

est of humors, and once or twice Bobby thought what that resolution Well, he might go to a worse would have cost him if he had stuck lace. He'l escape the coming winto it. They were such pleasant people, the Thorpes; and Laura-was an angel.

The expression of relief grew more -through his dinner, and Thorpe open as he walked away. For Mr. plied him assiduously with "the earl's Morgan Thorpe had an anxious time wine"; and after a time his face got of it while in London. He had barflushed, and the sombre fire burned gained with Gaunt to keep his wife in his eyes. out of England; but Morgan Thorpe,

They went into the drawing-room, while making the bargain, had forwhere-as usual-Laura was playing gotten that his sister possessed that softly on the piano, and Bobby went extremely convenient thing, a will of and sat down beside her and turned over the music. And the divine Laura had not only

Morgan Thorpe opened out card-table.

"Do you play to-night, Deane?" he asked.

Bobby shook his head "Not to-night," he said, reddening. Laura's left hand stole out toward him encouragingly, sympathetically. "Why not?" demanded Trevor, ooking across at him with surprise. "Can't afford it," said Bobby, with touch of his old spirit. Trevor sneered.

"That's a reason no one can meet," he said, with a sneer. "Go on Thorpe.'

Bobby flushed still more hotly; but a splendid variety of the small hand sought, and found, and pressed him.

The play went on; Bobby remaine beside the piano, or sat in a chair an up-to-date system close-very close-beside Laura's near the fire. They talked in a low voice, from the latest fashions, annoy and irritate Trevor, and once he turned toward them fiercely, and demanded: "What on earth are you two whis-

ring and mumbling about?" Laura laughed softly. "Mr. Deane is telling me about his funny man! Are you winning of

losing, Mr. Trevor? The former. I hope. Why don't you give up cards good Mr. Deane and me?" He swore under his breath.

"Losing," he said. She turned to the fire again and the

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a little champagne?"

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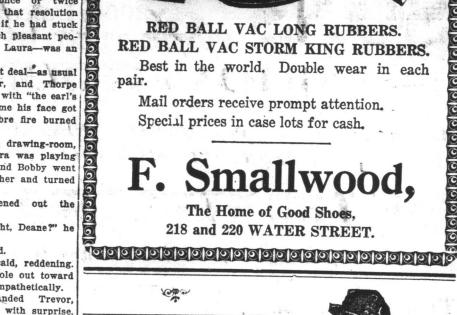
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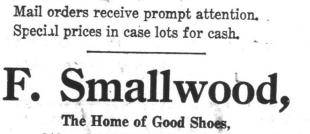
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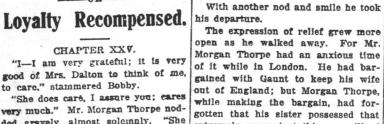
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ded gravely, almost solennly. "She takes a great interest in you. As a her own rule, Laura is very chary of making fricuda. She has suffered a great declined to remain at Vevey, or redeal, poor girl! and suffering hardens move to Paris, but had insisted upon us-hardens us, my dear Deane. And going to London. I have never known her to come out He had not dared to oppose her, of her shell, so to speak, as she has

done with you. But about the cards, and when the divine Laura was susmy dear fellow. You are not offend-"Not a bit," said Bobby, cheerfully.

"The fact is, I ought not to have gone come, and had spent some part of his "I can't tell how delighted I am

in a moment, lose his annuity. to hear you say so." said Mr. Morgan But chance had favored him hither-Puritan or a moralist-"

to, and Gaunt had not seen Laura. "Gone to Africa?" he mused, as he -"But I don't mind telling you;

Deane, that if I had my time to come may have done so, and my luck may over again, I'd never touch a card or still be with me, but, on the other put a penny on a horse. They talk of hand, he may not, and may turn up the evils of drink. By the Lord Harry! at any moment. My dear Laura, you which, low though it was, seemed to I've seen more young fellows go under will have to clear out. Yes, I shall through cards and betting than ever have to move you. But how?" He were 'downed' by liquor. Why, I could give you instances by the score. "If we are going, we may as well And take my own case. In confidence, make a little coup before we start. my dear Deane, I may tell you that A sort of spoiling the Egyptians. I'll Morgan Thorpe would have been in a talk it over with her. Her brain's very different position from the lowly better than mine at that kind of thing." one which he now occupies if he had In which Mr. Morgan Thorpe scarcemade the resolution which you have ly did himself justice, for it would just now so nobly made-and stuck to have been difficult to find a sharper

