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MELINDA'S SMILE.

I let the reins fall idly across Bluebell's | ful it would be for me if Leonard foun sleek brown neck, and gave way to a flood | out." of useless regrets and vain imaginings of what might have been, till a voice from the other hand, I don't see why you should exfootpath brought back my wandering pect me to mind that. Why should I have ghts with a rush. I raised my head to any consideration for you?-who had little find Melinda-a dazzling vision in blue enough for me!" cloth and white fur-by my side, with the 'Oh!" cried Melinda, "you are never gosame irresistible smile, and her face and ing to be so oruel . . . you can't mean . . .

voice as fresh and sweet as spring itself. "Good morning," she said, gayly enough; but somewhere behind her smile I caught a do The letters were written to me, and at mond, Mo., was captured by a mob late glimpse of anxiety and-could it be?-ap- the time they were written I believe you meant what you said. . . . All your pretty

"Good morning." I knew that, if I stopped, the little—very little—peace of mind I
had gained in my long, lonely ride would
vanish like smoke; but Bluebell, from long

They are all I can have now. You belong habit, took the matter upon herself, and to Leonard. . . . I will keep the letters."

dropped her head to graze by the roadside. Melinds drew a small, bare hand from her white muff, and stroked the sleek skin. I knew that immediate flight was the only

"Is it true?" I asked, knowing well mough that it was. Melinda's head was still bent; perhaps that was why her voice was muffled.

"Yes," she said, "it is true." "Do you care for him?" I went on, and at this Melinda raised her head indignantly. "You have no right to ask," she said, with flaming cheeks? "I-I am very fond for effect on many small tricks of expres-

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She caught my rein, and Bluebell stopped again. She knew me, and she knew Melinds. It had hired her many times before I went away, and we had always, somehow, met Melinds.

"You are very unkind," Melinda said quickly. "It isn't the money—at least net much. You know how hard it is at home, with no meney for anything nice—I'm sure we couldn't be much worse off if we were beggars—and mother grumbling and grumbling because Lisette and I were both enble smile; "I suppose you went be going ble smile; "I suppose you went be going ble smile; "I suppose you went be going byte?"

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"I am going by the gate in the orchard," she went on reckless'y, with her eyes on the ground; and I was speechless.

"You ought to know it," she said rather addy.

DELTICH AMERICAN COMBINE.

I glassed at Melinda's tailon-made costume with a smile.

She flushed again. Her complexion is like pink and white apple blossom.

"I had to have some decent things when I was engaged," she explained hurriedly. "because of Leonard's relations and things calling; but they aren't paid for yet, so you meed't smile in that horrid unbelieving way. . . . And then," she went on, "you the moment that I was holding it. It was any all that time in South Africabout those wretched railways, and everybody said you would never make any money, and they said I was selfish and horrid and cruel, and Lisette would get engaged to the curate, and Margaret was always erging because she couldn't go to parties and things . . and Leonard was always here, kind and nice to everybody, and always doing generous things, till at last I got quite fond of him. . . You know I am very sifectionate by nature."

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and I wished she would finish what she had to say and let me go.

"I din't think you'd mind so much," she said wistfully.

"I don't want to be rude," I replied, "but that is a lie—and you know it! Will you say what you have to say and get it done?"

"I want you to send back all my letters—that is all."

"All?" said I.

"Yes. I have sent back yours, and your ring, and the little turquoise bangle with the nugget—and—oh! everything you gave me."

"Why should I send them back at all?" I asked. "They can't be pleasant reading to you now."

"It isn't that," she said; "it's because of Leonard. He doesn't know we were engaged, and he has such ridioulous ideas about broken engagements. He has a sert of theory that he won't marry a girl unless he is her first love."

"You are very foolish. There is not likely to be much happiness for you in the future if you begin to deceive him already. How can he help knowing we were engaged?"

"There is no reason why he should," said Mellnda quickly. "I haven't told any blody outside—mother said there was no telling what might happen. Mabel and Margaret are too anxious for me to marry him to let that out."

"Su, asid I, "while I have the letters you know they are safe."

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That night I dined with Melinda's uncle,

the rector, and Melinda and her Leonard

She had a sweet little voice, and relied

sion; and Leonard, who was big and bald

ing pitifully by the roadside.

Negro Miner Hanged to a "Ye-es," I said slowly. "But, on the Tree by Angry Mob.

a negro miner, who yesterday shot and scene of his crime and lynched.

