So this is the end of all your ror Madgie, this is the 'hero' you so often vowed you would marry ! Well, I con-

you add that, Nellie?" Mrs. Bentinck said, as she led the way to a cozy little sitting room where a cheery fire was burning. "Sit down, dear, and drink your tea, and have a little rest before dinner. Some day, perhaps, you'll have a better opinion of Phil, and even learn to admire him-who knows?"

"But, Madgie. he really isn't a bit ome, nor romantic-looking, nor poetic, nor anything; and I did so hope and expect he would be different;" and Nellie Grahame psused for want of a word to express fully all she ex-

Nellie and Madgie had been friends at school, and when they parted—the former to join her father in India; Madgie to take up her abode with her uncle, Capt. Mason, at the Woodlands—they had

Scarely six months after leaving school, Madgie was alone in the world, heiress guardian. Nellie was in India, and Phil?" there seemed no immediate prospect of Major Grahame, returning; and as Madgie? I don't wan't my wife to be Madgie had no other "dear friend," to her delightful, solitary, romantic life at Woodlands, and her unalterable resolution to marry a real bona fide hero, or remain forever Madgie Mason.

And Phil Bentinck was the hero of her dreams!

"He's decidedly ugly," Nellie said, spicious place in the house. I'm sur- know how immeasurably prised at Madgie, with her love of everything that is beautiful, and her own pretty face and fortune. She surely might have done better; and yet she seems happy and contented enough, though she was such a hero-worshipper.

Nellie had come in accordance with a long standing promise to pay Madgie a visit. It was their first meeting since they had left school five years before, and she had expected to find her friend all right, but her head is sadly wrong, just the same as ever-gushing, sentimental, impulsive,-with a dreamy, perhaps." dark-eyed lover-husband, fond of poetry, and with a decided air of mystery showed no sign of improvement; indeed, about him. Nothing could be more un- she became, if possible, more confirmed like her preconceived idea than Phil in her "heroic" ideas, avoiding all so-Bentinck, with his rough, seamed face, ciety, and feeding her fancies with all cheery voice, hearty laugh and burly sorts of poetic visions. The doctor no frame—a busy, active, energetic, hard- longer visited Woodlands in the old, working, practical country doctor, ten familiar, friendly way, for he felt that years older than Madgie if he was a Madgie avoided him, and when that was self, one evening as he walked wearily

And yet Philip Bentinck had had his civility. his death, Madgie'ss ole "counsellor, Madgie would be of age on the morrow. miles from a village, thirteen from a 'hero,' or forget me. Poor Madgie !" town. The nearest neighbors on one The hext day he went up to Woodlands sea and barren westerly shore. But Madgie was not lonely. She lov-

ed Woodlands, loved to wander all day through the gardens, with a volume of poetry or an old romance in her hand, loved the dreamy solitude, which she peopled with heroes and heroines of her wholly impracticable individuals.

But with all her sentiment, Madgie was very charming, and it was not surprising that Dr. Bentinck, despite his being her guardian, and a poor, struggling doctor into the bargain, should fall in love with her. It was what every one expected, and Madgie herself was the only one astonished or unprepared when one day, in a plain, honest fashion, he told her of his love, and asked her to be his wife. It was as if Madgie had been awakened from a very pleasant dream by a rough shake. During the two years she had been at Woodlands she had become accustomed to the doctor. He had always been at hand to consult, to confide in, and take all responsibility off her shoulders. She was used to his honest face and kindly voice, to his constant attentions and occasional lectures, and his clear, honest gray eyes would have him on the Gold Coast. accorded with the most extravagant protestations of despair and misery. But he did net give way to them-only apo- weeks ago I should be taking a longer What have I done that the Almighty logized gravely for having troubled Miss journey, but our separation will be no should leave me ?" Mason, and was taking his departure in less effectual though only a few miles inthe most matter-of-fact way, when Mad- stead of a thousand separate us." gie burst into impetuous explanation :- "What do you mean, Phil? Aren't Millbay during the preceding month,

Down went her brown head in confusion. It was not easy to tell a man to his face that he was not a hero, and that was the sole objection she had to Philip

"Only what, Madgie?" he repeated. ernly. "Is it wealth I lack? or am I too old-too ugly, or have I simply the misfortune to meet with your disapproval? Tell me what my failings are, that night and day this last fortnight at Mill-I may try and mend them."