"Why don't you chuck 'em now?" self, even in London, where sharp and asked Bobby, with all the verdant in- astute scoundrels abound and flour-

Three days afterward Bobby receivwhich proves under what perfect con- ed a dainty little notetrol he held his facial expression. peculiar scent-from Mrs. Dalton. "Ah. my dear boy, it is too late for Why did he not come to see her? me, alas! Some of us are born gamb- Had she offended him? If so, why lers. It's in my blood, in my blood, did he not tell her what she had said my dear Deane. And poor Trevor's or done amiss? And would he come got the taint, too. Take the cards to dinner on Monday and give her an away from him and me, and we should opportunity of explaining and begging go hang ourselves. It's too late for his pardon? both of us. That's why I am so glad So ran the note, prettily worded, and relieved to hear that you are go- and written in a thin Italian hand. then beat out the powder. ing to drop it. And Laura-well, it There was only one answer possible. will be the best news I can take her. Bobby wrote and said that he would casserole, cover with thickened milk. You'l come and see her, dine with us come and tell her that in no way had Bake, season and serve, she offended him, and that she had "Yes," said Bobby, stiffing a sigh always been all that was kind and cold boiled rice, raisins, chopped alas his good resolution went up the gracious. chimney with a moan of reproach and And he went. She was alone when with mayonnaise dressing.

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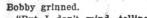
very much." Mr. Morgan Thorpe nod-

for she would have grown suspicious;

picious-well, Morgan Thorpe's life was not an easy one. So he had been obliged to let he

in for play, and-well I'm going to days in fear and trembling lest he cut it now." should run up against Gaunt, and so,

Thorpe again. "I'm a bad hand at preaching, and I don't set up for a

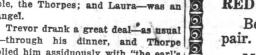


walked clubward, with a pleasant smile on his pleasant open face, as he smoked a choice Havana. "Well, he

pondered for a time, then he smiled.

or more astute scoundrel than him-

ocence of youth. Mr. Morgan Thorpe did not smile-



farewell. "That's all right. So long!"

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Mr. Morgan Thorpe paused at the door and looked round.

dressed, had 'made up" a little, her one and one-half cups boiling water. "Delightful rooms, these of yours, black eyes, which, as she had heard Boil fifteen minutes. Always strike me whenever I come his voice outside, had shone with con-

into them. Lord-what is his nametempt and boredom, now beamed upstill at that place in the country?" on him softly, almost tenderly. "No," said Bobby. "He has gone." "I thought you were never coming, Morgan Thorpe stopped, with his

that I-we-should never see you hand on the handle of the door. again," she murmured. "Come and sit "Gone, eh? Where? Gone for beside me and tell me what is the

matter." She touched a chair near Bobby shook his head rather sadly. Finally Was Restored to the fire and beside her own, and "I don't know. He left Leafmore Bobby dropped into it, feeling as if Health by Lydia E. Pinkham's suddenly, and no one knows his he had been the cruelest and most Vegetable Compound.

he entered the drawing-room, and



hard-hearted of young men. "Morgan has told me that you are going to give up cards. I am so glad!" she said, after Bobby had assured her that there was nothing the matter and that he had not been able to come because he had been "busy." "Oh, pray, pray, keep to that! I have seen much misery through gambling, and I do hate it so! Besides," she added, with an air of innocence which would have done credit to a first-class actress, "you will be able to sit and talk to me while they are playing, for,

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see her again. Then Trevor came in.

He scowled at Bobby as he nodded

"Thought you'd gone into the country or abroad," he said, sullenly. "duced cold." He gave a little shud-

der as he drew nearer the fire. His ned, read and and held in stri was pale-it had the pallor



