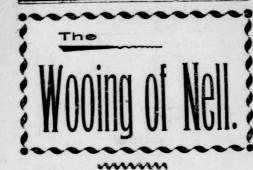
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In passing the side-table, upon which stood a wicker-work basket, Otto dragged the cloth off, and brought the basket and all the rest of the things on the table with a crash to the floor. who was near him, went down on his knees with apologies for Otto's

"He thinks it's manly, you know, to show a contemptuous indifference to such feminine trifles-a sure sign of genius, you know, Miss Claris; and you must excuse it, as it's the only sign he's got. Oh! just look at the pretty things he's been trampling unhis great intellectual feet!" And Willie held up to the astonished

gaze of the rest a glittering jewel,

ich sparkled in the firelight For a moment there was an oppres sive silence. Then Nell, pale and agitated, snatched it from nim with fin gers so unsteady that the trinket fell the floor again. It was Clifford who picked it up this time, and gave it to the girl without a word. would have put it back into her basket, but George Claris, on whom the appalled silence of the young men had not been lost, told his niece in a igh tone to give it to him.
'What is the thing?" he asked

"Only one of a pair of old-fashioned ear-rings, uncle,' answered Nell with emotion, which no efforts on her part

"Ear-rings! I didn't know you had any! Where did you get them? Who gave them to you?"
For one moment the girl fenced with

him, trying to treat the matter lightdragged her to the ground, he tore the work-basket out of her hands.

the ear-rings.

He held them up to the light, critically, then looked at Nell with a puzzled frown.

'Who gave 'em to you?" he asked. sharply. The young men tried to hide their interest in her answer by talking among themselves, yet listened eager-ly. She blushed, stammered, then

turned white, and said:
"The colonel gave them to me-Col. Bostal. At least, he and Miss Theo-

George Claris rubbed one of the earrings on his sleeve, and then rather quickly thrust them both out of sight under a little pile of old papers and magazines which had been replaced upon the side-table.

'Well, I don't know what folks want spending money on jew'lry for, when you can get just as good to look at for next to nothing. And next to nothing must be the vally of anything as Miss Theodora gives away," he added, with a rather forced attempt at jocularity. Clifford, who was much perturbed by this incident, on account of the construction his two friends were sure to put upon it, made haste to turn the into another channel. He knew that he had not heard the last of it. And he was not surprised to see Otto, at a later period of the evening, when the rest were in the garden, draw the ear-rings from the place where they had been put, and examine them care-While Clifford lingered behind for a last few words with Nell, the other

Willie spoke first, puffing at the pipe he had just lit. He glanced up at "Well, and what is your opinion of, our fair friend now?" he asked.

'My opinion is that she is a thief, and a very daring, if not a very skillful one. Those ear-rings were pearls and rubies, very old-fashioned, but "And you don't think they may have been given to her?"

dear fellow, look at the story. Is there anything to blush about in the fact of receiving a present from an old man and his old daughter? Yet undoubtedly she did blush. Then look at the improbability of the thing. The

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Bostals are as poor as church mice Would they have such a thing as these ear-rings? Well, perhaps they might have. But would they give them away? The old man might, infatuated with her pretty face, but not the starchy, elderly, young lady."
"You had better not tell Clifford

what you think." "I don't mean to. But I mean to try and save him from this entanglement, and in order to carry out my plan he just not suspect that I have one. He won't say much about her, you bet— he will be afraid of our ribaldry. And we shall say no more than he does. And, of course, if he asks me my opin-ion about the ear-rings, I shall say

they were worthless. See? Willie flodded. He no longer bore Clifford malice for cutting him out; he was only too thankful that he had been himself saved from a deep tumble into the same pitfall.

But it was not to be expected that he subject of Nell could be avoided altogether by the three friends. When lifford came up to the other two, he oldly challenged them at once on the subject of the ear-rings. He did not, however, take the ground Otto had

"Poor little Nell," he exclaimed, with an easy manner which did not deceive the other two, "she is in a great state of mind because of this affair of the Otto here broke in:

Why should she be? What was there to make a fuss about in an ornament which might have come out of a cracker last Christmas!" "Oh, no," said Clifford, "they are not sham. They are real, not worth much, but good of their kind. They

were given her as a birthday present by the Bostals." "Then what was there to blush about?" burst in the impulsive Wille. 'There's no harm in receiving a birthpresent from an old woman and

an old man, is there?"
"Not the least. The reason for her blushing was that she was pounced upon by her uncle, and that you two fellows instantly began to look at her out of the corners of your eyes, as if you thought she had stolen the miser-