Madgie looked up into the grave earnest face that bent over her, and child was buried yesterday. I must go burst into tears.

"I isn't any of these things, Phil," she sobbed. "I'm sure you're handsome You shan't—you mustn't, Phil! Why, enough, and—oh, Phil, if you could only it's frightful in Millbay—every house is something !-something great, I infected !" mean. I do so want my husband to be a hero !"

(after a long silence,) "don't you think a self-never so much as let me know the man may be a hero without doing any- outbreak was serious; and it was only by thing very great-without his name the merest accident I heard of his illness. being familiar in men's mouths-his Now I must go, dear; every moment is vowed eternal constancy, and exchanged fame blazoned abroad by newspapers? precious. It may be long before we school-girl pledges of affection and re- Must he 'seek the bubble reputation even meet again, Madgie; we may never meet at the cannon's mouth !"

"I love a hero, Phil-a great, brave, famous man! I should like the whole you. of Woodlands and all her uncle's wealth, world to know and respect my husband. and Dr. Philip Bentinck for her sole Can't you do something—anything, you to do with Millbay? Phil, Phil! straight before me, however it may end

"Can't you love me just as I am a heroine-only sweet, true and lovable, Nellie she poured out all her heart on just as you are, Madgie, dear. I was not 'born great,' and it is not given to duty seems to lie straight before me here situated in a low, marshy inlet of the too; his step was light and free as of old in this quiet little village, and I try to sea, and surrounded by stagnant swamps. do it. Does that count for nothing, The people were poor, ignorant, ill-fed, Madgie ?"

glancing at a photograph which stood on not marry a mere country doctor, whom ventilated houses, made them peculiarly the chimney-piece. "I'm sure if I had no one ever heard of. If you really love liable to disease of all sorts. It was saw a radiant beauty in them. For himthe misfortune to marry such a man, I me, prove it. Do some brave, noble there Phil Bentinck turned his steps un. self, he had almost forgotten them. wsuldn't have his likeness in a very condeed—even try to do something. You hesitatingly.

'___high failure oversteps the bounds
Of low success.'" "You do not love me, Madgie. For

give me for having troubled you. Good-

a little; but I love honor more. Dr. Bentinck smiled sadly at the girl's silly fancies. "It all comes of living so much alone, and reading nonsensical romances," he mused. "Madgie's heart is the postman, who toiled through the firelight danced on the window panes,

But as months passed by, Madgie impossible, treated him with constrained

romance, too. He had been old Capt. "I'll go away for a time," he said, one try is nearly well, for I feel I can't stand Mason's medical attendant, and after evening, the last of his guardianship, for it much longer. Mentally and physicalguide, philosopher and friend." Wood- "I'll volunteer for a few months' active harm than good. If I could only shut lands was a roomy, old-fashioned country service on the Gold Coast. During my out this frightful picture for an hour, and look at me. I'm less like a hero house, buried in pleasant woods, five absence she may meet with her ideal and get one breath of untainted air, I now than ever.

side were only rough-and ready farmers; to congratulate his ward on reaching her on the other, poor fisher-folk, who tried majority and have a final interview with over the wall to see from whence it unsightly scar for the cross of the Legion to wring a wretched subsistance from the her lawyer, and mentioned incidentally came. Unconsciously he had reached of Honor. You are the hero of my

"Going abroad, Phil?" Madgie cried, "When? where? why?"

lately, and fancy a change may do me scratching with both feeble hands at a friends gathered round to welcome back own creating - very delightful, but good. An old college chum of mine, small, fresh mound of earth, while now the doctor, and wring his hand heartily, his wife precede, follow or accompany band and five children. Three days be- Bentinck glanced around at the kind-Coffee ?"

