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WHICH WAS THE MAN He was very aunoyed with Ezra, and his annoyance took the form of

Ezra went out into the street. The lamps were lighted and a very thin, gray mist spread over the street. The mist had a peculiarly penetrating reached the station, went obediently rawness that found out the worst- down the stairs with the bag. At the clad and least-fed spots in Ezra's per- gate at the bottom he was stopped son and worked its way in. Ezra by the ticket collector. endeavored to delude himself into the belief that he was warm and comfortable by whistling a warm and Hilton from behind. "The man's car-

comfortable tune. But chapped lips rying my bag for me." will kill the ches.fulness of any whis-Out of the theatre on the opposite train had just gone. The past one side of the road came Alexander Hil- was not due for ten minutes. ton. He, too, found the air cold, but It was almost as raw down in the the coldness pleased him. He was station as up above in the open air. clad in a fur coat, and, after the Ezra shivered. Alexander Hilton saw heat of the matinee performance, the the shiver and felt chilly himself. "You stand there!" he said.

rawness of the outside air acted as a comfortable tonic. He lit a cigar, Then, at a good, swing pace, The Course of Instruction in this Academy mbraces every Branch's itable to the education if young ladies. In the Academic Department special attention s paid to Modern Languages, Fine Arts, Plain and Fancy No demork. The fit a cigar, Then, at a good, swing pace, he strole up and down the platform. But he could not get comfortable Every time he passed Ezra he felt compell-ed to look at him. And every time backbone tickled occasionally. backbone tickled occasionally.

The be looked he felt more annoyed. Ezra last love song of the leading lady had was really such a very unpleasant done that. He knew from experience srectacle. His cheeks were so thin, that on the morrow he would laugh his eyes so red, his whole body so at himself for his foolishness, but to- verv shivery. day, while listening to the song, he against the bookstall in a huddled had had a tingling sensation all the attitude, as if endeavoring to extend way down his spine, and a vague de- the covering power of his garments sire had floated through his soul to do by contracting his body. Yet, de-

something noble and heroic. spite all this, he insisted on looking He steered his way delicately cheerful. Each time their eyes met through the maze of fashionable cos- Alexander Hilton frowned and Ezra turnes that emerged with him from grinned.

the theatres. When he came into the At last Alexander Hilton could stream that was pouring from the stand the grin no longer. He stopped gallery he became less careful about in his walk and tuiced on Ezra steering. He thrust himself forward abruptly, with bold, pushful strides that made "What's that everlasting grin of other people unconsciously give way.

"Where's your ticket?"

yours about° He felt big and warm and strong and "It's over getting a job," said clever. The only sensation that he Ezra, humbly

"Ah, I suppose you call yourself one to do something that would he showy of the unemployed?"

"Ain't had any regular work for that would bring the cheers of a months," said Ezra, regretfully.

What business had Ezra to infuse horses, even to whisk a dog from be- fellow that he had no cause to comneath a motor car would satisfy his plain.

reality. Fut what of the part that "I don't suppose it ever occurred to mood would not last, but it was very you why you are out of work?" "Hard times," said Ezra.

"Hard times?" Alexander Hilton paper. Alexander Hilton bought it repeated with angry contempt. "No, Those lights were so near! it's not that. A man like you never chances of a stumble so great! Life on the shore; Baalbec is a ruin; Pal-will find regular work."

unpleasant at that moment to think it was, irritated Alexander Hilton The contradiction, respectful though

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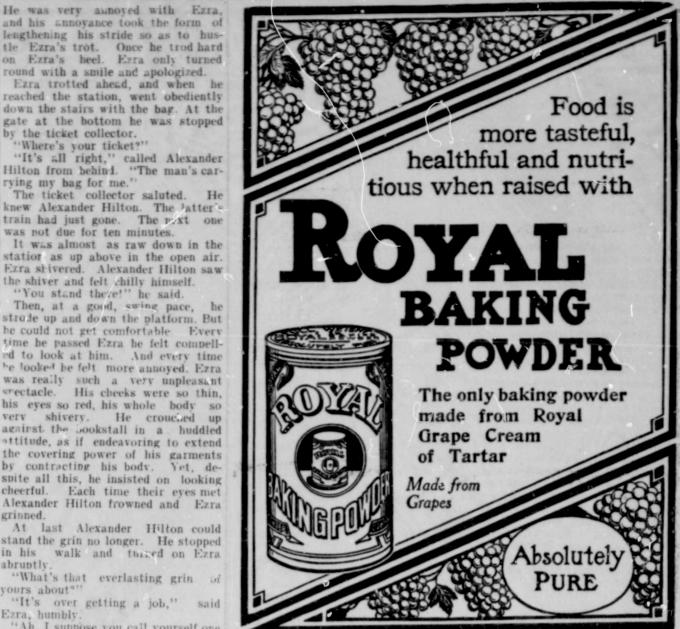
"I tell you that you never will. You'll always be unemployed, because you're unemployable." "I shall get work some day," re-

Ezra Mason as he ran past him. peated Ezra firmly.

to get it?" Ezra hesitated a moment.

