aloud he said with dignity: "I am go-ing to say I didn't know as I had anything mapped out yet, but of course don't get to the end of my ideas in

struggled to her feet.

half an hour." His tone seemed to remind lanthe of the hospitable traditions of Virginia.

"Ma's blowin' me up-well, 'm cer-

t'nly obliged to you. You don't know

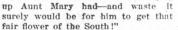
more for another time?"

"S'nose you do give Pres' some ne ideas? I don't know as he could carry them out, but he could talk them to

"Come along to supper," she suggested, "only don't talk to pa as if you knew much, or maybe he'll suspect Pres' didn't make up those fine new notions"

For many weeks after this Mr. Jer-

nigan stayed in Norfolk, although he was badly needed in Wellsville. He spent his mornings conscientiously doing the many sights of the neighbor hood—Soldiers' home at Hampton Fortress Monroe, Hygeia hotel at Old Point, every one of which would have been run to far greater advantage had an Iowa man been at the head-and in the afternoons he taught lanthe Yarbrough the essentials of progressive trucking. Her father had taken a liking-naturally-to him, and often he went to supper with the Yarbroughs. After supper he and the father sat on the front steps and smoked, while he watched—a little grimly—Ianthe and Pres' Lewis sauntering by the river. Pres' was a tall, dark, lazy-looking boy, who evidently had no finickiness about accepting another man's cerebral fruits. He profited by the hints lanthe gave him during the river bank strolls, and when Mrs. Yarbrough was through with the dishes he and Ianthe came to the steps, and new ideas scintillated. Over the porch of the little house grew a Mareschal Niel rose, its hundreds of buds making the air sweet, but Mr. Jernigan's bitter heart did not let him enjoy the sweetness. Yes, his heart was bitter. He said to himself as he sat listening to Pres' talk, sat watching Ianthe crush the rose leaves against her cheek, that his vexation referred purely to a matter of good "Waste is what I can't stand sense. -owe that to the back-East bringing up Aunt Mary had-and waste





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tache.

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"Weet as it looked, didn't it?" "Very nice smell, very nice, indeed," agreed Mr. Jernigan, "but ain't yore pa goin' to be a little late with his kale for the Boston and New York markets?"

'I reckon," she answered. "Mos' folks round here are too late for the markets." She loughed a little as she added: "Pres' Lewis, who has the GRADUATE of the Royal College of Denta's Surgeons, of Ontario, and the University of Toronto. Only the Latest and Most Approved Appliances and Methods used. Special attention to Crown and Bridge Work. Office-Over Dr. Kelly's Surgery, MAIN ST.-WATFORD added: truck patch next our, never does get anything to market in time." "I infer he don't prosper," said Mr.

Jernigan. "I'd like to give him a few notions about trucking. She turned to him quickly, "Would

ou? Oh, do-for pa can't put up with his bein' so way behind; pa'd like to be-be progressive, and Pres' frets him. You see, Pres' don't get on, no, he don't prosper, jus' as you say."

"Is there any-any special reason why he'd better be prospering?" Mr. Jernigan asked, looking delicately away toward Norfolk.

Ianthe picked up a long pole lying on the wharf near her; she bent back, and looked around the corner of the wharf prodded with the pole the mud where the tide still left uncovered oyster shells and various bits of debris. "Well," she at last said frankly, "there's me."

"Quite a reason," he said gallantly. He looked at her attentively, and repeated, "quite a reason."

"Yes, I reckon I am," she agreed,

There had to come an end-Wells-

ville would no longer be put off, and one night when Mr. Jernigan went into the Yarbrough sitting room for his hat, after the usual placid evening on the steps, he made himself say: "Well, folks, I guess this is the end of my visits. I must get back-and come to Wellsville, all of you, and I'll see that you meet the elite."

They were all standing, but lanthe dropped into a chair. "Going—" she said.

Pres' turned to her-then the color ushed to his dark cheeks. He stepped toward Mr. Jernigan.

"You've been talking crops to he", you have? You've been making love

to her-you're-" Mr. Jernigan laid a hand on the boy's mouth. "Stop your fool talk," he said. "Miss Ianthe-"

Ianthe sprang to her feet. "I don't care two strawber's if you are goin' way—I don't, I don't," she cried, throwing open the door leading to the teep stairway, and then going upstairs as fast as she could.

Mr. Jernigan retreated dignifiedly. 'I shall call upon you tomorrow," he said to the dazed Mr. Yarbrough. "Good night, Mrs. Yarbrough, ma'amgood night, Mr. Lewis. Let me wish ou success in your trucking in case I don't see you tomorrow."

He did not take the road toward Nofolk. Through that misty gray light the light that wraps one around, the light that the dwellers on the Elizabeth river call a June evening, he made his way to the wharf where he had first seen Ianthe. There were no guano bags there now, but he sat down on the planks where she had sat, and took up the long pole which still lay there. He laughed, whistled and sang as he whipped the water with the pole—sang with subdued nasality. "She don't-don't care—two strawber's—two strawber's-no, she don,t she don't." Then he drove the pole into the mud, and meditated. Ianthe was by him, Ianthe in the purple calico which made her eyes too look purple. "No call-cos," he said suddenly. "Wellsville's best quality silk for Mrs. J. Archibald."

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