The Colonel's Mascot

The afternoon stage had crunche is way up the little rise leading to he Bellevue House, and was dis arging its load of dusty passen-ers. At the windows of the hotel are seen the interested faces of mous guests who had come to this ce to be free from the con ion of larger resorts, but who, vertheless, welcomed this slight itement as an agreeable variation of the day's monotony. Certainly there was not much to

The usual nervous mothers and tient children, a few pretty girls sting wide-eyed, anxious glances in arch of the eligible man on whose presence the enjoyment of the sum mer depended, and, last of all, an erect middle-aged gentleman with a rather melanchely face, closely followed by a negro servant.

At the sight of this slender figure whose carriage at once suggested a military training, a pretty woman on the upper veranda drew back shing. A very pretty woman she was, though no longer in the first with her flushed cheeks and a mis chievous light in her eyes, she looked as if she might almost defy Time him self. "I suppose," she said, after a moment, with a nervous laugh, "I suppose this will make a full half-

Her remark, apparently enigmati-

Winterbourne's past experience as a key. Some four years earlier, when hadow of recent widowhood was ty of a soldier, who knows that a his vest pocket. "This was repulse is not always defeat, and had His present appearance at Birch Lake indicated to Mrs. Winter- day crown my happiness ?" bourne's mind that a sixth proposal was on its way.

"It's really nonsensical," she said to herself as she dressed for dinner. must speak so strongly that he ray of hope for him." But this resodid not keep Mrs. Winterbourne from making a more elaborcoquetry die in a woman's heart. in she swept into the dining-room at last, the Colonel, looking at her, staring at her across the shoulders of a dozen intervening individuals, as absolutely sufficing as if he had been "O the ring ! You have lost your absolutely sufficing as if he had been ulses and unwhitened hair.

After the meal was over he sought her out and invited her to take a turn upon the lake. That was quite with small craft, at whose oars Destiny often takes a hand. The lake, quoise set in silver. And its waters re so transparent that those fishes tastes incline them to seclusions must seek the pools which the natives anow to be "bottomless." Elsewhere, the idler, floating in his cance, can count the pebbles on the bottom as easily as the clouds drift-

ing overhead. "I shall be delighted," Mrs. Winterbourne responded to the Colonel's invitation. "I must change my gown first, but you needn't lose heart at

inst, but you needn't lose heart at hast prospect. I am a marvel of elerity." "And I of patience," the Colonal seemed quite unaware. "I shall leave to-morrow, of course," "I shall leave to-morrow, of course," "I shall leave to-morrow, of course," hotel. "It might as well be over with now as later," Mrs. Winterbourner awkward anticipating anything this nature. I would rather it off my mind." have In her blue boating suit and jaunty cap she looked absurdly young and, if possible, more charming than before. The heart of this man who loved her fluttered boyishly again in a hope which he knew too well to be groundless. They wall down to the boat landing almost in silence, and the Colonel having selected a and the Colonel having selected a suspiciously long and narrow dinos, for the same reason that he always preferred an unmanageable horse, cantiously assisted Mrs. Winterbourse to a seat. Then he paddled across the lake to a sheltered cover where the white birches stood like ghostly minimum and there for the distant mrs. Winterbourse an offer of his hand and heart. He want through the familiar for-mula sapidly and canasity, his there



cal, could be easily interpreted by one having the knowledge of Mrs. low voice sounding not unmusically on the still air. The moonlight lent his pale face a singular charm, and the woman who looked and listened still upon her, she had met Colonel found herself strangely responsive to Harrington, who immediately had it all. As a reaction from this consloved her, and almost immediately ciousness, a sense of irritation came ad asked her to marry him. He had over her which reached its climax sigh. taken her refusal with the equanimi- when the Colonel drew a ring from my mother's," he said. "May I ask repulse is not always deleat, and had not you to wear it as a pledge that you parted as if to say more. Then mass accept my devotion, and will some

"Really, Colonel Harrington, be gan Mrs. Winterbourne decisively, "it seems to me that we ought to have The sun rose high. The pink flush "Really, Colonel Harrington," beject long ago." She made a quick will understand that there isn't a movement of impatience and the canoe lurched. She started up with a cry. The Colonel caught her by the wrists, forcing her back info her ate toilet than usual, so hard does seat, and the cance, which had shipped water, righted itself, guivering throughout its length like a restive steed. For the instant the Colonel at last, the Colonel, tooking at her, straightway forgot all about his din-ner and found the mere pleasure of the neutrino disposition what lay upon dispointment. A certain surprised concern began at length to show itthe moonlight and splashed lightly in

lover of twenty, with frisking ses and unwhitehed hair. Mrs. Winterbourne, in real construction

"I beg you not to distress yo self," said the Colonel quietly. as it should be. At Birch Lake peo-ple go boating at all hours, and on is a matter of no consequence." He onlight nights the water is alive seized the paddle and forced the boat out into the track of the moonlight. "I am afraid from the way in which tiny often takes a hand. The lake, indeed, is all the enchantment of you spoke just now," he went on, "that lace It is strangely blue, sha." "that I have made myself annoying ved by birch trees and girt with to you many times in the past. a rim of white sand, like a huge turthat I shall not offend in this way again."