Laboratories and Modern Equipments who work with their hands he had from the darkness, and the reply was flung up on to the platform, and then comes and goes as it did one thous-

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the child, just as he had imagined it. the morgue. And the soul of Ezra There was the scream from the other Mason, making its triumphant entry To into his voice a note of cheerful mar- end of the platform, where the for- into Paradise, looked down with a rescue a woman from a burning tordom? Alexander Hilton resented getful parents stood. There was the great pity on the soul of the man house, to stop a pair of runaway that note fiercely. He must show the gasp of horror from all the people whose body was riding home in a who saw and were too far away to cab .- James Curtis in The Gateway. help. As in the picture, so in the

Damascus.

his body changed to a deadly cold. Damascus is the oldest city in the-The world. Tyre and Sidon have crumbled so precious! Death so horrible! And myra lies buried in the sands of the Alexander Hilton to some day." death was not all He must have a desert; Nineveh and Eabylon have iew moments to think of what might disappeared from the shores of the be coming after. Alexander Hilton Tigr.s and the Euphrates. Damascuswith the sweat gathering on his fore- remains what it was before the days head and his breath coming in quick, of Abraham-a center of trade and travel, an island of verdure in a desert, a "predestined capital," with martial Had someone shouted in his ear " and sacred associations extending be-No; it was the look in the eyes of yond thirty centuries.

It was near Damascus that Saul of Ezra was down on the rails. The Tarsus saw the light from Heaven. "Where do you think you are going train was no longer two distant above the brightness of the sun; the lights. The form of the shrieking street, which is called Straight, in engine broke clear from out of the which it is said he "prayeth," still Just then a train rushed noisily in surrounding mist. The child was runs through the city; the caravan and years ago; there is still the the merchants of the Euphrates and

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He yead a little further. The victims were only steerage passengers and Founded in 1848. Degree conferring crew-quite common people. Alexander Hilton sighed with relief and felt

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but his own, and he seriously regarded that class as the only one whose Finest College Buildings and firest fortunes or misfortunes in the least Athletic Grounds in Canada. Museum, mattered. The great army of those

heroic craving. He knew that the

A boy came up with an evening

and ran his eye reisurely down the

news. "Terrible shipping disaster! Over a hundred lives lost!" held the

shivered sympathetically. It was very

enjoyable while it lasted.

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lacked was heroism. He would like and not too dangerous; something vast crowd without the discomfort of departure in an ambulance.

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The train came quickly to a stand- the Mediterranean still occupy strides, and he hummed the air from still and backed. The hush of sus- the multitude of their wives. Once pense changed to a hubbub. Excited city which Mahomet surveyed from a ran. Everybody was either asking it in this world," is this day, what our blue plums, and the delicious ap-

Alexander Hilton had to play?

In an instant the warm thrill of

short gasps, stood where he was.

"Coward!

his imagination was conjuring up. possible. He did not want to be and silk with vines and flowers raised for him to play the hero! No one platform. In another minute he was elasticity, the secret of the manufacture of which was lost when Tamer-

He a dozen vards, he might do the res- into his, Alexander Hilton had felt as laying wood and steel with silver For and sculpture united, called damas-His imagination painted the scene that one moment he had feit himself keening, with which boxes and bur-

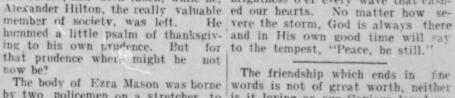
Then his own leap forward. Eut now, whirling home in his han- on, the "river of Damascus," the riv-

and he moralized.

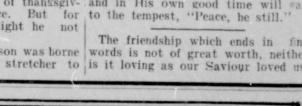
was only a burden to both himself then burst, flinging its refulgent

close to the edge of the platform and hummed a little psalm of thanksgiv- and in His own good time will say

The body of Ezra Mason was borne words is not of great worth, neither There was a frightened cry from by two policemen on a stretcher to is it loving as our Saviour loved us.



When sorrow sweeps the heart like-







Alexander Hilton strode moodily

behind. His feelings of almost per-

fect comfort had been dissipated. The sight of Ezra's shabby back and the

thought that, despite his brusque refusal, he had been forced to employ

him, atter all, offended his pride.