"And you don't think she did?" lurted out the foolish one. Clifford turned upon him with rage. "I think it so little that I-I-I-But at this point he pulled himself up short, and could not be induced, by any method of persuasion known to his two friends, to confess what it was that he was in the mind to do. But Conybeare and Jordan, when

they were again alone together, came to a conclusion which was very near It was about a fortnight after the turn to town of the three friends that there drove up to the Blue Lion one bitter evening a hired dog-cart from Stroan, in which sat a gentleman, who told the landlord that he was on the way to Courtstairs, but to go on, and should be glad to put

up at the inn until the following morn-He was a pleasant, talkative young fellow, and George Claris, who had been growing rather moody and reserved of late, thawed under the inly: she got upon a chair and placed | fluence of the stranger's genial manners, and passed the evening smoking high cupboard by the fireplace. But and talking by the fire in the little George Claris was not a man to be bar-parlor. Only once in the course

She was passing through the passage

on her way upstairs, and she appeared flung back the lid, and turned out the at the door of the room for an instant only, to give a message to her uncle. anywhere, until he had found both As she stood there, the young man took occasion to mention that he must | laid in cement. The excavation in each try to push on tomorrow, as he was carrying property of some value for a firm in whose employment he was. which was expected by another firm to whom he was commissioned. And he noticed that as he said this the "Why don't you push on tonight, then?" she said brusquely, advancing a step into the room and fixing her eyes earnestly upon him. "The weather may be worse tomorrow, and if you are afraid of a little wind, you should have gone by rail, and not by road." The young man rose politely, and looked at her curiously as she spoke. But before he had had time to utter a word in answer, her uncle dismissed

> gentle reminder that it was no busi-The visitor, in spite of the importance of his commission, seemed to be n no great hurry to push on with his journey, for on the following day, as the wind was still cold and the sky till gloomy, he remained at the Blue

> her from the room with a by no means

that it was the blue eyes of his pretty niece which made the stranger so dilatory, and he took care that the girl should be invisible throughout the whole of the day. As he had expected, the man grew evidently uneasy, and presently found occasion to ask if the young lady had left the house. "No," answered George, shortly; answered George, shortly; "she's in the house right enough, but you won't see no more of her. My two, having taken their leave, walked niece is a lady, sir, for all she is my on together. do with my business.' The young man, rather to the land-

ord's surprise, appeared entirely satisfied with this explanation. Indeed, he had every reason to be so, for he was a friend of Otto Conybeare's, whom that young gentleman had sent down to do a little amateur detective work in the supposed interests of Clifford King, but without, of course, informing Clifford of his bene-

The young man had been much disappointed that the first night of his stay under the roof of the Blue Lion had passed off uneventfully. The second, however, fully made up for this lack of excitement. So fearful was he of missing a possible visitor by over-sleeping himself, that he never closed his eves at all, and he was rewarded for his vigilance when, between 2 and o'clock, he heard a slight noise at s door, and a moment later saw dimy that there was a figure moving in

He held his breath while the intruder went softly towards the head of the bed, making no noise, feeling about, stooping, searching. At last when the figure, which could not be discerned as that of a woman, reached his clothes, and began hunting in them, the amateur detective, allowing his excitement to get the better of him. sat up in bed, making, in doing so, just enough noise to arouse the attention of the watchful thief, who the next moment had darted across the room and out at the door. But the young man, Pancake Flour ment had darted across the room and out at the door. But the young man, being prepared for such a contingency as this, sprang out of bed half dress-

ed, and dashed out on the landing in pursuit. The woman had got the start of him, and was by this time half-way up the attic staircase. He followed, saw her open the door of the room on all his strength against the door. It shook, it creaked; another such blow. and the rickety old frame-work would give way. Just as he hurled all his weight against the door for the second time, however, he heard the unmistakable sound of the throwing open of the window of the room. The next instant the door gave way under the force of his blows, and he dashed into the room just in time to see a head disappear behind the sill

of the open window. (To be Continued.)

#### Tenders Called

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Rescinded.

Am interesting report by Mr. Willis Chipman, consulting engineer on the new sewers, was laid before the members of the Board of Works at the the decision of the board to call for tenders for sections now ready. The first part of the report related to the Evergreen avenue section, now under creasing their frontage tax construction, and contained the pleas-

ing statement that the portion built is apparently in perfect condition. Another satisfactory statement was that the brickwork is now being constructed in hard clay, and there should be no further trouble from "caving" or Chairman Parnell, in surprise, to the sliding of banks. Continuing, Mr. Chipman stated: "That trunneling in alternate sections of twelve feet has been adopted by the contractor. Mr. Chipman is satisfied that it is being carefully done, and that there is no probability of injuring the sewer by this method of construction, if the inspector, Mr. Baker, insists on the compact filling of the space between the brickwork and the roof of the tunnels, which

is now in sufficiently hard material to stand without sheeting or timbering." This clause was filed, as was also following, relatting to concrete "The use of concrete in the construction of sewers may be adopted with advantage, provided the work is well executed. The specifications provide that concrete pipes, if used, shall seasoned at least six months before and machinery. being used, and they shall be manufactured under the eye of a city inspector, appointed for the purpose. It mittee to compel sewer contractors to is also specified that these pipes shall have bell and spigot joints, similar to glazed sewer pipes.

