***************** A Saving Entanglement

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"I shall never believe a man so long

as I live"-The hands fumbling with the entangled skates closed convulsively over the gleaming steel of the smaller pair. "The trouble was that you never did believe in him really. You were al-

ways unjust"-His voice was low and tense. The girl drew aside impatiently.

"Mr. Ludlow, will you kindly disentangle those skates, or at least let us step out of people's way." Her cheeks were aflame. Nell

Priestly had just leaned over the side of her cutter to gaze at them curiously, standing thus before the Palace "I am doing my best," came the hum-

ble reply. He jerked off one glove, and Helen could not refrain from glancing down at his long, shapely hand. with the seal ring she had given him the Christmas just after their engagement was announced. He had not sent it back with the other things. The two pairs of skates swung apart,

but he kept close to her side. "As long as we've gone this far-l mean-er-we've been seen together again-I might as well walk with you. I take it we are bound for the same

place, the park." Helen stared straight ahead. "I believe you did it on purpose," she

remarked irrelevantly. "I couldn't," he responded, knowing full well what she meant. "It would take months of practice to entangle a pair of skates like that just in passing you, and you've given me no chance to get that near you in-how many months is it, Helen?"

She ignored the question. "But you came into the store on pur-

"Vain child! I needed some potash tablets for my throat."

"But," she persisted, "you did not discover the fact until you caught my her fairly dazzled. No; she had never eye across my cup of hot chocolate, and then you hesitated."

"So you acknowledge that you were watching me? Well, that is a hopeful



HE FASTENED HER SKATES WITH HANDS THAT TREMBLED. symptom. Somehow lately when we've

met I've felt that you saw nothing but "Do stop raking over dead ashes,

Lester!" "Are they really dead, Helen? Isn't there just the least little spark still burning?" This was not banter. He was thoroughly in earnest.

"You must know that I love you; that I loved you even when you doubted me. And you were so unreasonable. You would not let me explain"-She glanced at him critically, he

thought coldly. "You have survived the episode excellently. You are looking very well." There was just a suggestion of a sob in her voice. People had said that Helen had fallen off considerably in

the last few months. "Yes, I have honestly tried to forget my disappointment. I have worked hard. The god Mammon has rewarded me better than did the little fellow to whom I formerly paid my devotions." "I-I thought we-you-were very

happy while it lasted." "Happy and yet miserable. Helen, can't you see that your lack of faith, your feeling that I did not prove my devotion to you, were torture to me? You could not or would not understand my temperament. Because I did not tell you every time we met that you were the most adorable woman God had ever made, that I could not live without you and all the rest of the childish, pretty compliments men pay to a certain sort of woman you said I did not love you, and yet in a hundred ways I showed you that you were the one woman in the world to me. I never called on any other girl-no, dear, not even since you broke our engagement. I haunted your home until I was ashamed to look your father in the face. I tried to show you that I needed you every bour of my life. I gave up my pipe because you did not like it. I cut the Athletic club because you objected to that gang of fellows. But because I did not announce my ham by C. reasons from the housetops you did Drug Stora.

GIRL WOMEN.

or womanhood is "grown-up When a girl is emancipated from school and arrives at the dignity of trailin skirts and elaborate hair dressing she

looked upon as a young woman. But nature knows nothing of such standknows nothing of such standards. When the womanly func-tion is establish-

is attained ac-cording to her standards, and womanly care and caution. It is girlish ignor-ance or neglect at this critical time which often results in long years of after misery. Mothers who perceive the evi-

dences of funcment in young girls should promptly have them begin the use of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It establishes reg-ularity, tranquilizes the nerves and tones

up the whole system. up the whole system.

"My troubles started during my girlhood," writes Miss Flora I. Greer, of 107 Howe Street, Akron, O., "but did not brove serious until 1893. From that time 1 did not see a well day. I suffered at every monthly period with terrible headache, irritation of the spine and pains in my heels. I had soreness through my hips and ovaries all the time and constant backache. One doctor would tell me one thing alled me, another would say something altogether different, but they only relieved me. I then wrote you and followed your advice. I took five bottles of Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, four of 'Golden Medical Discovery and five vials of 'Pellets.' Have got had a single symptom of my old trouble so far. Can sleep good, work hard, and cat solid and substantial food without distress." Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets cleanse the

bowels and stimulate the sluggish liver.

not understand that it was for you, all for you." They had reached the lake in the

park. Helen sank mechanically on the frozen bank and with the old childish gesture handed him her skates. He fastened them with hands that trembled.