Kansas City, Mo., March 2-Smith and Stanley quarried over some trivial matter you as, most unhappily, they seemed to me. After the shooting the negro escaped but They are all I can have now. You belong Then I saw that Melinda was getting and wired Sheriff Crowley at Richmond frightened. She was really crying now, and to come at once. When the sheriff arriv-I noticed how cunningly the bunch of victoria nestled in the soft brown of her hair, and wished that I was dead.

Thing for me. With Melinda happy and tion and Camden were waiting. A general rush was made on the hotel. A dozen shots were fired but no one was hit.

I knew too wel the power of Melinda in guard, dragged Smith out and escorted "Goodby," I said, in a tone of gentle mel-

> A halt was called under a tree near the mine where the prisoner confessed to the the killing but said it was done in self-defence. After a prayer by one of the crowd a rope was quickly placed around the negro's neck and he was hauled up. Bad feeling has existed for some time between the negros and whites and more trouble is feared.

London papers that the Salt Union of Great Britain will positively be able, at a meeting March 8, to announce a sort of combination with the National Salt Company of the United States of America, has aroused considerable interest. The agent in London of the National Salt Company informed a representative of the Associated Press that he knows nothing of the suggestion. He said:

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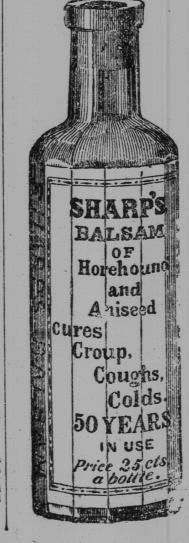
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Montreal, March 4—(Special)—Lavai students, incensed at a criticism in this morning's La Journal, marched in a body to the business office of that paper on St. James street and made a noisy demonstration.

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"Two years was what I said."

"And everybody kept bothering and bothering, and Leonard was so kind and patient, till I thought and thought, and made up my mind at last to write and break it off. . . . And I did."

"Yes," I said quietly, "you did. I found your letter waiting quietly for me directly I go back. It was a pleasant welcome home. The woman at my rooms knew I was oming, so she did not forward it. There is nothing more to be said, is there?"

"Wat a minute," said Melinda. "When you were away, I -er --wrote to you."

"You did," said I -- "once a week for two years. I have got all your letters. They began with vows of eternal constancy. ... and they ended in -- this?"

Het eyes filled with tears. They were almost the color of the violets in her hat, and I wished she would finish what she had to say and let me go.

"I didn't think you'd mindso much," she said wishfully.

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Maine Elections.

day and the fine, warm weather that pre- didate for mayor and electing their enday and the fine, warm weather that prevailed, aided by interesting contests in several cases, brought out an unusually full vote in nearly every city. In several cities the regular nominees were opposed by a so-called citizens' party and the contests were exceedingly spirited. The most conspicuous victory of the citizens' movement was in Saco, where Wm. Maybury, the Republican candidate for reelection, was defeated by a plurality of more than 200 votes, and six of the seven wards were carried by the citizens.

Particularly in this city, Eastport and 275 to 3 00

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didate for mayor and electing their entire ward ticket. The candidates for mayoralty honors in the field were: Samuel R. Percy, Republican, 959; Chas. R. Farnham, Democrat, 757, and Arthur J. Dunton, Prohibition, 170.

Ellsworth, Me., March 4.—The municipal election in Ellsworth resulted in the re-election of Arthur W. Grady, Democrat, over Charles L. Morang, Republican, and Orrin B. Burnham, Independent Democrat, by a majority of 53.

Hallowell, Me., March 4.—The city election here was of little interest and a small vote was cast. The Democrats failed to

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Here the Republican candidate, Col. F.
E. Boothby, won over his Democrat opponent, John F. A. Merrill, by less than 300 votes.

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Eastport, Me., March 4.—Chas. M.

Bath, Me., March 4.-The largest vote ever thrown in a municipal election in Portland, Me., March 4.-Elections this city was polled to-day and the Rewere held in thirteen Maine cities to- publicans succeeded in electing their can-

one ticket was in the field in Hallowell and there was but one candidate for mayor in Waterville. In both places ward contests served to liven matters a little. In Gardner, two Republicans and a Democrat were in the field for mayoralty honors and the regular party candidate were not by a good margin.

every case.

Eastport, Me., March 4.—Chas. M. Buxton, Republican candidate for mayor, defeated Wm. O'Grady, Citizen, by only 34 votes at the city election here to-day. The election was most exciting and there were contests in nearly every ward. The vote for city clerk was exceptionally close, the Republican candidate, D. E. Small, defeating Geo. C. Loring, Citizen, by only two votes. It is expected a recount will be ordered in this case:



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