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THE STRENGTH OF TEN.

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and sometimes in the local publi house (the Queen's Head), and that

A SOCIOLOGICAL EXPERIMENT By EDITH M. DOANE.

Weston was a woman, and ten vears of East Side hardships had not dulled her appreciation of the trim lines of a London tailor-made gown.

Meanwhile, on the other side of the city, in a great house by the Park, there rose a chorus of Jane's exasperated relatives, whose emotions gained in force and fluency as the days went lessly clean and uninteresting old

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Up to that time Jane's interest in sociological research had wavered, and her activities in that field had been "The protest was swept aside in the rising tide of Jane's wrath.

"How much am I offered for this all," finished Jane discreetly. her activities in that field had been limited to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines presumably hearing the distinguished to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines presumably hearing the distinguished to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the Cunard lines are considered to the donation of an occasional check. But when the considered to the considered to

"She's a peach," was the succinct reply.

And Jane? She went in for mothers' panionship.

Late in the evening Jane rose suddenly. A guilty consciousness of the relatives' sentiments, could they see

ated relatives, whose emotions gained in force and fluency as the days went by. "Burying herself down there!" "Refused even to meet him!" "Think of the opportunity!" "And of the title—an earl!" "Such a brilliant marriage!" "Such a brilliant marriage!" "Providing she was lucky enough to land him," suggested a frivolous young cousin who was not old enough to appreciate the tragic interest of the situation.

It was not Jane Renwick's fault that she had been inconvenienced by interesting all of "Old Job Renwick's" said Jane one evening. "I will visit in the said duffully read to hope-lessly clean and uninteresting old women by the hour.

But some characters one meets on the base one's faith in human nature; and sometimes the air of the courts and sometimes the air of the said and revously. The man eyed her reproachfully. The man eyed her reproachfully. The said and thevously.

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Jane's eyes filled and she grew pink

son than the Earl of Chilcote, described in the peerage as "John Lawrence
Renshaw Viscount Renshaw of the Renshaw, Viscount Renshaw of the Essex, and ninth Earl of Chilcote," who finally clinched the matter.

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guished person of the Earl of Liverpool, that irate young lady, in a fine glow of purpose—and a most becoming gown—descended upon the East Side and was welcomed by the College Set front."

Three millions? Five millions! And few days to look up the settlement work a bit. I've had some experience with this sort of thing in London, but you do it rather better than we do, I front."

Jane glanced at the well-worn

The delight faded from the man's eyes. "I could hardly hope that you would remember, it is enough that I should," he replied courteously.

Jane looked up at him and then did the man who had been following lane who had been following the standard of the should remember that I should, the replied courteously.

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Then she looked with a thrill straight up into his eyes. "Yes," she said gently.

Even a workingman is human, John Renshaw bent and kissed the sweet, full, the centre of a laughing group. It was no less distinguished a peron than the Earl of Chilcote, describon than the Earl of Chilcote, describon than the Earl of Chilcote, describon the collection of the collection of

> picking it up she turned to leave the But he was between her and the door -six-feet-two of masculine determina-

"I beg that you will allow me to speak," he entreated.

Jane crossed the room and sat down before the fire. He followed her and stood leaning against the mantel. She glanced at him furtively. She liked his

He bowed. "I beg your pardon," he said, with quick pride. "I am keeping you." He crossed the room to the doorway. "I will bid you good-bye," looking very straight and handsome and feeling unreasonably hurt and mis-

erable, as she passed through. It was that same night that Jane had her first serious call to duty. She was sent to one of her old ladies who had been taken suddenly ill and she decided that she must spend the night. The messenger who had accompanied her to the tenement returned to Doctor-Weston with the message to that ef- not su fect. Later in the evening the old thing?"

There was her came up behind her and, walking flushed face so near his own. leaned over her and a voice came out of the darkness where his face was.

"Aw, come on now, can't ye speak to "Aw, come on now, can't ye speak to "Profited? She walked downstairs"

to utter a sound, and the man stepped directly in front of her, but as he put out his hand to touch her she twisted in his grasp, and, summoning all her strength, gave one long, piercing call for help. With a muttered oath, the man gripped her by the arms, and then so suddenly that they both started, another figure stood out of the darkness. In the flickering light from the street lamp Jane saw the swing of broad shoulders, and a familiar face that looked out, calmly, from under a worn felt hat.

At the sight her heart stopped pounding against her side, and she leaned was coming, and she sat smiling marriages are being celebrated.

glow of purpose—and a most recomming gown—descended upon the East Side and was welcomed by the College Settlement there with flattering enthusiasm.

