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ffered further than it was his first offense, and the whole thing was done n an offhand, unpremeditated sort of way. Besides, Mollie was really an atractive girl.

Burton had been living with the Lowons for a number of years and had alvays been regarded as one of the fami-, so much so, indeed, that his real poion, that of a boarder, was kept in the background.

The Lowdons did not like to think of themselves as "keeping boarders" and saw no reason for a descent in the social scale simply because Jim Burton, their old friend, lived with them in his comfortable home and bore a legitimate but fixed share of the ex-

Martha had been a stock feature in the Lawdon home for years when suddenly she was replaced by Mollie. The contrast was superlative. Martha, the hard faced, the stern, that martinet of the kitchen, the scourge of laxity, was million removes from Mollie, the apple cheeked the smiling with Irish mischief in her eyes and the comether on her fips. Burton thought the change splendid. At breakfast he smiled cheerfully into Mollie's bright face in shameless, good natured admiration.

What wonder, then, that three or four evenings later, when Burton was entering the house and found Mollie in the dusky hall lighting the lamp, he should tiptilt that dimpled chin and kiss the inviting lips?

"That's for your good looks, Mollie," he said and went upstairs three steps at a time. In the rear he heard a stifled shrick that died away in a soft chuckle. As he dressed he smiled complacently at himself in the glass.

Burton dined out that evening. At breakfast hext morning he found s second Martha. Mrs. Lowdon apparently did not think the matter worth explanation. She had other matters on her mind. Turning to her husband, she said: "Jim must dine home this evening. I want him to meet Etta. Etta," she continued, speaking to Burton, "is my cossin, She is going to stay with us here for a month or two. She is a charming girl. You'll like her awfully, Jim. Now, be sure and be in time for dinner.

Burton was politely interested. He did not look forward to the prospect with any great joy. Mrs. Lowdon's friends were usually a duty to him and involved more attention than he was at times willing to give. His meeting with Etta Kingsley that evening, however, put matters at once on an entirely different footing. Rarely had Burton seen so much demure vivass. A sparkle and a ripple in her laugh foretold pleasant things. Her smile was sometimes in reserve Burton had his first acquaintance manners. He was a little slow, a trifle im-



MISS KINGSLEY WAS FRANKLY CONDEMNA-

ortant and pleasantly serious. They talked books, plays, business and horses. Miss Kingsley was from Kentucky. It was a hotehpotch of conversation. Burton felt that he had acquitted himself well, but there lingered an uneasy consciousness that Miss Kingsley was "guying" him when he talked up to the dignity of his thirty-three years.

"You must be awfully prim, Mr. Burton," she remarked suddenly, apparently apropos of nothing in particular. "Prim!" he echoed, momentarily shakn out of his self possession. "My gra-

lous! Why do you thirk that?" "Oh, I don't know. It just flashed prough my mind that you never do anything frivolous."

Mrs. and Mr. Lowdon laughed, and Burton, a faint tint on his face, looked at his plate and laughed too.

A few days later the four went to the theater. On the way home Miss Kingsley was frankly condemnatory of the play, "The bero," she told Bur ton, "was, to begin with, a fool, and in the next place I'm sure he wasn't half as good as he was pictured. There aren't such men living now, except it be in Kentucky. Men who pretend to that sort of standard there are in plenty, but in secret they drink more cocktails than are good for them and stay aut late at night and, I suppose, kiss

the maid when her mistress isn't look-

Burton saw no application to himsel in particular and took the shot at his sex as a piece of badinage. He retorted laughingly, "You wouldn't have him

Miss Kingsley had been in the house just one month when Burton went brough the operation of persona stocktaking. "You're not a Oulda Adonis, Jim," he told himself, "but you seem to be a decent, fairly good locking sort of chap, according to everyday standards; you are good tempered, reasonably demesticated and willing to ecome more so, of a tolerable disposition and financially in a position to marry a modest maid."

When a man holds this kind of com nunion with himself, it goes withou saying that he is in love, and Jim was frank to himself, at least on that ques

Although no definite time had be fixed upon for Miss Kingsley's depart ture. Burton felt instinctively that ber stay was coming to an end. Ther was a premonition of farewell in the air, and, although his acquaintane was only six weeks old, he determine to take the desperate step. Now, proposal is a delicate and difficult may ter, and Jim felt that of all the know and approved methods only one suited his temperamental and physical make up. The romantic was out of the gues tion, the flippant too extreme on the other side, the abrupt too unwise, the roundabout beyond his Therefore he planned what he believed to be a style of his own. She was playing the plano. He was

leaning negligently at the side. "I suppose you are looking forward to the opening of the grand opera seaon?" he inquired, with deliberate intention to discover the date of her de

"No: that is one of my disappointments. I leave on Monday.' Jim was sflent for awhile. It was part of his plan.

"I shall be very sorry. It is a pity you will not remain in New York alto-"Thank you. You are very kind."

This, with a frank smile into his eyes, disconcerted Jim somewhat. He had expected a reply with a "why" in it. He tried it again. "I wish you could remain." "But I can't."

"You can." "How?" "I should like the right to keep you "Is this a proposal?"

Jim nodded. "Well, I am very much flattered ined, and I think I would like to accept you-now, keep your distance, leasz-if"-"If! Yes! If what?"

"If you comply with the conditions. Do you drink?

