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LOVE OR MONEY?

BY BOWARD TARBER. John Wharton, the young country schoolmaster, with open book in hand, his thoughts absorbed in the contents of its pages, and his head bowed low, was walking slowly along the narrow path that led in the direction of the quaint little log school house, which stood half-embowered in bright green leaves and fragrant creeping vines just at the edge of a grand old oak forest. It was one of those balmy, delightfully invigorating mornings in early summer, the soft air redolent with the rich perfume of flowers, and golden shafts of cheerful sunlight penetrating naster, with open book in hand, his shafts of cheerful sunlight penetrating every nook and corner. The birds

caroled their sweetest songs in the leafy boughs of the trees, and even the tiny brook danced and gurgled along gleefully as it would itself like a thread of silver under the rustic bridge and flowed in its sinuous course through verdant meadows and grassy dells. But John, intent on mentally solving a perplexed mathematical problem, was utterly oblivious to his surroundings-even all these living, glorious attributes of nature which encouraged him failed to awaken him to a realization of these presence. On, on he went, and not until a soft, delicate hand was laid gently upon his shoulder and a sweet, musical voice called out to him did he start suddenly and raise his eyes from

his book. "Oh-good-gracious. I'm-nearlyout-of-breath! I - called - ever - so -loud ! Didn't-you-hear-me-John?' "Why, bless me, Bertie, is it you?' he why, bless me, Bertie, is it you? he said, turning around, observing a girlish figure, her face all aglow with smiles, and one hand pressed instinctively upon her heart to quiet its quickened pulsation, engendered by an undue effort to reach his side. "Call, did you say? Why, no, I did not hear you."

"No; of course not. How could you near anyone with your head almost buried hear anyone with your head almost buried in that horrible arithmetic?" she said reproachfully. "I always did abhor mathematics," she continued, emphasizing her remark with a vigorous stamp of her foot. "Our situations are different, Bertie. You see I cannot escape it. If I am not proficient myself I certainly cannot expect my pupils to be perfect," he answered philosophically. "Besides," he went on, "constant application to study is necessary to meet the requirements of the directors and retain my position. And, then, too, I'm building a house, and must have money to building a house, and must have money to Bertie placed a hand on his arm as they

walked along, and raised her blue eyes to "Building a house?" in a tone of sur-orise. "And pray for whom are you build-found meditation. At last he looked up.

"Why, for—for—"
And John's face crimsoned.
"Oh, yes," Bertie interrupted. "I recall a conversation I had with Sallie Atkins, who mentioned that you were build-

with a merry laugh and a coquettish wave of her hand, bounded away from his side, and darted down the path. "Well," soliloquized John, when he re-covered from his astonishment at being

thus so unceremoniously deserted, "she's a provokingly strange little creature, but she's good and kind to me, though." And with one foot elevated on the door step and one hand resting lightly on the latch, he stood gazing after her willowy, statuesque form until it disappeared around an abrupt curve in the path, when, with a long drawn

sigh, he entered the school room.

Bertie's errand to Farmer Walker's was phrformed, and she was returning home by the same path, walking leisurely along, plucking the wild flowers that grew by the wayside. Coming to a point where the grass looked brighter and fresher, and where the luxurious oak leaves furnished cooling shelter from the sun, she sat down nd began weaving a garland out of her

"I'm real mean for treating poor John in such a manner," she sollloquized. "I'm sure he wouldn't serve me so. I cannot see why Aunt Helen should be so embit tered against him. I'm sure I—I—" And here she paused, and putting her hand over her mouth as if to smother her words, continued: "but I'll not say it. Now let me see," she mused as she held up the wreath admiringly before her, "I think it is handsome. "I'll put this bit of ivy just where it will show off prominently when he gets it. I wonder if he will comprehend its significance. O, what a strange thing love is, indeed. I'm sure—"
With blanched features she started to her feet and gave utterance to a scream tered against him. I'm sure I-I-" And

her feet and gave utterance to a scream that re-echoed through the silent forest, and fell forward on her face.

When she returned to consciousness a strange gentleman was kneeling beside her, bathing her temples in cold spring 'You feel batter now, miss?" he said, as

he observed her open her eyes and gaze languidly about her.
"Yes, thank you," she replied, sitting upright. "Is the horrid thing killed?" she asked, a shiver passing through her frame. "Yes, see." And the gentleman held the lifeless bulk of a hideous black snake

up on the end of his cane.

Bertie turned her gaze from it with a

"I was fishing," he began, "down in the creek, when I was startled by your the creek, when I was startled by your scream and hastened to your assistence, to find that loathsome serpent disengaging itself from the folds of your dress, and I quickly dispatched it. It was a fortunate escape, miss, very."

"I owe the preservation of my life to you, sir. I am under many obligations to you, and I am sure Aunt Helen will thank you ever so much "said Bartie as picking up.

ever so much," said Bertie, as, picking up her hat and wreath, she prepared to go

'It affords me the profoundest pleasure to know that you escaped the poisoned fangs of that hideous reptile. That fact

fangs of that indeous reptile. Inat lact alone, miss, is abundant cause for congratulation on my pert."

