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**Aunt Olivia** 

Harry Beldon stood looking the way of impatient shoppers while he searched his available pockets,

"I have, and Aunt Olivia has got to have that silk this afternoon. It's her only chance to be fitted by Mme. Cyr, or words to that effect. What was that stuff? It wasn't dope; it was something. Are the pitying angels looking down on me now?"

Apparently no angelic pity soothed Harry's perturbed spirit. His dis-tracted gaze rested on a young and graceful figure at the hosiery counter. Two rapid strides and the courage of desperation brought Harry to her side. "I beg your pardon, madame," he be-

She turned with a surprised expres-

sion in her lovely eyes,
"I don't like to trouble you," he went on with an embarrassed blush, "but would you mind telling me the color of that gown you have on?" The surprise in her face deepened.

The fluffy blonde who presided over the hoslery was listening with undisguised interest.

"You see," Harry tried to explain, with more blushes and increased embarrassment, "I was to get one like it for my aunt."

It hardly seemed possible that that apple blossom face would assume such a haughty expression or that those exquisite blue eyes could have that frozen stare.

"Really!" was all the beautiful lips could utter, as the young lady turned with intensified interest to the inspection of hosiery. The fluffy blonde was laughing frankly. But Harry is like the president. He has a "single the president. He has a "single track" mind. He rushed to the silk counter.

"Can you see that lady three counters down—the pretty one? Quick, please, before she goes away!" The tall, severe, middle-aged girl

who was selling silks glanced in the direction he indicated. "My eyesight is fairly good. Yes, I

can see her," she answered stonily.
"Good! I want four yards of silk just like that gown she is wearing. "We are out of that shade this

morning."
"Oh!" he gasped. "Are you sure? You see, it's for my aunt. She's mak-Write for information regarding our courses in Bookkeeping and Shorthand. Fall term opened on ing over something, and I have to get

"You don't have to get it here."

Here! Harry saw a ray of hope. "Is there somewhere else? It's a very important commission."

His distress was evident. The middle-aged girl relaxed a little from her severity. "They might have it at Ballard &

Barr's. "Oh, thank you. Thank you a hundred times." He turned back to whip out a notebook. "What color shall I

ask for?" "Taupe." "That's it. I remember now." Harry slapped his thigh in recognition. He printed in large capitals that covered

page of his notebook: T-O-P-E and vanished. "Silk or satin?" asked the tiredlooking salesgirl who was measuring endless lengths in Ballard & Barr's.

"Which is the more expensive?" "Oh, satin."

"Then I'll take that." Fatigued with his efforts, Harry rushed to the nearest lunch room and dropped into a vacant chair. Glancing at the demure face opposite, he recognized a pair of blue eyes. His vis-a-vis was the wearer of the identical taupe gown. Her gown was relieved by a few touches of rose color and her dark hair was crowned with a rosecolored creation that accentuated the

lovely color in her girlish cheeks. "O!" he gasped, "I beg your pardon -that is to say-I hope I don't intrude.'

"Certainly not," she answered se-

renely. "This is a public table."
"Oh, yes, but I thought—I was afraid you might be offended by my abruptness in Congreve & Cutler's You see I was shopping for Aunt Olivia. She isn't really exacting, you ROBERT J. WHITE FIRE INSPECTORS know, only when she has got to have a thing, she has got to have it."
"I understand,"

"And I had lost my sample, and that gown you're wearing was my salva-

"I'm afraid I didn't seem obliging, but I'm staying in Meridon with my

"Just like me," Harry interposed. "I'm staying there with Aunt Olivia." "And when I come in to Boston for a fittle shopping Aunt Penelope always

EDERIE UHW MILL OF "That's just right of her-I mean in general. But is your aunt Miss Pene-Winter? "She certainly is."