"Good! You don't stay out late at

"Excellent! And, I suppose, if I marfied you, you'd never kiss the maid?" "Never!" said Jim fervently. "Stay where you are, please. Have ou ever kissed the maid?"

"What! Kiesed her?" cried Burton righteous indignation at the impu-"No! Mollie, I mean. I hear she was very attractive giri."

Burton was about to flounder into s confession and an explanation, but a winkle in Etta's eye saved him, "No," te declared stoutly, "I never kissed Mollie. I kissed you!" He had her in his arms, and she ca-

itulated. "I never debited up that kiss against cours character," she told him, "be cause I knew from the way you did it that it was the first attempt," And now Jim is wondering how she

A Cat's Love For a Donkey. In the bowels of the earth, says a correspondent, I was a witness to one 6:35. of the most pathetic friendships that ever existed between animals. In this certain mine there was a cat which had lived in the underground stables for a lived in the underground stables for a great number of years. It was always to be found in the stall belonging to to be found in the stall belonging to an old donkey when the animal was resting from its labors and would very often accompany the donkey in its working journeys a mile underground. One day, owing to the carelessness of its driver in unloading it, the poor little animal suffered a severe strain and was unable after to do its daily work. For nearly a couple of weeks the donkey lay in agony in its stable and during that time the cat scarcely ever left its friend. Sometimes the ads would drive it away, but it would stealthily steal back again, and wher the donkey died as a result of its in juries the cat began to howl pitifully and would not be comforted.

But the climax came when they were taking the donkey's carcass to the surface. The cat began to scratch and fly at the men who were removing it to such an extent that it had to be

A Pig Race.

Some years ago, in celebration of the ubilee of the International club at Baden-Baden, a pig race was held on the Iffizheim race course. The pigs were trained by being fed once daily for a fortnight at a certain spot on the race course. On the day of the event the animals were let loose by the starter (alias swineherd) a few hundred paces from the feeding troughs and scampered toward the goal in wild confusion, emitting loud grunts of satisfaction. The prizes were arranged according to the regulations of the turf, and each pig was painted its own color-red, green, blue body and yellow bead, etc. The sight was intensely amusing and one not easily

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the caller. "I heard ber singing at her work." "Yes," said Mrs. Hauskeep, "I guess I'll have to look for another girl."

"The idea! Why?" "She wouldn't be singing that way if she hadn't made up her mind to leave. That's the way they all do."

Setting Him Right, " She had promised to be his forever, Till death or divorce should part; Then the youth, full of sentiment, queried: these words come from your

"How absurd!" said the practical maiden.
"Don't you know very well that our Extract fhe words from our voices, And voices come straight from the

Signs. Tramp-Do you believe in Second Tramp-No more, I haven't

had a bite to eat in twenty-four hours. "What hat to do with it?" "A good de al. I've been up against twenty doorm its today with the word



Rival Gossiping Circles, Mrs. Subbubs-Well', where did that bit of gossip come from? From the

sewing circle? Mrs. Baklots-No, invleed; it came from my husband's whist club on the

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A PAPER DOLL'S HOUSE.

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Paste in your chairs, with the hallrack between them, on the left hand page. You can cut doors out of the page on the right hand side that will lead into a drawing room on the next two pages. Make purferes of dark red tissue paper and paste across the door. You will be able to get all sorts of things to furnish the house with from the different catalogues and even ornaments like lamps from shops where they sell them and are likely to have the catalogues. At a plane manufactory you can obtain a catalogue from which you can cut any style of piano that you prefer for your parlor.

Choose a light colored carpet for you parlor floor. It is better to have odd pieces of furniture in this room than the stiff looking parlor suits. Find a pretty divan, several odd chairs and a dainty desk (you will have io get a catalogue of ladies' desks in order to secure it). Look in some of the adverfisements of the newspapers and cut out pictures of jardinieres (you might have several of those in your parlor). If you like, you can fashion a mantelpiece between the windows. Cut if out of the pinwheel paper, oak or cherry color, and make the grate of narrow strips of black paper, which you paste at either end, leaving room enough to stick crumpled bits of red and gilt paper inside of it to look like

Some catalogues have tall pier mirrors, if you prefer one of those to fill the space between the parlor windows. Windows in the bedrooms may be cut out and curtains of white tissue paper pasted over them. These may be tied back with narrow strips of blue pinwheel paper. Bedsteads may be cut from catalogues and also lace spreads and pillowshams. One gets these catalogues from the lines shops or any of the wholesale "notion" houses on lower Broadway. If you can't get the bedspreads, you can make them out of white tissue. Leave a space underneath them, so that you can slip the paper dolls "under the covers" when you put them to bed.

cut a door out of the page that will bathrooms nowadays.

Then go to some wall paper shop and ask them to give you a small piece of the tiled paper that is used on bathroom walls.

bedroom a different color-that is, have a blue room and a pink room and a violet room, or a dainty green room would be pretty.—New York Herald.

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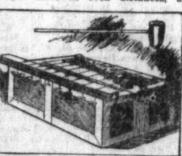
The nicest way to make a house for paper dolls is to get a big scrapbook and paste it in. That sounds funny, doesn't it? But it really is very sim-

tall backed hall chairs and a hallrack. Cut them out neatly. Choose the dark red pinwheel paper for carpet and paste it across the lower part of two pages, in a strip five inches wide.

Cut the pillows out of white tissu paper, tiny squares, underneath each of which you may place a small bit of "cotton batting," if you want to make them look "comfy.

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