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The muse cased to arrly ache kinckel for admission, and in allow was opened by Jas Nevle, wao gazela nermanageria a start ed war.

"Oh. air. Opper, is it time to go ou? I had no item that I was late.

"You are not ate. The cur ain will not go up for ten inutes et, but this lispater just arrived, and I thought it bes to bring it to you at once."

The girl's .a ce turned d ath y pale.

"Let me have it," he gisted. He handed her the hi le yellow packet, She tore the envelope hur fed y, and it needed

but a glance to ma ter the contents:

"Come at once. Your fa her is dying. "DR. WATSON."

She did not totter and fal', but like a thoroughbred sherel ther quernly little head up high and said quite calmir:

"I am sorry to forfeit my engagement, Mr. Op or, but I must leave you now at once. - bly tather is eying. Read," and she held out the mes-age to him.

"Hum, ah!" remarked Opper.

Much as be admired his fair attraction he did not like to lose the nigh 's money, even if he had already earned a oig purs; through her.

S:ill, in the presence of death he thought it test to throw up the sponge, hoping by agreeing amiably to a range for her reappearance later on.

In addition he had conceived a slucere and fatherly interest in the lonely girt, and so he submitted to the inevitable and said quite chee:fully, "Weil, I suppose you must go, my dear. But there is an awful big house. I don't know whit we can do. You must go alone, I suppose. I could not get away tonight, and you would not wait until to-morrow. How long has your father teen is Chicagoi"

"I did not know he was there until I received this telegram, which is sent from there," she answered, as she began to collect her few belongings.

"Well, wait a minute," cried Opper, suddealy rashing out.

He found Jam Burns around in the lobby of the theatre and quickly explained matters to him.

"I am going to close the hour and return the money to-night, but I want to get Miss. Nevilla safely off first; and now, Jim you must follow her I don't know why, but I mistrust the telegram. Will you go? Name, your own terms.

"I'll go" said Burns, "but I must explain to the chief."

"There is no time. Leave that to me. He'll refu e me nothing. Get a cab and have it at the side door. First, let the girl kn wyou are fill wing nor. When she go a into the cab, you have anothe oner eady and follow,

A rais goes in twenty minu s"
"The duck you of line to watchi in de. You'd better not say who e the girl is g -

ing, 'so d Bar is,
"I or's," and with a hearty shaking of ands the minimum art d.

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Then he prosed abruptly, remembering that he had live her defination away, and gla ed at the tox comil the Harsbuth.

The liter had head south the was leaved he becliaga flace, so the good hearted mana e concludada a apolo ios with a rush, sa ng Serv o Ricerole you, la hes ant gorlemen and some teles the door money, but it will be all eturn dat the box office, and I have a verta disappoint you a air, a t be ive as your trus and personal friend, Opper."

Then he rashed off the stage, determined to

foil Hens all at all haz ris

"Ass' do..?" were in a par nam is he called himself as he rash dont and ju ped into a back, commanding the driver, "Union depot, triple fare."

As he had su mised, Henshall was driving the same way and just as fast in another con-

verance.

He did not know if his ideal woman had al eady start d for Chicago or not, but he was but al to go there and find her.

He raded in o r e denot and b acht a ticket, and was told that a train would cave in two minutes.

He jumped abourd and rushed histiy through the cars.

At last his neart gave a great jump and then nearly so got enting.

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ruga, i siramo and sa dec.: construy, ideas know you, sir."

Sue had no a el to ay tot more.

Barnshalbera ja tra dece inglestal or ele Hensaulhave, vard have get as near hera ho na l Bat ne big d'icctive determined to above for disastlest.

He appeal list, to a said as mag ificent strength to the panters and only, and ru he ed him through the car size a whirlwind, and out on the platform.

Henshall was not a cowird.

Twice had ne been ualited by this burly

fellow, and now he determined to aght him.

The scrap ensued then and there.

Henshall know how to use his dukes, and hodid vallandly.

Burns, although a powerful man, knew little of the science of boxing, so his lighter antago sist pum neled him well with three or four traight from the shoulder before he gota chance to close with him an loverpower him.

Just then Opper, hot and indignant, piled through the crowd pell mell, shoutin:

"Hold him! Hold the scoundrel! Arrest him!"

During the excitement the train rolled away and the girl was gone alone, with no one of the three men, all so anxiously desirous of aiding her, n ar her.

To several policemen Burns was savage. who quickly gathered hedisplayed his balge, and then, summoning a cab and accompanied by Opper, he took Houshall a prisoner to police hea lau arters.

There Opper told the chief that the painter was a see on irel who had been pursuing and annoying his star.

The charge was so rid culous that Hen-

shall laughed aloud. Then in batter times, he turned to Opper and said: "You fool if you had only come to me like a man I would have cleared up your

unjust suspicions." He then explained the case in full, claiming oalen enivatrous in crest in the girl.

He had no li tle trouble in proving the truta of his statement, but he finally did, with the assistance of Mrs. S.nith.

Mutual explanations onsued, and he and Burns shook hands and were friends, fighting

for the same Case.
"I start for Chacago tinight," said Henshill, careless of overything." "And I am with you," said Burn.

By the mi might train Burns and Henshal were spe ding toward Chicago, deter maed tonid Latie Nevdie to the utmost of t .. ir power.

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Unexpected Generosity.

A woman entered a drugstore not far from Bearon street, the other evening, and said that she wished to purchase a toothbrush. The preprietor laid out a number of these art cles upon the counter for her inspection, a d uraed away to attend to the wants of n ther on tomer. In a short time the feu.a.e approached him and said in the sweet-

"I no e tried them all, and think that I fine tur or o the best, so will take it."

The a to is aid proprietor took one look at her, gave one short moment to silent reflection and me mation, then said:
"Madam, you may have them all for the

price of this one. I will make you a present of taem.

The woman no doubt is yet wondering at the cause of his unexpected generosity .-Beston Record.

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