"Then she wouldn't consider me stranger. I used, the minister's boys and I, to steal melons out of her garden. I am Harry Belden, and I am employed by the Amaranth Insurance company. You haven't any advantage of me, though. You are Miss Jessie Galbraith. I saw your name in the Meridon Free Press. Here's the w er. Only tea and cakes for you? I'm amished with all this shopping, I'm going to have beefsteak with mush Mayn't I order for two?" She besitated.

"I know Miss Penelope couldn't o jeet. I'm such an old friend.' Miss Jessie laughed brightly. "Per haps, if you ate her melons, it would be a return of hospitality."

Presently Harry glanced from his beefsteak to the cherished parcel beside him. "Aunt Olivia is going to wear that

at the Wylfe-Wallace wedding. You know about that?" "I should think so. I'm one of

Anita Wylle's bridesmaids." "That's great. I'm to be head ush-Rather nice we should meet before the rehearsal, just in an informal

"It was rather informal," Miss Galbraith admitted. Her eyes rested on a little tear in the wrapping paper, "Dut that silk isn't taupe; it's wistaria."

"Wistaria? What's that?" "It's the color of that goods you've bought. I'm\_afraid you made a mistake."

"Mistake? Not me. That fagged-out looking girl gave me the wrong parcel. Great Caesar!' "I'm sume they will exchange it for

He sprang up. "They'll have to. It's for Aunt Olivia. I'm sorry to leave you like this, but you've saved

me again. And we'll be sure to meet Friday at the rehearsal." By a torrent of eloquence Harry convinced an anathetic salesgirl and a

skeptical floor-walker of the mistake and carried his purchase home in triumph. "It's two shades darker than the sample and satin instead of faille. Aunt Olivia announced with a "just-

as-I-expected" expression on her resolute face. "But it's tope," Harry insisted. "Yes, you did remember so much

Oh, you needn't explain. I know you lost the sample. Perhaps Madame Cyr can make a combination."

"I'm sure she can," said Harry

cheerfully. "Much you know about it; but it

doesn't matter so much, I've just had word that Anita has sprained her ankle and the wedding is indefinitely postponed."

"Postponed? And won't there be a rehearsal Friday?"

"Certainly not. Anita is laid up." "Excuse me, Aunt Olivia. I have an important letter to write."

Miss Olivia looked after him as

rushed to his den. "With all his faults that boy is devoted to business

Harry was writing: "I want to make mends to Miss Penelope for my boy ish follies. Wouldn't she enjoy going to some of the Symphony concerts? To think I should grumble over doing a little shopping for dear Aunt Olivia! With the rehearsal off, if it hadn't been for that tope stuff we might nev er have met. Now I have a presentiment we shall be meeting right aid And Harry was not deceived. They

## SAVE LIFE ON THE DESERT

Above the "Traveler's "ree" and the "Water-Barrel Cactus" the Watermelon Takes Rank.

One reads about the "traveler's tree," the "water-barrel cactus" and other desert plants that yield stores of water for thirsty wayfarers, but the watermelon is the best and most satisfactory of them all. In Bechuana-South Africa, where it grows wild, it furnishes drink for both man

Nobody knows when this water-sto ing vine was first cultivated, but it must have been very long ago, for it was grown in Egypt and southern Asia in earliest historic times and the peoples of southern Europe were well acquainted with the watermelon before

The Arabs, the Phoenicians and the Egyptians explored South Africa in very ancient days, seeking gold, slaves and other things & Elue, and doubtless the watermelon was one of the plants they thought worth carrying

The wild watermelon is of no great size. In this respect it has been developed by cultivation; and if more at-tention had been paid to making it weeter and better flavored, it would be today far more excellent. Efforts in this direction, however, have recently been undertaken by the plant breeders.

A JAPANESE MARRIAGE

Maiden Never Considers Spinsterhood For a Moment.