"The concrete sewer pipes that I have seen in the city do not conform to the specifications. They are rough and porous, and not, in my opinion, sultable for sewer construction. a better article is turned out by the manufacturer, I cannot recommend them in preference to brick or tile." Under the heading, "Brick vs. Tile," the report stated: "In my reports of 1892 and 1896, I did not rec either tile or brick for sewers 24 inches diameter, but merely stated the to be decided by the council. Twentyfour-inch tile was specified by Mr. Rust in his report, and also in the report of the Board of Health, adopted by the council, but my estimates and ness at night. These symptoms, toork, and consequently a higher velocity with a small flow of sewage. Upon investigation I find that 24-inch tile faid will cost about 25 cents per foot more than a double ring of brick case will be practically the same. One great advantage in adopting the brick is that the brick can be made in London. One-quarter at least of the brick used in a 24-inch sewer should be radiated. The local brick-makers, if they desire to furnish all the brick required in the construction of the large sewers, should adopt the latest machinery and the most approved method of manufacture, in order to turn out smoother, harder and cheaper brick than they are turning out today. Under the circumstances, I concur with the city engineer that brick should be adopted for the 24-inch south main

Continuing, the report recommended that in general this brick sewer should be built with two rings (9-inch work) in the lower half, and one ring only in the upper half, thus saving 30 cents per lineal foot in the first cost, or a tal of \$900. When the depth exceeds twenty feet, and in very bad ground. the outer ring can be made complete, the contractor to be allowed 30 cents per lineal foot for such extra work. "I have successfully constructed many sewers in this way, one at a depth of 26 feet," added Mr. Chipman. On motion of Ald. O'Meara, it was

decided that it would be advisable, for the sake of \$900, to have a double ing of bricks all around. This amount will be saved by using brick in preference to tile. Mr. Chipman stated: "An egg-shaped sewer, 20 inches by 30 inches, has practically the same capacity as a 24-inch circular one. In the egg-shaped sewer the velocity with a very small flow will be about 4 per cent greater than in the circular sewer, but this sewer will require about 5 per cent more brick, and I am of the opinion that the circular form is the stronger of

tre two. In the case of the south main

ewer, I would favor the form that is

cheaper to construct." Ald. Cooper moved that section F avenue. Telephone 997. e egg-shaped, as favored by Engineer Graydon, who claimed it would be sufficiently strong. Ald. O'Meara alone objected. With regard to steel pipes, Mr. Chipman said that to determine the exact difference between cast iron and riveted steel pipes for the proposed 30-inch sewer from the west end of Evergreen avenue to the west of the ve, it would be advisable to call for tenders of both. Field work should be proceeded with at once. The commit-

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The "slants for house sewer connections should be built in the brickwork above the spring line of the arch. Vertical pipe connections should be erected where the depth exceeds ten feet Ald. Carrothers objected to the house onnections being forty feet apart, and moved that where the survey is 110 feet lots the connections be 25 feet apart, and where they are 132 feet

lots, the connections to be every 33 feet Canried. Section F is the south main sewer, and section P is along the Wharncliffe goad, from Evergreen avenue to Bruce Tenders for both sections will street. be called, to be in in three weeks.

SIDEWALKS AND STREET SWEEPER. arrangements be made for the laying of permanent sidewalks instead of plank walks, that required renewing every few years, and were a constant expense for repairs. Ald. regular meeting last night, prior to kins said that it was all right for the center of the city, but in No. 5 ward there would be very few streets

> Chairman Parnell thought the recommendation of the engineer was well worthy of consideration, but it should be laid over, which was done. The brooms on the street sweeper are worn out, and need refitting. "Is it possible that the sweeper needs

> where the ratepayers would petition for permanent sidewalks, thereby in-

additional expense already?" Mr. Graydon assured him that such was the case. "We spent \$108 on the sweeper last year," said the chair-

man. Laid over. At the last meeting, the board accepted Pace & Fitzgerald's tender of \$77 for papering and repairing the committee room. They then thought it the only tender that included plastering, but after the meeting found out to the contrary. The tenders were reconsidered last might, in spite of Ald. Johnston's contention that new tenders should be called, and resulted in Mr. O. B. Graves getting the job at \$60. The lowest tender was \$34, by

George Burdick.

Tenders will be called for the erection of a storage building for city tools Ald. O'Meara again vainly endeav-

ored to get the support of the comsupply rubber boots for the men working at the bottom of the sewer. All other aldermen opposed his mo-

There were present Chairman Parnell, Ald. Carrothers, Nutkins, Johnston, Cooper and O'Meara, Enginee

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