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THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 1920

#### Greenbush

Miss Mabel Smith, of the Ottawa Normal School, is spending the holidays at her home here.

School opens to-day with Miss Mariam Jelly as teacher.

A light fall of snow helped to enliven the holidays.

Mrs. Percy Fretwell, of Prescott, is spending the holiday season at her

Miss Ruby Johnston, of Brockville, is a guest at the home of her father, Mr. David Johnston.

Miss Pearl O'Neil has severed her connection with the Greenbush store and Mrs. E. Davis takes her place. Mrs. Lewis Langdon met with quite serious accident on Friday last then he fell from the scaffolding in

the barn to the floor.
Mr. Wesley McVeigh has purchased

a new Newcombe piano. Mr. Thomas Ferguson has rented farm at Oak Leaf and will move there on March 1st.

Miss Root and Mrs. Jack, of Lans-Miss Root and Miss Jack, of Lansdowne, are visitors at the home of their brother, Mr. Alba Root.

Mrs. W. Moore entertained her Sunday school class on Friday afternoon, the 2nd inst.

Born-To Mr. and Mrs. Chas. H.

Connell, on Dec. 18th, a son.
Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Morris Lov erin, on January 3rd, a son.
Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Burke and son.

accompanied by Mrs. H. Bevens, of Brockville, spent Christmas with Mr. Henry Patterson and his mother. Henry Patterson and his mother.

Miss Lizzie McTurk, of Russel, renewed old acquaintances here recently.

Mr. Jas. Davis and his bride, of Brockville, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis K. Blanchard last week.

Mr. and Frs. Manifred Davis and Son are home from Marguis. Seek

son are home from Marquis, Sask., for a visit. They expect to return in

Miss Pearl Brown, of New Bedford, Mass., and Mrs. Geo. Marshall, of Rochester, N.Y., are visiting their sister, Mrs. Clifford Hall.

#### Rockspring News

Miss Helen Tackaberry has returned from a two months' visit in Syracuse and New York.

Mrs. Jas. Garvin. Almonte, is visit-ing her brother, Mr. Wm. Richards, who is still in a serious condition.

Born-To Mr. and Mrs. Jas. Gun-ness, on Monday, Jan. 12th, a son. Mr. Andrew Wallace left last week take a course in the dairy school,

Kingston.

Mrs. Delbert Connell and children,
Newbliss, have been visiting at the
former's parents for the past week.
Leont visitors at Mr. Wm Richards were: Mr. and Will Spicer, Fair-field; Mr. and Mrs. Jemuel Connell,
Greanbush; Fay. Troop, North Auta: Messra. Delbert Connell and
Leverd Richards, Grystel.

THE FIGHTING HOPE-From Page 1 "Fou've just come in the nick o' fline," said Anna, greeting her guest warmly with a score of engaging proc-tinesses. "Robert and I were in the thick of a sanguinary encounter.

"Well," returned Miss Graham, smiling. "you do your fighting artistically. I see no signs of vulgar strife."

"We thought," explained Anna, "we'd save our scalps for future use, since Robert expects a guest this afternoon Now tell me about yourself, dear," added she, as her husband laughingly strolled out upon the porch. "It was most awfully nice to hear you had secured such a fine secretarial positionsomewhere up the Hudson, isn't it? Must be nice and cool for this hot

"It's just a bit below Ossining. Those horrid prison walls are the only disturbing feature about the place, and the people are all that one could wish. Mr. Temple—he's just been made president of the Gotham Trust company. and I'm his first home secretary. I be-lieve—although wholly businessithe

and reserved, is polite and considerate. And his mother—oh, Anna. she's just the dearest, sweetest patrician old lady you ever saw! Then there's the eeper; she's a queer old Puritan article, plain as a Wesleyan chapel, severe as an ancestor in oil, but so kind and good. Yes, I'm very fortunate in my new position. Oh, look at your distinguished guest!" cried Miss Graham. "Look at his smart little trap; look at the antics of his brown cobs. Who is he? Robert is greeting him as if he were the grand mogul."

"A Mr. Cornelius Brady, I believe," said Anna indifferently—"one of Rob-ert's innumerable finds. Do you know, dear." added she impulsively. leaning forward, "I wish Robert were not so susceptible. He costs me more sighs and watchfulness than both my other children put together."

Miss Graham observed the "other" and secretly condoned it.

Mr. Cornelius Brady came smoothly into the pretty little green and dundrawing room. Suave, adroit, with the contained manner of the man of the world, he impressed one as having the gift of moral construction, reconstruction or destruction, as the case might

While the small talk went its rounds, while the June air stirred the curtains and stole in softly laden with scent from the rosebushes, his eyes rested on his young hostess' delicate face with an admiration as genuine as it was indiscreet. Her sweet, joyons womanliness was enough to enchant even a man like him, jaded with many enchantments.

But Granger was scarcely alive to the indiscretions. Anything in the shape of victory attracted him. If the victor happened to be your own wife. so much the better.

"Good heavens," he exclaimed suddenly, "there are those children squalling like fiends! They're experts already in every ill timed interference. Robert will be fit for nothing in life but a minister. As for the other".

But the woman to whom he had addressed these remarks had already vanished and was making for the back garden.

The shrill, importunate little voices turced to a whimper as she appeared.
"My two dear red turkey cocks, what's it all about?" cried she cheerfully, with a pretty gathering in sort "B-bobbie he h-hurted me wid a

s-sto-one, he did." sobbed Harold, burying his baby face in her skirts.
"Oh. muddie," explained Robert junlor, "I was just throwin' stones at the lazy roof, you know, an'-an' one of 'em hit Harold; that's all. Shut up, Harold, will you? When you cry you cry mud, an' it's most disgustin'. People ought to cry clean water, oughtn't they, muddle?" he protested, looking disdainfully at the soiled cherub peering helplessly upward from the folds of his mother's skirts.

