He could not help her. He would not

had overheard her: so he laid down his

for treble my fortune, poor child!" he

This was her fate-brilliant, beau-

tiful, worshipped and wretched. This

strong, and deep and terrible it must

brightest gift of earth had been in-

all that had interested and pussled

the finest young fellow I have ever

Bourgoyne if Mayor Wrattle had not

His heart was heavy. He had meant

was so unhappy. He grew nervous

at the thought of meeting her again;

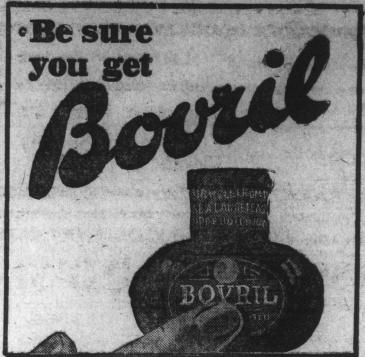
"Who can understand women?" said

Sir Arthur, appealing to some invis-

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that the working of the whole of the

vished. He forgot the Indian news-



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"Most likely," answered Sir Arthur

The duke went on in his amiable manner, making very mild and then Leah returned. pointless comments, which elicited but monosyllabic replies.

"I see you are busy," said his grace. "We will discuss the question more ful-

Fate was against him this morning," for the fourth time the door opened. It was Leah who now appeared. She thinking of him. He recognized the not disturb him-he loved her too well, and he was accustomed to it: he did not think it necessary to tell her he was

complete silence. He could hear the was about to thank Heaven that he ible power. They were beyond him sound of Leah's pen. She was writing was gone; but no word came from his altogether. rapidly. Then suddenly the door open- lips—he was stricken dumb . ed, and Sir Arthur's smothered grean. What was she doing—his proud, was lost in the voice of the speaker.

eral was struck with something pecul- doing?

"Of course I will," she creplied; have thrown away."

be so kind as to fasten it?" Leah laughed blithely.

"Certainly," she said, as she took the hand had rested. yellow driving-glove that he held out "I shall die," she sobbed, "just as to her. "Will you excuse me one min- this flower has died, and just as far ute while I find needle and thread?" from his heart! Oh, cruel world! I



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"I am sorry to have kept you wait- were pointed out to me. I should ing," she said. "I will release you now never have proposed to dear Lady

The slender fingers soon accomplish- told me that she loved the very ed their task. She held out the glove ground I stood upon. After that it Sir Arthur groaned as his friend to him, and as she did so, her eyes fell was plain sailing. It may be the went out. "Now surely I shall remain on the spray of stephanotis that he same with Sir Basil. Something must be done. It is a sad thing when

"Your flower is faded," she said, girls lose their mothers; it is only Let me give you another. I have a women who understand each other. superstition that it is unlucky to wear If Doris were here, she would know

"By all means replace it, if you will be good enough," he responded.

from him, and laid it upon the table. From one of the vases she chose a but to his surprise, when he saw her beautiful moss-rosebud, fresh as the at the luncheon table, there was no dawn, and fastened it in his coat for trace of sorrow on her beautiful face. He thanked her briefly, stood talking usual, but there was no sign of love-

to her for some few minutes, and then sickness about her,

Sir Arthur, looking over the screen,

beautiful niece-whose love no man ras lost in the voice of the speaker.

"Shall I disturb you Miss Hatton?" beautiful niece—whose love no man
"Shall I disturb you Miss Hatton?" had been able to win, whose smiles had
"Mr. Samuel Hayes Buttle, of Church It was Sir Basil who put the question. been sought as a priceless boon? She Street, Enniscorthy, Ireland, and of seemed to care for love or Buttle Brothers and Co., Ltd., bacon admiration, for lovers or marriage. She curers, &c., left personal property in admiration, for lovers of marriage. She in the same and Ireland of the value of "I am glad you sought me," she had moved through the brilliant world £30,524. He left £4,000 to Buttle said. And for the first time the gen- like an ice-maiden. What was she Bros, "for building extensive and suitable business premises, with a

far in the tone of her voice as she She had taken the withered flower proper suit of offices, built in gallery answered him. "What can I do for in her hands, and was kneeling down style, in such a commanding position by the table and covering the faded business can been seen by the prin-

"There is an old proverb which says spray with kisses and tears." cipals and managers, and so that all that 'a stitch in time saves nine.' Will "Oh, my love," she sighed, "my love, the departments for the despatch of you make that first stitch now, and if you only loved me! But I am less gods, including packing and baling save the nine hereafter, Miss Hattor?" to you than the withered flower you shall be in view and under the con-

trol of the managers." "Where is the stitch needed?" The general would have spoken then "In this driving-glove," he replied; and have let Leah know that he had "the button is nearly off. Would you overheard her, but surprise and wonder kept him silent. He saw her kiss the open volume where Sir Basil's

She went away, leaving Sir Basil has been denied me. I wish I had enough for others, why not for you? I can win other hearts, why not yours? would give my life for your love!"

> The low smothered sound of her bitter sobbing mingled with the song of the birds and the whisper of the wind; it smote the heart of the old soldier with unutterable pain. He had rescued her from what he thought a shameful life, adopted her, and given. her his love and protection; he had made her heiress of his vast fortune; and this was all that had come of it. this was the end of all his hopes for her. She was wearing her heart and her life away for a love that could never be hers, or at least, that was not hers. From the sight of the kneeling figure, the clasped hands, the proud head so despairingly bent, the

general turned with tears in his eyes. "If I could but die," she said to herself, "and be at rest; if I could but sleep and never wake; if I could but hide my love, and sorrow and pain!" He was tempted to go to her, to take her in his arms and try to comfort her, but a sense of delicacy forbade him. She was so proud and sensitive, what would sho think or feel if she

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