valve, and then went quietly off down to tried to be as much impressed with his the front room.

critical moment. Effic in curl papers ed in silence from a sense of duty; but and a dirty kimono was standing in the the strain was beginning to tell on her hall giving a piece of her mind to the nerves. She got so she wanted to scream hired girl somewhere in the regions every time Mr. Smith opened his mouth, above. It was a large piece and took whether to sing or recite. She discoversome time to deliver, so that when Effie turned and saw the intruders she couldn't do a thing but fly upstairs to her own to boss her around, too, that she didn't room and have a cry on the bed. The like. She had counted on doing most of bed was getting fairly moist by this the bossing herself. time, and beginning to mildew.

Mr. Smith liked a woman to have a mind of her own, but giving pieces of it away like that was a different matter; still it showed that there was nothing stingy about Effie. Mr. Smith hated stingy people. Come to think it over, he was rather glad than otherwise that she had a temper worth while. He would have to be firm with her of course-gen- memory gave him no pleasure. tle but firm, was the way he put it-but once she saw that he was really the stronger character, and that he never lost his temper, he believed that she would be even more tractable than if she had given that would have precipitated another in to him from the first. Yes, if any reconciliation; that would have been thing, he liked Effie the better for it; so he told himself. He was confirmed in refreshed them and set them on their feet this superstition the next time they met, for Effie was so ashamed of herself-or pretended to be-that Mr. Smith had to pile his kissing average away up out of forgiven, and even then she said she thought she had it pretty well discourag-

Miller & Richards' and brought Mr. clever sayings the third time she heard Smith up to see about the linoleum for them as the first. She encouraged the young man in these things at first be-The two men entered the house at a cause she loved him. Later on she suffered that he had little mannerisms which irritated her. He had a habit of trying

> For his part, Mr. Smith was beginning to lose interest in blue eyes that "didn't have anything behind them," in a daintily poised head that always had a cold in it, in lily-white hands that could plunk the piano to perfection, but couldn't cook for sour apples. He could remember the time when he was glad to write poetry about these different charms, but the

> There was no grand climax at the end. This part of it wasn't like a novel. They just drifted apart, and were content to have it happen so. They didn't quarrel; romantic; that would have cheered and again; but they didn't care enough to quarrel. It was the uneventful, humdrum nature of the affair that killed it.

When Mrs. Potter came home and sight before she could consider herself found how things were she said, she



This is the most remarkable photograph of this kind received from France since the began.

The men are either fighting or in captivity. The horses and oxen have been taken y by the retreating enemy. The brave women have to take the place of the horse. Their courage and entrain are wonderful

would never, never be able to forgive here ed before she went away. Mr. Potter self. This was like another chapter out didn't talk about it. of the same novel, the one we mentioned

This reconciliation set Mr. Potter back store.

a good deal. I got one more trick," he told the black team, as he bedded them down that night. " that don't loosen their holt on each other, nothing will."

His plan of procedure was simple. He gave Mr. Smith a standing invitation to come up to the house whenever he felt like it, and backed it up with special invitations at the rate of one or more a day. He kept that young man hanging sumed the air of a patriarch. around the place until all the neighbors move his trunk up to Potter's and be

a program. It was true, there was no say: 'Where's that rag-bag?' precedent for it in any of the novels that Effie had read, but what of that? Heedless child! She ought to have known that love doesn't prosper with smooth seas and plain sailing, but requires obstacles and opposition to brace it up and strengthen it, and give it some savor; she ought to have known that dulness in real life is no more tolerable than dulness in a novel. She ought to have known these things, but she didn't; and so she went on listening to Mr. Smith tell his funny stories over and over again, and endured the agony of hearing him sing "Darling I she mends it."-Pittsburgh Chronicleam Growing Old," night after night, and Telegraph.

Effie is beginning to like Dr. Robinson. She buys her rubbers now at the other

A Tip for Young Husbands

The younger man had been complaining that he could not get his wife to mend his clothes.

"I asked her to sew a button on this vest last night and she hasn't touched it," he said. At this the older man as-

"Never ask a woman to mend anywere talking about it. They said, "Why thing," he said. "You haven't been marin the world don't that young Smith ried very long, and I think I can give you some serviceable suggestions. When I want a shirt mended I take it to my The young couple enjoyed this kind of wife and flourish it around a little and

> "'What do you want of the ragbag?' asks the wife. Her suspicions are aroused at once. "I want to throw this shirt away.

It's worn out,' I say, with a few more flourishes.

"Thet me see that shirt,' my wife says; then, 'Now, John, hand it to me

"Of course I pass it over and she examines it.

Why, it only needs---; and then

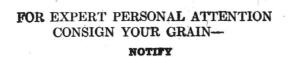
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