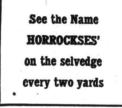
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at Oxford, but sticks to the old business." Ivy heard not a word of it all, except the name Julius Cowan and it dawned upon her that her friend knew the owner of the ring.

She sat up and began to take notice. "Sally, have you known Mr. Cowan

long?" "A goodish time—don't scent romance. It's a false trail. Julius Cowan's wife is likely to be something wonderful anyway. He's wonderful, you should hear him play, it's great Would you like to meet him?" "He sounds interesting." "He is, intensely. I'll take you down

to tea one day." "Then it'll have to be soon. I—I may

have to go away."

"All right, what about to-morrow?" "Thanks." Her voice was deliberately careless, "I don't think I've anything on." And when her visitor had gone she sat shivering over the fire, staring at the

flames. The next morning she visited the

curiosity shop. A young man came for-ward to serve her, but not the most efficient young man she had ever seen. I pawned a ring, about two months

ago for twenty pounds. It was an emerald. I—I wish to redeem it."

"Justso, madam, I guess the transaction was with my partner. I don't recall it." Her heart stood still. For a moment

she felt sick with fear. "But you wouldn't have parted with it.

I-I have the ticket.' "I'll just call my partner madam, one

instant. He put his head into the back room.

"Cowan, lady here after a ring with an emerald in it," he said in a low voice. "Is she pretty?" was the reply.

"You'd twist your eyes round, but-without gasping." "You stay here, then. I know all about

the ring."

He drew it from his finger as he closed the door, and went to meet her. "Here is your ring, madam."

The passionate relief in her face amazed him. "Thank you, there is the twenty pounds and interest.

Something in his personality attracted her strongly.

"Did you always have this?" she asked with a comprehensive glance around.

"No, madam. Once I started on a heart breaking race after fame and romance.

"And then?"

"Then one day I mercifully realized that I was not born a winner. This place was waiting for me, and contained all the romance and beauty I could desire. Isn't that worth while?

"Yes," she said, "it is."

He held the door open for her. "Thank you," she said softly. On the stairs going to her studio, she met Sally.

"I wrote Julius Cowan asking if we could come to tea to-day. He'll be delighted. Shall I come for you, or will you e down for me

The music was soft and wonderful. I gave her courage. "May I talk?"

"Please do!" "It is about-your ring. Of course vou knew that the girl you advanced the money to, and the girl at Number two were the same.

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said gravely. "I found your ring outside your door," she said. "I was cold and hungry—and

-I temporarily-stole it." "I guessed how it was." he answered quickly.

"I have no excuse."

"The offence-if it is that-needs none. I too have starved and frozen. Had a ring been dropped ·

"No you wouldn't," she flashed. "You wouldn't. Nobody decent would. But I did mean to return it—in the end.

"I know that. I knew it the moment I saw your face. That was why I said nothing

"I did not know that Julius Cowan and J. Cohen were the same.'

"Of course you didn't. My real name is Cowan. Oh, I understand all about it." "I'm a failure," she said, "and nearly a thief.

"You could not be a thief. You are not even a failure, only vou are off your own road." "My own road?"

"You stand just where I did five years ago. I learnt my lesson. I realized that I was none of the fine romantic things I had fancied. I stepped back into the dear, scented, sunny, ordinary road of life, and there I found the very things I had failed to find on the other road-romance, happiness and peace."

He looked into her eyes, and a sudden flash of sympathy passed.

"The ring is very old, Miss Latimer," he went on. "My grandfather called it the magic ring. He said if one put it on, and wished, the wish came true. Won't you put it on and wish?"

"I would wish that you forgive me, Mr. Cowan, and that I may forget." "And I keep my wish for a better thing.

My wish," he said quietly, "is a very presumptuous, a very precious one. It is that one day I may have the right to walk beside you in the new road, to kick away the stones from beneath your feet, to guard you from thorns, to pluck for you the flowers. Will you give me this chance? The future teems with wonderful possibilities. I cannot let them die.' She lifted her eyes and looked into his,

conscious of a new thrill. "Why let them die," she whispered. "when they were surely meant to—live?"

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Ivy clutched a tiny box sealed with red aling wax. "I'll—I'll come down for sealing wax. you, Sally."

It was a white and weary Ivy who appeared at Sally's room at four o'clock. "I'll keep him from eating you," Sally

assured her. "Thanks," Ivy answered sincerely.

Ivy's first impression of the studio as she tremblingly entered was a soothing restfulness. She drew a long breath of pleasure, then turned to acknowledge the introduction to her host.

"Your choice of gown was an inspira-tion, Miss Latimer," said a curiously familiar voice.

She swung round, her face devoid of color, and found herself looking into the magnetic blue eyes of J. Cohen. "Mr. Cowan," said Sally's casual voice, "my friend, Miss Latimer."

"I—" Ivy whispered, "I—" Sally was waltzing round peering into everything, she paused and taking a spray of lilac from a vase said: "Doesn't it

smell ripping?" "I bought it from the old flower seller at the corner. 'Fair stinks of the old home, don't it, sir?' washer comment when I took it.

During tea Julius Cowan and Sally chatted so continuously of old friends that Ivy's silence was unnoticed. But her dreaded moment came when Sally, gathering up the cups and saucers, remarked she was going to wash up.

"Would you like me to play?" he said gently, and she nodded.

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