Bertie was now normally herself again, and as the two walked along she silently surveyed her escort, found under such peculiar circumstances, and once or twice as their eyes met she felt her heart flutter and a strange servation emphasized. and a strange sensation permeated her.
Thomas Admore, as he called himself, was the embediment of vigorous manhood.
Tall, well proportioned, physically, with large, expressive eyes and a heavy, silken, jet black moustache to match his luxurious carls, he was a man of commanding presence. And, also, he was intelligent, polite in fact, he possessed all the elements that contribute to make up the polished contribute to make up the polished contribute to make up the polished contribute to make up the some way bent over daily tasks, cramp the stomach, weaken its muscles and

and the village giris looked and wondered adapted to indigestion, biliousness, consti-as they saw them walking along together pation and poverty or impurity of the through the streets that morning. through the streets that morning.

"You must admit, however, that Mr. Admore is superior to John Wharton," persisted Aunt Helen. "I confess his superiority intellectually.

Morally—that characteristic is yet to be determined."

Aunt Helen changed her tactics. Not one disparaging word against John could she force from Bertie. She rested uneasily in her chair. There was evidently some delicate applies the desired to companying the companying delicate subject she desired to communicate

"Well, well, young girls are never invested with common sense until it comes to them through stern practical experience," she at length ventured to suggest. "That is the reason, I presume, you made so many mistakes during your early life," replied Bertie. replied Bertie.

Aunt Helen's face flushed as she an-

A knock at the door abruptly terminated the conversation. Aunt Helen arose to ad-

They were strolling along, arm in arm, Bertie and Mr. Admore. "Yes, Mr. Admore, I'll promise to be your friend," said Bertie, placing her hand

"How strangely coincident with the ivy "How strangely coincident with the ivy in the wreath yeu gave me after our romantic meeting," answered Mr. Admore. "I've proven my fidelity by giving up all for you. I have wealth, character, and yet there is still a void in my heart which must be filled to complete my happiness.

"And how may that void be filled?"
Bertie was looking dreamily off into the gloom.

Bertie was looking dreamily on into the gloom.

"Miss Seymour—Bertie—say you love me—let me call you wife!"

And Mr. Admore caught both her hands and kissed them passionately.

"Not now—give me time for reflection, Mr. Admore," said Bertie, withdrawing her hands from his.

"Say now, Bertie," he pleaded; "shall we discard the silent meaning of the ivy—friendship, fidelity and—marriage?"

"No, no; I cannot act hastily in a mat-

"No, no; I cannot act hastily in a mat-ter of no serious a nature. I ask again time for reflection."

saying:
"I grant you time, Bertie. When we meet again let me hope I shall be made happy by claiming you as my wife."
"Perhaps," came the response.

Suddenly he was startled by tramping feet and voices above him. He listened.
"Well," said the first speaker, "the pros-

"The sooner the better. I'm terribly short of funds, Lee."

And he turned his pockets inside out to give emphasis to the truth of his statement.

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The henpecked married man can't see

The other laughed, -"Suppose we make the attempt to-night?" suggested the first speaker.
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John Wharton heard no more of the arfor some years, I have much pleasure in testifying to its efficacy in relieving pains in the back and shoulders. I have also used it in cases of croup in children, and have found it to be all that you claim it to be."

"Will they? We'll see about that,"

inswered that official, as John finished his

narrative. "Up and at them, boys!" came the com-And before the two burglars could re-

cover from their surprise they were bound tightly and the gleaming barrels of four formidable rovolvers were pointed men-ancingly at them. The lights were turned up, and four men started back in astonish-The taller and handsomer of the burg-

lars was - Thomas Admore!

Daylight found the whole village in a rurore of excitement,
"Missus Helen, Missus Helen!" exclaimed one of the servants, rushing
excitedly ur stairs and pounding vigorously on that lady's door, "De bank has
been robbed an' Massa John Wharton he
done help to grab one ob de robbers, an'
it's Massa Admore."

This startling announcement brought urore of excitement.

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This startling announcement brought
Aunt Helen out of bed at a single bound,
and she made the servant repeat the news
slowly over to her. She threw up her
hands in astonishment.

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Bertie received the news quietly.

"Young people are never invested with common sense until it comes to them through stern, practical experience."

There was a tinge of sarcasm in the speech that cut deeply into the heart of Aunt Helen. She threw her arms about the neck of her niece and silently wept.

And as Thomas Admore sat in his gloomy prison cell he heard the joyous wedding bells calling the people to witness the celebration of the nuptials of John and Bertie, who retired to the finished house with the blessing of Aunt Helen and the with the blessing of Aunt Helen and the congratulations of the whole viliage.

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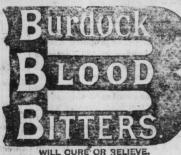
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