"Best plan would be not to cry at all. Even clean erying makes ugly, red little noses. Nurse, wash this sorry wee face, please. If Harold's good he shall

have strawberries for tea.
"And, Robert." she added, with a whimsical smile, "don't bether about throwing stones at the lazy roof. There are some things to life we must learn to take as we find them. The lazy roof



"HER CHILDNEN SUIT HER TO PERFEC-TION, EII, BRADY?" is one. If you really must give vent to

your feelings you can pat the good supporting walls, my little son." Presently, clean and fresh, the children were brought into the drawing room to greet Miss Graham before she she was receding down the tree lined avenue Robert junior stood one arm about his mother's waist and waved to her. Robert somior seized the other relligking atom and depositof him in Anna's arms. When he stood bagic to only the authoric offeet

seit her to persention.

ch. Brady?" quoth he. "If her children den't go well with a woman you may take your eath there's something radically wrong with her."

"Physically or morally?" Brady asked, laughing.

"Both," said Granger. "So far as the famale say is concerned they are con-

female sex is concerned, they are convertible terms. Have a cigar?"

"Since we've become mere pegs on which to hang psychological discus-sions, my boys, we'll return to our na-tive heath." said Anna laughingly.

Brady watched with singular inter st the easy strength with which she walked off with her sons. Hitherto she had seemed to him altogether frag-ile, Dresden china-ish.

"I saw a look on Mrs. Granger's face awhile ago," he said half to himself, "a look that surprised me. I believe there are very few things she couldn't

An uncomfortable, prickly sensation ran down Robert's back; his smile of satisfaction weakened. Then over their cigars they began to talk of other things. From the open door of the pursery Anna could hear broken frag-ments coming up:

"Money, the vital fluid, doesn't seem to be flowing so easily through the body of things." "The banks are lending less, securities seem less stable, stocks are down," etc. That night Granger enjoyed his din-

ner unreservedly, and there was a certain scintillating novelty about his wife's looks that engaged his attention. His after dinner smoke was his favorite one. It seemed vixenish to interfere with it, so Anna waited, playing idly with the almonds and raisins on her plate. Robert, between his puffs, noticed that they were delicate and pretty hands, and that there were only two rings—the wedding ring and the engagement ring. He felt a vague impression that most women wore more than that. At least, one woman whom he knew wore more. He remembered her hands distinctly. He had made her a birthday present of a diamond ring only a few days before he had noticed that her hand fairly flashed with diamonds.

Presently Anna got up, and, leaning lightly against the mantel shelf, watched him oddly. She might as well out

"Robert," said she, "you like Mr. Brady through and through?"

"Like Brady? Why, yes, and he's a decidedly useful man to know-interested in all sorts of big concerns, nothing of a snob, and"-

"I-I rather wanted to compare notes with you. You're so quick and sensitive. I wondered if you had noticed—things." She flushed hotly. "Nothing at all, except that he seems

Would you prefer, then, not to be admired? "I like being admired, of course. I like it most awfully. But it depends, doesn't it, on the way it's done. Why,

to approve of my selection of a wife.

even Mary Graham noticed"-"You surely don't mean to imply that my friend Brady means any

With a vehement gesture Anna drew her fingers across her eyes.

"No one except the stage villain ever does mean any harm, I suppose," she said. "The others do it from absence of mind, perhaps. Oh, I dare say I'm horrid," added she softly, seeing a hurt look on Robert's face-"horrid and not sufficiently grateful for my privileges. Probably it's all vanity and self consciousness. You'd have noticed all these unpleasantnesses naturally, since She put out both I belong to you?" hands to him with friendly, irresistible grace. At that moment the longing to feel protected was very strong

"Of course I'd have noticed," reassured Robert, looking at her in his boyish, ingenuous fashion, and with a brilliant, ready smile. It was this look and this smile that had first won his way into the sympathies of her heart.

Suddenly, under the spell of his caress. Anna remembered something. The dimples stirred in her cheeks as she disengaged berself.

"Wait, Bobs, I'll be back in a second," she said and ran lightly upstairs. "Now, sir," standing before her liege lord in mock accusing fashion and handing him the French bill of fare "since you refuse to be jealous of me I'm most mightly inclined to be jeal-Who did you lunch with yesterday? Defend yourself!"

#### CHAPTER II.

EMORY suddenly stabbed the man sharply, and he fushed. "So far as I can remember." he returned, "I lunched with

"Nonsense," said she, still struggling with the dimples. "Den't you know there is the greatest difference in the world between a man's bill of fare and woman's? Look at that," and bending so that the tendrils of her hair shed his cheek she ran lightly ever the incriminating list. "Would two have ordered such a collection of dreadful things-Martini cocktails, caviar, mollusques, foie gras au truffies, homard au diable? My dear, oh, my dear, this is a most immeral bill of There was a woman here, I tell you, a woman! And," she whispered mysteriously, catching a reflection of her own bright presence in the mirror, "probably a brunette."

"A woman nothing." pretested Granger hotly. He had missed the little vein of light comedy in her meed. had taken her for a tragedy queen. "The was Brady, I tell you-Brady."

Straightway the scene became charged neither with comedy nor tragedy, but with very quiet, pitiful hu-Anna drew her fingers across her

eyes as if a bit of lightning had blinded them, that was all.
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