> "And when are you going, Phil?" fortnight. Clemens thinks there will be woman, what are you doing here?" he grees the whole story, she was forced to no difficulty, and he has some friends whispered, laying his hand on her shoul- admit that Madgie's hero was a real one high up in the Admiralty, and he has der. married the daughter of the captain of "Let me bury my dead!" she cried, the Aphrodite. I have no doubt it can fiercely, pointing to her cloak. "Go be managed, and if not, I'll take a cruise away, and leave me with my people." to Ashantee on my own hook. I fancy I want a holiday."

"I hope you will enjoy it very much, verently placed the tiny form, wrapped in a way she liked them; but the first doctor," Madgie said, her ardor considint is mother's cloak, in it; then he idea of loving or marrying him never en. erably damped by his cool, careless way covered it up, hurriedly, and taking the tered her head, for the doctor was com- of speaking. Evidently, he was not wretched mother by the arm, led her Chilled Plow monplace to the last degree, and entire- going to make a hero or a martyr of him- from the spot. ly devoid of all sentiment and romance, self on her account; and yet in her secret "Heaven forever bless you, sir." she and Madgie had set her whole heart on heart she was delighted. An adventure said, bursting into tears, as she took a "a here." But Phil Bentinck was not was the only thing Phil required to make last look at the little grave. "Now I destitute of feeling; and when Madgie, him perfect in her eyes; and an advent- am indeed alone, the last of name and more plainly than politely; declined his ure, even if it were only a touch of race-father, mother, husband, children. proposal, the look of pain and sorrow in yellow fever, could scarcely fail to befall friends, all gone !" and she sank down

"Good-bye, Madgie. I thought a few she cried, "here, beside my loved ones.

huge chest and and numerous small mind during the weary months that folparcels she had packed with such care lowed, for he, too, was seized with the for Phil's comfort and consolation on the frightful illness-stricken down as with voyage. "You have not changed your a sudden blow. For weeks he lay hovermind at the last moment have you?"

"Yes, I have, but not altogether without a reason. You know poor Daven-

"He's ill-down with small-pox, poor fellow! He has worked like a giant, bay, where small-pox is raging. Daventry's wife is down, too, and their only

over at once. "Into the very middle of infection

creatures-think of that, Madgie. Dav-"Ah, is that it? Madgie, dear," entry, poor fellow, faced it all by himin this world. Heaven bless you always, darling; may you be as happy as I wish day. "Did any one ever hear, I wonder,

But he was already far down the avenue, obeying a far more powerful voice than Madgie Mason's-the voice of at Broadbay. His own had been the

every man to 'achieve greatness.' My about eleven miles from Broadbay, ed. He had recovered his strength, worse clad; and the low. unhealthy situ-"Yes, yes, I know. But, Phil, I can- ation of the village, and undrained, un-

Daventry's residence, and took his would care a jot whether a poor, soliduties on himself. For weeks the dis- tary country doctor was ugly or the reease raged with unusual violence; whole verse? Such were his thoughts as he families were carried off, young and old drove up to his cottage with Mrs Noralike; and with want, approaching fam- ton, the poor, solitary widow, beside ine and virulent disease, Dr. Bentinck him. She insisted on following him struggled alone. No help came from and serving him, and he was so utterly any quarter. The inhabitants of Mill- alone that he had not the heart to say bay were always secluded, and the place her nay. A blue line of smoke curled was shunned as if plague-stricken. Even from the chimneys, a cheery glow of marshes twice a week, forsook the place. and the door stood hospitably open, to Rank grass grew thickly in the middle of his unbounded surprise. the long, straggling High street; the "Ah, this is like coming home. What boats drifted out with the tide unheeded; good fairy has been at work, I wonder? and the stealthy tread of some stricken he said, stepping into the light and parent or child, seeking assistance to bury their dead, was the only sound that broke the awful, sultry stillness of you?" the long, scorching August days.