With the Canadian girl marriage is quite a free-will affair—she has the right of either marrying or remaining single; she reserves the privilege to choose her husband. With the Japanese maiden this is not the cus-When she arrives at the age of twenty or thereabout she is expected, as a matter of course, to marry. The alternative of perpetual spinsterhood is never considered either by her or her parents. Marriage is as much a matter of course in a woman's life as death, and is no more to be avoided. In choosing her husband she is usually allowed her choice in regard to whether she will or will not marry a certain man, but the initiative is generally taken by the parents. In brief, the Japanese courtship and wedding are somewhat after the following manner:

A young man, who finds himself in a position to marry, speaks to some married friend and asks him to be on the lookout for a suitable maiden, says East and West News. The friend immediately gets busy and makes a canvass of all the young maidens of nis acquaintance, and finally decides hat so-and-so—Miss Hana, let us say—will be a very good match for his

friend. He then goes to Miss Hana's parents and lays the case of his friend before them. Should they approve of the suitor, a party is arranged—gen erally in a tea house in a park, or in a theatre, where the young people may have a chance to meet each other and exchange salutations. If the meeting is satisfactory to all parties, the parents of the young people un-dertake to ascertain that nothing wrong exists concerning such vital matters as the heredity of the family and the character of the young man nd woman. Should all turn out satand woman. Should all turn out sat-isfactory, a formal betrothal is enter-ed into by the exchange of costly presents, and the marriage is arrang-ed. A lucky day is selected for the wedding, and all arrangements be-tween the contracting parties are made by the go-between and his wife who first arranged the happy event and therefore hold themselves retherefore hold then ponsible for the success of the mar riage. The go-between is a voluntary affair seldom paid for, but because of the happy nature of the office there s always no lack of respectable people glad to act in that capacity.

The marriage ceremony takes place at the house of the groom, to which the bride is taken, accompanied by her go-between and her relatives. Her rousseau and the household goods which the bride brings with her are borne by men, who follow the car-riage of the bride, forming a procession, getting cheers from obser as it passes through the streets. ceremony consists merely in the for-mal drinking of the native wine (sake) from a cup, which is placed alternately to the lips of the bride and groom in the orthodox fashion This drinking from the same goblet is a symbol of the equal sharing of the joys and sorrows of married life At the ceremony no one is present but the bride and groom, their go-between, and a young girl whose duty it is to pass the goblet and fill it with sake. When this is over, the wedding guests, who have been assembled in another room during the caremo join the wedding party and a grand feast is spread, at which much merri-

On the third day after the wedding he newly-married couple is expected o makes a visit to the bride's family which is the occasion for another great feast. The young couple bring with them presents from the groom's family to the bride's family in return for the presents sent on the wedding day. All this makes the Japanese wedding an extremely costly affair, the expenses often exceeding tens thousands of dollars among the well-

Within the past few years, for many reasons, the marriage customs have been changed considerably. Greater regard is now being shown than formerly to the wishes of the young people in deciding their partners, and the novel practice of allowings the young people a short period of association before the bethroihal has come in vogue. The formality of the wedding ceremony, too; has lost much of its former elaborateness, more stress nowadars being laid on than formerly to the wishes of the more stress nowadays being laid on the spirit and significance of wed-lock. Such reactionary women, who, ignoring entirely the customs of the land, follow the American way of free courtship, have also appeared of late.

Overcoming a Difficulty.

A consulting surgeon tells many amusing stories about the experiences amusing stories about the experiences of medical men. It is nothing uncommon, he says, to find a patient to whom a doctor has been called suffering from a disease quite different from that mentioned in the message received by the doctor. On one occasion a certain medical man received a note asking him to come at once to a case of smallnor, but to his sura note asking him to come at once to a case of smallpox, but to his surprise, on arriving at the patient's bedside, he found that it was merely a case of rheumatism. "This is very plainly not smallpox," he said to the writer of the letter. "Why did you say it was smallpox?" "Well, doctor," replied the man, as he shuffled one foot over the other, "to tell you the truth, we knew it was rheumasism, but there was nobody in the ism, but there was nobody in the house could spell 'rheumatism,' and we thought 'smallpox' would do just as well until you came, and preselt bring you quicker."

