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The Lady Alexina stole from the and very much to the detriment of group, going to her favorite bay-win- the former.

dow, in the recess of which she was There was a brief silence between durable. the betromed couple, and the heiress quite screened from the view of the occupants of the drawing-room by the then fixed her gaze upon Lord Ashcroft, and "he saw that her eyes glit- which he dismissed without pain all curtains of damask and lace. tered with feverish uneasiness. Lord Ashcroft hesitated a moment. and then followed her to her retreat. "My dear Lady Alexina," he said, you not confide in me? Is our be-At the moment when he joined her in a quiet, friendly tone, "can I do trothal distasteful to you? You need she was looking out upon the dark anything to lighten the grief you are not hesitate to speak freely, nor need sea, her hands clasped tightly, and enduring? I am sure you are really you have any fears of wounding or her face wearing an expression of suffering." grieving me."

heartfelt emotion, such as his lord-, "Yes, I am," she answered, her "It would not grieve you, then, if voice having an undercurrent of I were to say that I do not love you?" never observed upon it befierceness. "I am wretched; but no inquired the heiress, in a tone of She seemed to be suffering mental one cares for it-no one notices it. pique, and more calmly than she had pain, for her brow was contracted by Not even you, 'Lord Ashcroft'

"It is true that I thought you, at a frown, and her teeth were set firmly into her full under-lip, from which least, happy," said her betrothed, ficient answer. the blood had retreated, leaving it sadly. "Will you not make me a sharer in your grief? Perhaps I may you, is it not?" she inquired. pale and ghastly.

"Excuse me, Lady Alexina," said be able to clear it away." Lord Ashcroft, gently, seeing that he The heiress shook her head. could not retire unobserved. "Are you "Is it, dear Lady Alexina, that you ill ?" have been troubled with fears that I

The heiress started abruptly, un- might perish at the hands of an as- ger clasping her hands, and turning to- sassin? Or has your generous heart ward hin

"I am not ill, Lord Ashcroft," she forester? Or does your woman's soul said. "At least, I have no physical grieve in sympathy with the unfortuillness. Won't you sit down beside me nate Jessy?" on the window seat?" she added, more

Lord Ashcroft obeyed the request, assured Lord Ashcroft that all his momentarily flattered by the thought conjectures were at fault, and that that her emotion had been for him. she cared nothing whatever for Jes- came pleasant and affable. The supposition was not unreason- sy or her humble lover, and possibly 'I see that it is," she said.

able, for the conversation had just nothing for himself. run upon his marvelous escape from This assurance received confirmadeath by poison. It was true that he tion, for she said, petulantly: had listened in vain to hear her con- "You must think that my life has gratulations mingled with those of the other members of the family, and believe that I would shed tears over been very simple, here, my lord, to

ery had become indispensable to the stately heiress, But Lord Ashcroft never flattered her; he did not even compliment her, but addressed her as the sensible woman . This indifference, as she thought it, had at first piqued her, but she had become angry and resentful about it, and now actually disliked him. She felt, too, when looking at his noble face, so full of character and intellect, that he would never be her slave as Lyle would have

been, that he would never submit to her imperious demands, and that while he could easily be led by the silken band of love he would never be driven by her affection of superior-

Altogether she was thoroughly dissatisfied with the bridegroom appointed for her, and longed with all her heart for the lover she might not And yet, so selfish and worldly was she, she never once thought now of

giving up everything to become Lyle Indor's wife. A life with him without Egremont would be simply unen-

"Lady Tlexina," said Lord Ashcroft after a thoughtful silence, during thoughts of possessing her love, will

Lord Ashcroft's silence was suf

"Our engagement is distasteful to Lord Ashcroft's face flushed. I

was his only reply. A wild hope sprang up in Alexina's

bosom-a hope not unmixed with an-

her. Why might not the dissolution just published a special edition dealof the engagement come from him? ing with the possibility of Canadian If she could bring about that result she would not only retain her own Alexina shrugged her shoulders impatiently, and replied by a look that fortune, but would receive in addition the sum he would forfeit.

Her manner changed instantly-bemy jord, I hope you will know me

better than to think I could be false to the vows spoken for me by my dead father. I have known you but a brief time, but in that time I have learned to respect and honor you, if not more. the griefs of a couple of low-born



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union with Canada, leading ultimate-London, Dec. 5 .- The problem of ly to its admission as a province of eliminating the noise of airplane Canada, with representatives in the flight has been practically solved by Commons and Senate, is pictured as experiments which have been in prothe natural and most productive di- gress here for some time, according rection in which British Honduras to the Daily Express.

