

"That's talking, my noble lord,"

"I'm looking for an heiress," he said. "and I thought you might hear of her by some chance." "Hold on," said the old hag, with a

little dear?"

He the are the action we are constrained by the second state of th

what she is, don't you see?" leer at him. "what's the name of the old woman.

"Hm," said his lordship, doubtful-"I don't see why," he answered. ly. "Well, her name now would be Phyllis Dearborn, likely enough, but imposter, and, of course, for the genwhen she has her rights she'll be the Countess of Basingwell." "See that now," said the hag. "I

was sure in a minute I knew whom of the thing." you were looking for. I think I know "I don't want you to take any risk her."

## CHAPTER XXVII.

For a moment Lord Gree was startyour trouble, and if you find her don't led by the assertion of the old woman you suppose she will be grateful?" that she knew the girl he was only "Somebody's got to take a risk,' mythically seeking. Almost instant grumbled the old woman. ly, however, he saw by the knowing "I don't know anything about a leer on her face that she was not in risk," he persisted, "and I don't care the heiress?" earnest to know. See here, old woman, here's

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the more it's worth the greater the sure not to be refined enough to pass risk." one of the rustics about there, telling him that it is rumored that the old "Risk, risk!" snapped Lord Gree muster as a lady. I hope she will be earl made a confession, which Lady "What makes you harp so on that? for her own sake anyhow. It will be

easier for her to get credit for being Don't I tell you that even for an im Basingwell has in her keeping." "Is that so?" demanded the old woposter, let alone the real heiress "It'll be risky, my lord," said the there is no risk at all. That's the reanan, wonderingly.

"True as gospel. All I am telling son I'm so particular not to let any you is true. Here is a sworn copy of body know about it. Why, there is "There would be no risk even for an the parish register, with the marriage the confession. See! That will give recorded as straight as a string; here the poor girl all the points she needs. uine heiress there could be no risk." is the story of how the old earl cheatonly, of course, it would never do to "You mean," said the old woman, ed the woman into thinking she had let the lawyer or anybody else know "that you want me to take all the risk not been properly married, and how that she had seen this, or it might he she ran away from him and was never supposed that she was an imposter." heard of again, even by her own fam (To be continued.)

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at all," he said, with an air of annoy- ily. What more do you want? Who ance. "All I want you to do is to hunt | could say that any girl of about eighteen who knew something about the for the heiress. I will pay you for Continent, was not the very heiress? Nobody knows her."

isn't she?"

"Yes, yes, very pretty-very pretty, indeed," said the old woman; "but how is she ever to find out that she is "Do you mean the real heiress, or

the imposter?" "Either. I don't care which. You see, my lord," she said, showing her willingness to humor his desire to

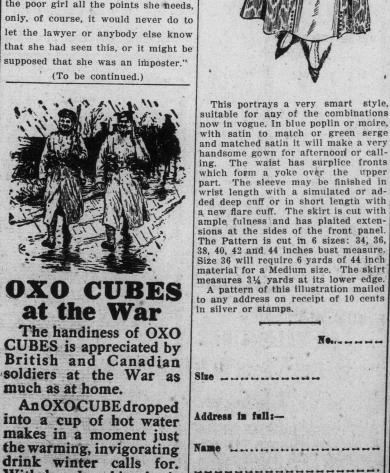
keep his skirts clear of any fraud; "I want to be prepared to head off an imposter or to help the rightful heiress."

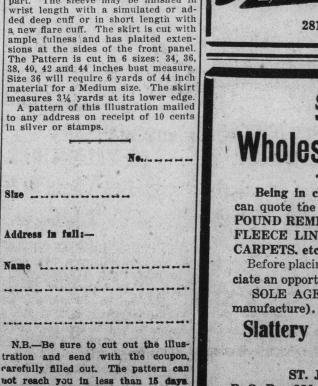
"Yes, yes. To be sure," said the British and Canadian obleman, nodding his head in pleased comprehension that she had at last much as at home. taken hold of the matter. "How would she know? Easily. And that is why

the imposter would have such an easy time of it. Of course the girl is pretty sure to know that her mother supposed she was married to the earl, With bread or biscuits it sustains for hours.

"Of course. I suppose so. It would e natural." "Well, she hears all at once that the old earl is dead. He was a hard old file, and would never have given her

anything, as she had always been taught to believe; and, besides, she





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SPRUNG TWO MINES. LONDON, To-day. tish official statement of th in the western zone, was is night and says: Early th e enemy sprung two mines osse and the other south o r the explosion of the la my attempted to occup but was driven back by ou bld him near the rim of th

-day our artillery bombard trenches near the Hohen loubt, east of Armentiere pres and Comines Can