"This is terrible!" Phil said to himof fresh air. "Thank Heaven, Davenly, I am worn out, and more likely to do I once despised." should feel better."

At that moment a low moan sounded somewhere near, and pausing, he leaned on his cheek. "I would not give one his intention of going abroad for a few the village graveyard, a lonely spot by the shore, only distinguished from the surrounding marshes by a few rude the blood rushing to her pale cheeks. headstones and rugged wooden crosses, and row upon row of newly-made graves. "I have not been feeling very bright, By one of them a woman was kneeling. surgeon on the Aphrodite, has just and again a low moan burst from her looking the praises they could not speak. married, and we are trying if it can't be lips. She was ill, weak, emaciated, and To go forth bravely in search of honor managed for us to exchange for a few the doctor recognized her as a woman and return victorious is a great thing; months. His ship is ordered to the who had suffered severely-recovering to go forth and brave death at the call Gold Coast, and he can't possibly have as by a miracle-having lost her hus- of duty is a good thing. And as Philip him there. He'd enjoy a few quiet fore he had seen her with an infant in ly faces about him, he felt he had his months here in Broadbay, and I her arms, and only living thing left her; full reward. shouldn't mind having a peep at King now it lay beneath her ragged cloak, the A few weeks later, Madgie and Phil last of all her flock.

"If it can be arranged, in about a approached her gently. "My good visit in the summer, and heard by de-

that lay near, he dug a grave, and re-

by the open gateway, and refused to * move further. "Let me die here, sir,"

Sick at heart, the doctor turned away. Such scenes had not been uncommon at "It's no at I dislike you, Phil, or like you going on the Aphrodite, after all?" but he had never witnessed anything

and Madgie glanced despairingly at the like it, and the horror of it was on his ing between life and death, and when he awoke to consciousness, the first face he saw bending over him was that of the poor mother he had seen before his illness. Day and night she had tended him with unceasing care, and seemed to watching over him. It was the end of August when he was taken ill; it was the middle of October before he was able to creep feebly out of doors and sit in the sunshine. Once only had he looked in a mirror, and then the reflection of his seamed, scarred, livid face staggered him. On no one had the disease made such fearful ravages, yet not a soul who survived in the village of Millbay but blessed every seam and reverence every purple scar, and found a beauty in thein that might be conveted by an angel. Surely it was their prayers and blessings, their looks of love and tears of gratitude, that reconciled him as last to his terribly altered appearance.

"If my love was hopeless before, it is doubly so now," he said to himself one of a pox-marked hero? And yet it was "Phil, you mustn't go! What have all wisely ordained. My duty lay

It was Christmas before the doctor thought it safe to return to his cottage last case of disease at Millbay, and all signs of infection had long ago disappearhis voice as cheery, and his smile as genial; but the deep, discolored scars were still on his face, indelibly printed there, and it was only those to whom he had ministered in their sore need that Whac was a scar or two on his face to With a brave heart he entered Dr. the deep, sore scars on his heart! Who

warmth

"Madgie! oh, my darling, is it indeed

"Me, Phil? Why of course; who else should it be?" Then drawing closer: "Dear Phil, can you forgive me?" "Forgive you, Madgie?" he said,

"My folly. I'm wiser now, Phil; and I think I know the value of the treasure

"Phil. I wouldn't have one of these changed," and she laid her hand lightly heart now: long ago I wanted the hero of my fancy and imagination. Forgive me, Phil, and let us forget all my folly, for I am heartily ashamed of it."

Just then the bells of Broadbay Church rang out a joyous peal, and

were married; and when Nellie Gra-Vaulting over the low wall, the doctor hame came to pay her long promised after all, and one "whose like" we do not meet with every day.

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