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**Came Too Late.** 

CHAPTER XVIII.

"I've Found Him!"

at the northern end.

necessary for admission.

ing about him, said:

programme.

tary satisfaction

He stood looking on for a minute.

with the dense. vacant expression

of a man who cannot read; then, beck-

oning to a matchboy who was hover-

Bella-Bella and the ballet left."

jumpers, and frivolous women with

alf-closed eyes elaborately-gilded and walls with that air of longaffering boredom which distinguishes class, and Seth, while he gave one sharp ear to the band, kept the other open to the conversation around

Making his way as much by slipping "Just in time," yawned one gentle in and out like a lurcher as by force nan. "I suppose her ladyship's going he threaded the Strand throng, and o perform to-night?" he said. ad iressing the chairman, a fat man in the Palace of Amusement, which evening dress, with a large diamondstands, glaring with light and gilding r something fairly resembling it-in his vast expanse of shirt front and For a moment or two Seth looked

stones of great value-or none-in his up and down, then approached one of wristbands the boards which hung outside with a "Oh, yes, my lord," he replied, with glowing list of the attractions which an oily smile. "Bella's on the spot toawaited the person who should be fortunate enough to possess the shilling

night." "In a good humor, eh?" remarked another, with a laugh. "The last time we were here she cut up rough and wouldn't go on."

"That was because there wasn't uite large enough audience for her. Sir 'Arry," said the chairman, who

"I don't want no lights, but I'll give appeared to know them all. "She'll you a penny if you'll read this 'ere." be all right to-night: the house is The boy grinned, and, with an air nearly full. Won't you take a seat of suppressed pride and pity nicely gentlemen? Plenty of room, my commingled, read down the list of lord," and he waved a be-ringed hand celebrities which made up the night's toward the table.

The young lord-he was little more "But what's the use, guvnor." he than a boy-glanced up at the ropes said. "They've all done their turn and and the net above his head, and gone 'cept one or two. There's only laughed. "No, thanks," he said. "That ne

Seth's eyes flashed with a momenloesn't look overstrong, and much as I adore Bella-Bella. I don't care to "What's her name?" he inquired. have her dropping on my head" "Bella-Bella," replied the urchin

Seth, who also was not lacking in "She's got to go on: she's prime, she wisdom which prompts a man toward seen her you ought self-preservation, got up and leaned to. She's put on near the last he cause the swells drop in late don't against the wall out of reach of the you know. Look at 'em going in now.'

at the same time there was a look of

lmost gentle depreciation, of child-

It was as much her beauty as her

marvelous skill on the trapeze that.

derw the crowds to the Palace during

As she came forward in the glare

of the footlights, Seth raised his eyes

and looked at her with piercing scru-

tiny, then softly and slowly drew

Her appearance was the signal for

udience, "the swells" drew a few

eception, broke into a gay and ex-

back, slid back, into the shadow of the I hate wet like a cat."

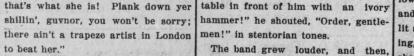
like gayety, in her dark eyes.

her engagement.

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ilarating air.

"Oh, she won't fall, my lord," said and he jerked his matchbox toward in evening dress who the chairman, with a satisfied smile "Bella knows a trick worth two of were then ascending the steps. "She's the great draw, and no wonder! You that; trust her for taking care of hershould just see her! She's stunning, self. Here she is!" and, striking the



"All right, I will," said Seth, with amid a general silence, a woman an air of indifference, and, tossing the sprang on to the stage.

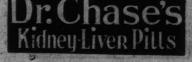
boy a penny, he went in and paid his She was tall, but so exquisitely shilling. But the shilling seats were made, and every limb so perfectly too far from the stage to please him, proportioned, that she did not look and he changed into the stalls, took a more than a medium height. She was, cigar and a glass of whiskey-and- of course, dressed in silk tights, soda, and cast his keen, cunning eyes which displayed her handsome figure, round him. and that small portion of her attire

The Palace of Amusement, as every which was not composed of silk one knows, is perhaps the most mag- tights was of ruby plush, flecked nificently decorated place in London, here and there by diamonds, which in and its appointments are palatial this case were real; but few would enough to startle and bewilder the have given a second glance at the diacountryman who sees them for the monds after seeing her face. It was a first time; but Seth's carefully guardsingular one. She was dark, and her ed countenance displayed no surprise hair, tightly coiled at the crown of or bewilderment, whatever he may her shapely head, was black, and the have felt; and he sat and smoked and face was striking in its mixture of listened to the band of forty first- audacity and simplicity. She came to class performers, and watched the the footlights with a smile that was mixed audience of "swells," counter- at once defiant and self-assertive, but



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Harry.

said his lordship. \*

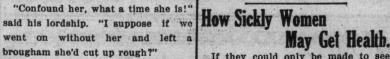
her swift response.

brougham's in front."

"I didn't," she retorted.

humor, said: trance," and one and all took out cig-

"What about a song, Bella?" arettes, and smoked them with an (To be Continued.)



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keeper, and Bella-Bella came out. will have better color, increased appetite and better digestion "Here you are, then!" she said, No better rebuilding tonic can b nodding to the group. "What are you found than Dr. Hamilton's Pills which are safe, mild and health giving. For "You said you'd come to supper,

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"You nodded your head," said Sir Everyday Etiquette.

"Well, there was nothing in it," was "I have been chosen on many occans as a chaperone for my daugh-His lordship laughed, languidly. ter and her young friends, and I have "Oh, come on!" he said; "the often wondered if I did the part correctly. What would you say were the duties of a chaperone?" asked Mrs. "Then bring it round," she con Brown of a lady noted for her ease manded. "The pavement's damp, and and grace in social ways.

"Well it is her duty to arri promptly at the appointed meet place, to be cheerful,amiable, a As she spoke she glanced round

Seth had kept in the shadowmaintain proper dignity. She will be ntroduced to all members of the a loud outburst of applause, and a sight, as he thought-but her eyes, not buzz of excitement ran through the unlike his in their keenness, saw him party with whom she is not already ted. She must not leave the instantly, and she leaned forward, nches nearer, as if fascinated, and the with a quick, and, indeed, catlike young girls under her care until she has seen them all safely to their hand, which had paused during her movement. doors, or knows that they will be re "Who's that?" she inquired.

turned home under reliable escort," replied her friend. The men turned and stared at Seth,





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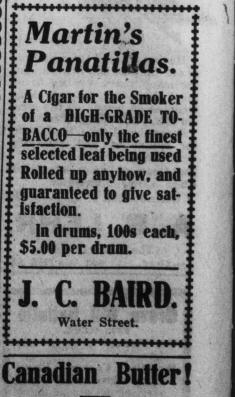


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