**Almost Mute** 

It was evident to her from his lord- should advance, by the Clarion, a A new device has been invented been stirred in favor of this unhappy ship's manner that he did not love British Honduras paper which has which permits noiseless escape of exhaust gases from the motor without interfering with the speed or lifting power of the plane, while a propeller

that operates without the loud whirr The whole question of trade be has been devised by an ingenious artween the West Indies and Canada is rangement of gears attached to again arousing considerable attenengine. tion, says the Clarion, and it urges

By increased use of internal its leaders to take steps to see that bracing, much of the noise caused by that colony has a voice in any trade agreements. It believes that the spars is avoided. the rushing wind through wires and

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**Three Flowers** 



rather of disappointment than joy at his deliverance from the terrible dan--who-" mer: but he fancied that he might have misinterpreted her expression. had assured him that she really loved might be.

"But, Lady Alexina," returned her tenants. What are their loves to me betrothed, gravely, "something more than respect is necessary to a true She paused abruptly. union If your heart has never warm-She had told him herself that she Lord Ashcroft was puzzled by her ed toward me, if there is kindled in loved no one else, and her guardian words and demeanor, and well he it nothing of the divine spark of love, and if I do not love you as a husband

him, and for years had regarded him, The cause of Alexina's grief was should love his wife, we should not be as the embodiment of her ideal love. twofold. She loved Lyle Indor with wedded-not even if by that refusal She was certainly strange in many all the passion of which she was we should become beggars. And yet respects, but Lord Ashcroft thought, capable, and she chafed against the I esteem the memory of our ill judgas he now regarded her, that her sin- necessity which compelled her to give ing parents, and I will never break gularity was perhaps due to her him up. She liked his gentle ways, the vow made for me, except at your lepths of character, and that she had his determined air, his soft, feminine desire. Speak freely and frankly a heart tender and warm under her character, and she had an instinctive Alexina." and he took her hand as feeling that Lord Ashcroft would a brother might have done. "Is somewhat hard exterior. The momentary pleasure he had ex- never look up to her as a superior be- your will that we dissolve this en

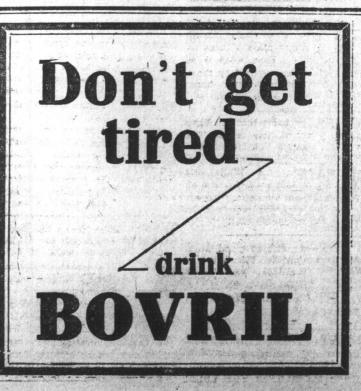
perienced at sight of her emotion, ing as Lyle Indor appeared to. and the thought to which it gave rise, vanished, giving place to a feeling of tery were essential to her happiness, case in her own mind, mingled regret and repugnance. He They had been showered upon her

And then, again, adulation and flat- The heiress hesitated, balancing the

again.

able to you."

did not want her love. from her very cradle, and even her in- said, after a rbief pause. "I am quite Her stately beauty had no charms' structors had been obliged to follow ready to fulfill my part of the enfor him; her condescending air was her guardian's example and mingled gagement at any time, and the breakextremely distasteful to him, and he compliments with their commonest ing of our betrothal, if it is to - be tound himself contrasting them with observations. Lyle had, whether un- broken at all, must come from you. I the lovely saint-like face and gentle sciously or otherwise, fallen in with I hold you bound to me-bound in manner of the mysterious Lady Aimee this peculiarity, and his delicate flat- honor, if not in law."



giving at different gagement?" "It is not my will, Lionel," sh

"Since I am bound to you in honor Lady Alexina, he said, quietly, "and since you urge the fact, there must be some feeling in your heart for me. You surely would not wish to wed one you do not or cannot love." "That would depend upon circum stances," was the cold reply. A shadow passed over Lord Ash-

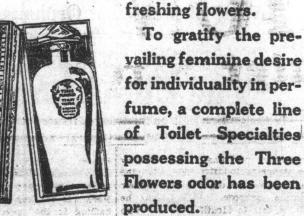
croft's brow and gathered in his eyes, but it disappeared before he spoke "I do not see the future very clearly," he said, "and I am not quite decided as to what I had better do. But I shall not break our engagement, Lady Alexina not until I judge from your own words or actions that such a course on my part would be agree-The heiress frowned, and turned

ipatiently to the window. (To be continued.) INARD'S LINIMENT FOR CORNS



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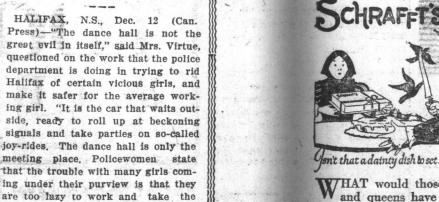
New York, Dec. 5 .- Cash bequests to provide food and shelter for her two cats, and suitable graves for them in the canine cemetery at Hartsdale when they die, were made in the will of Mrs. Kate Tracy, of No. 355 South First Avenue, Mount Vernon, who died October 7th. The will was filed for probate with the Westchester County Surrogate recent-

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