"And may I live with you here at the settlement?" pleaded the would-be sociologist. "I wish to give myself entirely to the work and be free from distracting surroundings—and earls, "She stood before then, slim, pretty, she sad on the feature of the should next open her breath. "We have great headed, under her breath." "We have great head of sunch earnest." "It is my life work," she said in a should next open her whith. "Ho conviction that she was sunch the conviction that should head still, and then conviction that should head still, and then conviction that should head still, and then conviction that should head still have great head of sunch earnest." "It is my life work," she said in a should next open her whith a still have a sol stream to provide the was coming, and she sat smiling the was convicted. The man stifled a sigh. She me added, under her breath.

"We have great need of such earnest properation," said Dr. Weston, beaming approval on the alluring face unter the soft brown hair.

"It loss of society was the gain of a girl.

"Not till afterward did it occur to Jane that it was an unhoard-of transported the sentiment of the community after the meeting of the Boys' Club at which Jane presided.

"The Last Side.

Mike Leary voiced the sentiment of the soft brown hair.

"She has an unusually beautiful and loss of society was the gain of the loss of so "You'd orter been there. We had a new teacher," vouchsafed Mike to a fellow member.
"What's she like"
"She's a peach," was the succinct "reply.
And Jane? She went in for mothers' meatings and social clubs with an armount of the mother and social clubs with an armount of the mother and pounded the said not raise her eyes from the nic.
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carefully guarded their womankind mayed. boiling in his veins, he promptly tuck "Who the said formally, "as I am leaving in the morning," And with another bow he held aside the draperles and stood, the street toward the College Settle-

> you to run risks like this?" He looked down to where a sound of gentle sobbing came from under his with the reluctance of the true Britthe ceremony takes place. But how he assured himself on this His arms tightened and he bent to he simply replied, "I just tak"

ing?" she questioned. "Ah, yes—I had steps quickened to match hers. Jane blushed crimson in the dark. accomplished in the London sium forgotten."

Jane blushed crimson in the dark. accomplished in the London sium "Perhaps—some time—" she began. What, may I ask, is your opinion

tely from head to foot. Jane threw a fearful glance behind her and her heart flew up into her throat. For heart flew up into her throat. For a few steps she hurried on and the that caused them to smile wisely at the her then he each other behind Jane's back. "She he said with deep conviction.

"Aw, come on now, can't ye speak to a feller?" he said.

Jane took a step back, too frightened to utter a sound, and the man stepped directly in front of her, but as he put

swearing painfully. The newcomet eyed him with evident satisfaction, then turned to the girl, who was watching him in breathless, frightened admiration.

With the blood of "ancestors who had carefully guarded their womankind"

"And you have all this," he said impulsively, "and would have taken me as you saw me—poor—a working man."

Jane looked at him, bewildered, dismayed.

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The Earl turned a radiant face to the

MADE AT GRETNA

departed as soon as this was over.

The joiner-parson was careful

arm.

"Have you no parents?" he went on, indignantly. "No brothers — no relatives? Do you not see that you must not subject yourself to this sort of

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Naples Marki Than 200

Naples, April 9.-This country about Mount firmed reports placing dead and injured at Not many facts can l which to base an ac At midnight the situation reassuring. The lava diminished in volume rections having stop while a copious rainfal equally with the devaby the lava is the dam. have been carried great

This has caused th struction of San Guies 6.000 inhabitants. All people had fled the vill Assembled in the

to attend mass. Whil performing his sacred fell and about sixty pe injured. These unfort hours without surgical sistance. The only this in the church was a s the preservation of homeless people accep and promise of delive

At Ottajano five ch houses fell under the and cinders, which lie on the ground. In the ings about 12 persons many more or less its population. After the place the barrack

Reports from inland rible devastation. S na. Portici, Resina ar have been almost oned. Most of the bu lages are of flimsy have flat roofs, and culated to bear the them. It will be foun able number of peo Although the erupt

is less violent than i hours ago, ashes a great quantities. R threatened or destro pouring into Naples who are

Arriving From Ev The roads are crowde women crying piteou way trains, warships employed in conveying people to places of s numbers of persons land in the direction less than 15,000 refus cess Mafalda, is and left the island of Car sengers, including ma board but she was un destination owing to and ashes from the

veloned her a mile fro Helena have further selves to the people and the government in relieving the dest however, is obstructed tion of all means which are monopolis of persons out of the The King and Queen arrived at Naples t Rome. When the re the station the erupt was almost at its wo The King a

Insisted upon leaving Torre Aununziate. Ited Santa Anastar Somma Vesuviana, greeted with enthu boints the royal part small cyclone of as which partly bline stopped them. As car was some dista cars in which the m were riding, it was some time in the cl and considerable and its safety. It was di that the King had o bile to be driven and had crossed the with great rapidity. further on the ash fleep, making it party to continue t tars. Consequently suite descended and

Later in the aft party returned to N the temporary lodgin for refugees from t and villages. The Annuziati and Pom