## Gunmen Kill Gangster

TEW YORK'S crime wave. which has been as well advertised as other New York productions, and which has promised to be almost a permanent wave, has reached its crest, and now may be expected to subside. Hitherto the victims of the gunmen of the American metropolis have been comparatively inconspicuous. But death, as the poets say, loves a shining mark, and as a climax of this carnival of crime one of the most noted citizens has been shot. He was not one of the most estimable of citizens, but he was known from one end of the country to the other, though not under his baptismal name, which was William Delaney. To announce to New Yorkers that Mr. William Delaney had been shot dead would not create any furore, unless one proceeded to say that when he was found dead he had \$140 and two pairs of eyeglasses in his pocket, in which case people would wonder what a man would do with two pairs of eyeglasses in faur cleak in the of eyeglasses at four o'clock in the morning. But when it became known that

Mr. William Delaney was Monk Eastman, Americans sat up and came to the conclusion that the ascame to see conclusion that the assassins had gone too far, for Monk Eastman was perhaps the most notorious citizen of New York. Even Canadians have heard his name. He never reached the bad eminence of Gyp the Blood and Lefty Louis, but for twenty years he was recognized as a sort of uncrowned king of the underworld. It is true that he servunderworld. It is true that he served two or three terms in jail, but his record on the police blotter is unworthy of his prowess even if it is significant of his influence. He was arrested a score of time, Ite was convicted only three times. One was for the murder of a detective as for the murder of a detective, a stretch of ten years, which the good behavior of his political backers had cut in half. Another time was for operating an opium joint. The third was for being in possession of stolen silver valued at \$10,000. He served nearly three years for the last crime, and when he was released joined the American army and served in France. He appears to have been a good He appears to have been n good soldier, having a contempt of death bred of his long experience as a gangster, and his identity not being known to his comrades he was respected by them. When he returned home and received his honorable discharge his friends appealed to Governor Smith, asking that he should be pardoned for his previous misdemeanors and be reinstated as a free and independent American citifree and independent American citizen. The governor hearkened to the request, and Monk Eastman, announcing that he was through with crime, became a normal American citizen, with full power to vote and

was made over the incident, and several writers drew morals from his career proving that war had a purifying and even ennobling effect.

Monk Eastman got a good job and went to work.

He entered a governo but the writers are several ways. He entered a garage, but the sur-roundings not proving congenial, he got another job as foreman. In this he had a partner, and it is got another job-as foreman. In this he had a partner, and it is said that Monk and his partner quarreled over the proceeds. Their quarrels usually happened over a bottle of hooch, the result being that Monk threatened to kill his partner, which broke up the company. It seems only too true that he gradually drifted into his old associations, though it is not known that he committed any specific crime since winning the war. It is hinted that he was a bootlegger; it is also binted that he became a police informer and helped the authorities mark down some of the illicit vendors in drugs. One theory is that he was detected in double crossing his associates and was killed. Another theory is that some new fledged gumman recognizing Monk thought that he might gain a reputation in the underworld by killing him knowing that Monk see

Considerable fuss

erve on juries.

ing Monk thought that he might gain a reputation in the underworld by killing him, knowing that Monk, as a reformer, would be unarmed.

Eastman was about fifty years old, and for twenty years past was perhaps the best known desperado in New York City, if not in the world. He had the reputation of being fearless, and early in his career, when taken to the hospital with two or three bullets in his body, he refused to say who had shot him, though it appeared that he could not live. Shortly after his release a couple of rival gangsters were found dead, and it was assumed that Monk had taken his revenge. Time and again after some crime of violence he was arrested, but his political affiliations were so strong that he was released. The police may have been convinced that he was an assassin, but evidence was hard to get, and easily suppressed. He was not an ordinary thief. Violence rather than plunder attracted him. and at elections he suppressed. He was not an ordinary thief. Violence rather than plunder attracted him, and at elections he was valuable. When he met his death he was under the influence either of liquor or of drugs. Otherwise it would have been a difficult and dangerous job to bump him in.

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