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wonder how Wanota fares, and how life goes on with the Sisters, and if things are well or ill with Francois. . . . After all, I was sorry for Francois!"

The man looked out across the water, and to the cloudy line.

"I did not tell you, Sweetheart," he said; "but I got a letter from the old priest of St. Elizabeth—I left it in New York, I think, that letter."

She caught his hand. "How were they, every one, Dick?" she cried eagerly. "Was all well with the Sisters and little Wanota?"

He smiled down at her—

"All was very well with the Sisters,"

"All was very well with the Sisters," he answered—and with Wanota—and, yes—yes, I think with Francois also.

THE END.

Such a Smartness

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all. Come on, now—dig up!"

"Five dollars iss too much," persisted the baker, but he showed signs of being impressed with the enormity of his crime, and the superlative merits of the late feline.

crime, and the superlative merits of the late feline.

"Here! What's this row about?" demanded the policeman, who just then arrived on the scene.

"Officer, he's just run over and killed the cat. And he's got to pay me for it. It was a wonderful cat, an expensive one, with fine eyes, and a mellow voice, and now it's dead. I wouldn't of taken twenty dollars to see it killed, and he's got to pay me five dollars to settle, or I want you to arrest him."

"Gwan!" said the policeman, turning to the trembling baker. "What's the matter wit' ches—fast drivin'? I could pull yer fer that."

Then he returned to the sidewalk, his manner intimating that so long as the peace was preserved, he would not interfere, but he scowled at the baker in a terrifying way as being the cause of his having to leave a comfortable seat in a near-by bar.

The German began to haggle. Five dollars was too much for any cat that ever breathed; he would pay a dollar. But Herman told him pointedly that in addition to being an assassin, he need not add the crime of becoming a robber.

A T last they compromised on three dollars, and the baker resumed his way, rudely dumping the corpse in the front of his wagon. He knew a good place to bury it, he said—but he meant in the bottom of his thrifty heart to take that valuable animal to a taxidermist to be stuffed.

Herman mournfully watched him depart, playing the role of bereaved owner to the last.

After the crowd had melted away.

er to the last.

After the crowd had melted away,
Aaron drew him into the store.

"Herman, such a smartness you got
it all of a sudden. I hardly know you.
You just loved that cat, didn't you?"

"Sure I did, considering how I never
seen it before in my lifetime. And still
you say I ain't got a head for busi

"I didn't tell no lies, neither, if you noticed. I never said I owned the cat. I only said I wouldn't 'a' seen it killed for twenty dollars. This here three dollars is to pay me for the mental pain, and the shock to my sensitive nerves."

"Nothing is sensitive about your nerve, my boy. Anybody what can get away with such a rank holdup as what that is, should make it a fine drum-

"I guess maybe I make it a mistake "I guess maybe I make it a mistake before—anyhow. I see you can make money as well as spend it, and I make up my mind I'll give you a line of samples to see what you'll do. Come back by the workroom, while I show you some fine Havanna fillers that I'll give you along."

"Aarvan Do you meen it?"

"Aaron! Do you mean it?"
"Gerviss! Mebbe I only got it a
two-by-four store like what you said,
but I got it a fine eye for a fine-nansee-er, if I do say it myself."

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Maria, that's a daring dress!"

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