For some reason this assurance failed to bring Mrs. Winterbourne the rapture of relief which she anticipat-ed. She made no answer, for the simple reason that she found herself unable to frame a reply which seemed satisfactory.

He did not speak again until he had brought the boat up to the land-ing. The throngs of young people scattered along the shore glanced at the couple with an interest of which

"I beg you not to think of it," reed Mrs. Winterbourne earnestly. is is a charming spot, and there

furned Mrs. Winterpresent, and there "This is a charming spot, and there are some delightful people here. I mail anjoy them both are some delightful people here. I aan sure you would enjoy them both As for me-the presence of my friends always adde for my pleasure." Sin gave him her hand, which he barely

gave him ber hand, which he barely touched, and want directly to her room "One can be a friend to a man even if one doesn't want to marry him," she said to herself per-suasively. But she was old enough to know better. The midsummer' sun had barely risen next morning when two boats shot out from the landing across the even tinted water. The foremost was

opal tinted water. The foremost w propelled by Colonel Harrington, while in the second sat his eccentric retainer Sinbad, clad in a bathing suit, which left exposed his chocol-ate-colored extremities. They pulled across to the little cove which had actions on the preceding evening, and there rested on their cars. "It must be somewhere here," said the Colonel, glancing narrowly at the birch trees. "It seems like a rather hopeless task to hunt for it, Sin. But then, your

luck is so extraordinary." "Ya'as sah. It's extrawdin'ry, dat

's whut 'tis. En I'se gwine to fin' dat ar ring befo' breakfus'." Sin de clared, his face glowing with confi-"Powerful good thing dence. fo you, Cum'le, my bein' bawn lucky. 'You're right, Sin. It's the next best thing to being lucky myself,' the Colonel answered with a half "Whatever I trust to you comes out all right, and the rest goes wrong," He looked wistfully inte lips tering that impulse he pulled rapidly away, apparently afraid that his un

faded from the sky and the rosy tints vanished from the water. The per spiration stood in great beads OI Sin's forchead as he paddled back and forth, scanning the sandy bottom with eyes that seemed fairly bulging from their sockets. Every now and then he uttered an eager ejaculation, to be followed almost self under the complacency of shining black face.

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The death has taken place at Biarritz of Mr. Henry O'Shea, formerly a banker at Madrid, and latterly writer in English, French and Spanish. He was a descendant of one of the old Hispano-Irish families of the

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and even had innguege before my children, should I be surprised in they follow my example and do the same ? Children are wonderful ini-Do I exercise the high privile vote for graft or at the dictates of a political boss? Can I truthfully say that I pay my debts when and as soon as I an able-especially the smaller debts to

poor people? Would I be content to have u towards me the cold, or angry, or imperious manner which I not infre

quently use towards others ? Is it not a fact that my mo fable and pleasing manners are us towards strangers down in the place of business while the very worst side of my nature is shown at home to

her whom I have vowed to love an cherish ? Are business cares, great though they may be, an excuse for being something little less than a bear at home to wife and children ? Is my religion a mere church religion, or is it a home religion also? Does it influence and actuate my home life ? Does it influence and ac

tuate my business life? It's a poor religion that has no influence on the edger. It is of small value to observe th aws of rhetoric and neglect the laws

of God, to be covered with confusion at a breach of etiquette, and feel n reproach at breaking the divine law It is a wise man who, with all hi faults and shortcomings, looks himelf squarely in the face and is neither surprised at himself nor afraid of himself, nor discouraged at him

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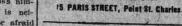
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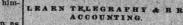
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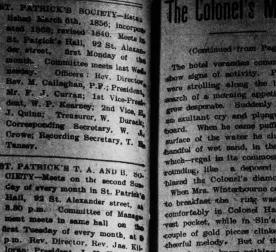
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The obstacle was Bessie Bessie was not one of Mrs bourne's favorites. Perhaps have been because she was gressively young. You re youth in her dimples and bh silly little giggles, her I cries, her unflagging vitalit healthy animal spirits. Per sie's undeniable prettin been partly responsible for woman's dislike. Mrs. Win would have explained it by that the girl was coarse as that she dressed as if the w one huge ball-room, that sh obnoxious brother and a go edly vulgar mamma. Und circumstances Mrs. Winte equanimity sustained a sev when, as she drank her coffee woice floated in from th "Come on, Colonel, and I' you something about the morning. O, it's the gayes sport. You'll like it when used to it."

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Winterbourne knew nothing

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Mrs. Winterbourne was far bred to look in the direction voice, but by some mysteric refraction which no physicis yet explained, she perceived enough a tall figure movin the tennis court in the way her indignation, there was s pathetic in the sight. "Lik to the slaughter," she said self and then, for some unkn son, she felt suddenly old ar

Things grew no better as went on. When Bessie was grossing the Colonel's attent sie's mamma took him in h entertained him with storie young lady's precocious d when circumstances freed h both ladies Bessle's bro stuck fast to his side and to stories, not of Bessie, to be but of other girls he had kno half so desirable as accus



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