"Can't you understand, Helen?" Still she sat staring dumbly across the glittering expanse of ice to the woodland with its glistening, ghostly trees. Never had he talked like this before, and the scales had fallen from her eyes with a suddenness that left understood him. He had seemed to take their engagement so lightly. He had hurt her again and again with his perpetual joking. It had all been so serious a matter with her, and she had thought he placed too light an estimate on her love because-because-well, no sane man should treat lightly so seri-

ous an affliction as a retrousse nose. She rose and poised gracefully on her skates. Ludlow stretched out his hands, and her own cuddled into his confidingly. Across the lake they sped, looking straight into each other's eyes. "You understand me Helen," he pleaded. "Tell me, dear, that you believe I loved you always"-She really wanted to reply in the "Yes" he longed to hear, but it was a novel experience to see him so deadly in earnest. She shook her head slight-

"Oh, Lester, you've not been practicing law in vain! As a pleader you're

improving." A pained look came into his bonest eyes. His clasp on her hands loosened and with a coquettish glance she shot away from him. She shouted something over her shoulder, but he lost the words in a sharp, ominous crackle of weak ice. There was a shrill scream, and a second later be was circling round a black bole where a crimson Tam O'Shanter had disappeared.

They sat by the park keeper's fire, wrapped in strange, unsightly gar-ments. Their host had bustled out into his bachelor kitchen to brew a hot

Helen faced Ludlow abruptly. There

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vers dark circles upper 22 Tres her chin quivered pathetically as she

"Lester, dear, did you hear what I called to you just before"—
"No," he said moodily. "A' man drenched to the skin is not susceptible to coquetry."

She continued bravely: "I said that I knew you loved me always better than I deserved. Yes, I said that, dearest, before you jumped in after me. You believe me, don't

He looked into her eyes. They glow ed softly, tenderly. He took her in his "God bless you, girlie, and those

skates! Moot Point of Law. An English writer gives a good ex ample of those quibbles in legal practice that have a sort of fascination for certain minds. Some years ago, while traveling on the continent, he met the principal lawyer for the government of one of the principalities, who told him of a curious legal question. It had reference to a railway station at the

boundary between two principalities. Some one standing outside the window of the ticket office had put his hand through and robbed the till inside. The boundary line lay between where the thief stood and the till, so that he was actually in one territory while the crime was committed in the other. Here was a nice nut for the gentlemen learned in the law to crack. Which of the principalities should undertake the prosecution of the culprit?

At it they went in good earnest, and the arguments on either side were long and vehement till the whole case was embalmed in many volumes. At last one side yielded so far as to say: "We will permit you, as an act of

same time reserving all our sovereign rights." At this point of the recital the Englishman asked, "And how did the pros-

courtesy, to prosecute, while at tha

ecution end?" "Ah, that is quite another matter!" said his friend. "There was no prosecution; we were only arranging what we should do when we caught the robber, but we never caught him."

Too Effective.

The German proprietor of a sawmill in a Minnesota town used for fuel the refuse from the lumber. The fuel cost nothing, but it took four men to provide it, because the machinery was old

An agent for mill machinery persuaded the German to put in new equipment which would reduce the amount of fuel one-half. It looked like a good proposition, says the Duluth News-Tribune, and the agent, sure of success, called on the German after the machinery had been installed, expecting to be congratulated. But the German gave him a gloomy stare.

"What's the matter? Doesn't the machinery do all I claimed for it?" asked the agent.

"Ya, but I overlooks sometings."

"Vell, it dakes only dwo men to handle de fuel, but it dakes de udder two men to haul away vat ve didn't use pefore und a team pesides."

A Military Doubt. "Did you see a boy about my size

round the corner?" a boy inquired of an elderly gentleman who was passing. "Yes, I believe I did," said the man. "Did he look ugly?"

"I didn't notice." "Did be look scared?"

"I don't know. Why?" "Why, I heard he was around there and I don't know whether he wants to lick me or whether be's afraid I'm go ing to lick him. Wish I did."

To Cure a Child of Croup. Wring flannel cloths out of hot water and apply them to the throat, changing them frequently. Make tent over the crib by means heets over a screen or umbrella then place a small tea kettle over am alcohol lamp near the crib and let the child inhale the moist vapor which may be conducted inside the tent, care being taken that the child does not come close enough to the lot steam to get burnt. If the hot steam to get burnt. attack is severe, you may give drops of syrup of ipecac every fif-teen minutes until vomiting results. It would be best to keep the patient indoors for a day or two after the attack.—Emelyn Lincoln Coolidge,M. D., in the Ladies' Hôme Journal.

Most Powerful Snuff Known. On the Amazon river several Indian tribes use snuff, called pareca, which made of the seeds of a species of plant. When a bout of snuff-taking s determined on the people become highly intoxicated and then use th snuff. The effect of pareca is so violent that the taker drops as if shot and lies insensible for some time; those more accustomed to it are highly excited, dancing and singing as if mad. The effect soon sub-sides. Other tribes use it to repel ague during the wet season.

He Misunderstood. A citizen was riding outside Regina a few days ago on a bicycle when something went wrong with the chine and the rider discovered had no wrench with him. Meeting a man the bicyclist inquired where he could find a monkey wrench. The intelligent foreigner, after scratching his head, replied: "Jam Galbraith, he one sheep ranch over there; me know any monkey ranch.

The more mistakes a man makes the asier it is for him to invent excuses.

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