An Undergraduate's Ring.

(Concluded.) One morning these ideas were brough gether into a definite form. Juggin as as usual clearing away the remains of reakfast and talkative as ever.

"Do you know, sir," he remarked ally, "I saw that ring this mornin'

That would cost me my place, sir."

She played with an exquisite feeling, some of Chopin's charming little etudes, and I turned over the pages almost in a

can put it back again. I'll give you a sovereign if you let me have a look at it."

Juggins hesitated. He was an honest Juggins hesitated. He was an honest which might have mann, but an English sovereign is a sovereign all the world over, and it exercised "This is a pleasure I never dre

ring which my father had given me. I had it in my own hands, and resolved to manner."

"I'm going to keep the ring now, and

you can go back this moment, force a hole through the pocket of the trousers in which you found the ring, earn five pounds and paves know could be sent force. ounds, and never know anything at all

Juggins was in an agony of despair.

He implored me to give him back the ring—even engaged himself to claim it from the dean as my property; he would do anything if I would only give it him feeble way, numbling out my delight at the results of th back. But I was stern as the villain in a three-volume novel, and had Juggins in my power. With a sorrowful air he "My mother's maiden name was a superscript of the sorrowful air he in the sorrowful feerings, I at once got up and, regardless ward come up to the piano. of the untidied and fireless state of my "You are not going to leave off so soon,

Nevertheless, with all my tria phs, ity?" replied that ladver aing round. warrantableness of my proceedings, and Amelia! I could wait no long

seen a ring anywhere about the rooms, and hearing that he had not, simply remarked that he must have dropped it, as he had discovered a hole in his pocket. So nothing more was heard of it that

and I was commended for my vigilence the writer thereof—Mrs. Amelia Gibbons. "Well, for your sake, Amelia, I won't," said the dean, and he put his arm round

One of the chief of these was the prospect of a visit to an old friend of my father's—a widower, with a delightfut old country-house in Devenshire, and the sweetest and prettiest of daughters in microbly? Was my next thought. Could I explain matters a widower with a delightfut old country-house in Devenshire, and the personage. Could I explain matters a widower with a delightfut old country-house in Devenshire, and the personage. Could I explain matters a widower with a delightfut old country-house in Devenshire, and the personage was all Juggins fault, I concluded, after that my unfortunate and wretched signet ring shall never bring me into trouble again.—London Society.

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sweetest and prettiest of daughters in charge thereof.

When in the fulness of time, I arrived there, the house was full of visitors. So full that, on the first evening at least, I found no opportunity whatever of saying any of those pretty, tender, little speeches which I had prepared long beforehand for the benefit of sweet Lucy Underward, my host's only daughter. If I did repeat them, they were wasted on the desert air, as exemplified by the blank minds of two simpering, commonplace young ladies, and the unromantic heart of an elderly strong-minded spinster, whose conversation though learned, was most femininely illogical, but whose looks suggested the complete works of Jevons, Mill, and Aristole put together.

She were as one of the daughters in amicably? was my next thought. Could I give Mrs. Gibbons back the ring and treat the whole affair as an amusing mistonderstanding? If I did so what would everyone think of me? I shuddered at the idea. I am ashamed to confess that I lacked the moral courage to do it.

My own ring was lost entirely, without a doubt, and no one would be a bit the wiser if I remained in possession of two subjects on at present on my hand.

With this resolution I went down again to the drawing-room. There I explained my hasty flight by the invention of an important letter which was obliged to go the last post.

I carefully avoided Mrs. Gibbons for the reing and small investments and the farmer has the best of it. We do not intend to say that every far-

Mill, and Aristole put together.

She was one of those ladies who always suggest to me the whole essence of bearing school on a County of the same with large and small investments and the farmer has the best of it.

We do not intend to say that every farmer is as thrifty as any business man, bearing school on a County of the same with large and small investments and the farmer has the best of it.

We do not intend to say that every farmer is as thrifty as any business man, bearing school on a County of the same with large and small investments and the farmer has the best of it. suggest to me the whole essence of boarding-school, or a Complete Child's Guide to Knowledge, with an appendix for adults thrown in. She had exhausted all my stock of ready information, and was taxing my invention to the utmost, when to my great relief, my worthy host came up. He brought with him a fresh victim to be offered up to Miss McGrinder's encyclopedic thirst, and liberated me.

I was departing from my late oppressor, when Mr. Underward caught me by the arm.

I was extremely vain next morning of the word of t

you must know her."

pretty woman sitting on the sofa?"

five-and-thirty, with a bright complexion and grey eyes that insisted upon being lively in spite of a certain express ing and naive; and although my introduc tion of her was against my will—recalling, way he monopolized nearly all Mrs Gibon's attentions, and I did not grudge him his opportunity. For he showed a few minutes I was quite enchanted with himself to be as pleasant and unassummy new acquaintance, and found myself talking to her as if I had known her for quarter of an hour new and then to spare

"I have the honor to be the eldest son

"Oh. Mrs. Gibbons, every one has comsation. "Your playing is so lovely, and on the fourth morning of Mr. Minwe don't often get such a treat down chin's visit Mrs. Gibbons, the dean and

"I'm very sorry for you," replied Mrs.
Gibbons rising. "You must be in a bad yet descended.
way my dear; but I'm always happy to Mrs. Gibbons was sitting in an arm.

worthy reappeared, "could you manage should add ornamental, if I can be allow hearth-rug reading his letters. I was to let me have a look at that ring? Come ed to say so," I remarked as I led her to standing on the other side of the table

to let me have a look at that ring? Come on the plane.

I way you may be a look at that ring? Come on the plane.

They don't teach you such pretty speeches up at Cambridge, I'm sure," she returned with a bright smile, and settled returned with a bright smile, and settled

tated. He was an honest which might have meant anything, greet

said I in a low tone. try, but if I lose my place I'll come to powers, but, running her fingers lightly box, cotton-wool and everything on the you, sir," and he retired gracefully from over the keys, turned to me, and said:

my slumbers by Juggins entering my :amily ring you have on your finger?" I was taken by surprise. What on earth "Here it is, Sherwood," said he, hand-could she have to do with my ring? How-ing me something. "But—but—wait a ever, I remarked that it belonged to my father as head of the family, and I polite you get this? This is my ring?" ly handed it to her to look at. She ex- "No, it isn't Jon athan," exclaimed Mrs

amined it carefully.

"How very remarkable!" she replied, self. Mr. Sherwood has a ring exactly, giving it back to me. "A most strange coincidence. Do you know, I sent a ring, the facsimile of this, last October to Mr.

"I made the same mistake my-self. Mr. Sherwood has a ring exactly, like yours "

"But this one came by post, and has he two?" Mr. Minchin cried, noticing amined it carefully. nin, of All Saints' College, Cam- the one on his hand.

My heart gave a big thump. My whole

extent that he could hardly speak. He stammered out something relative to his ruin and his wife and family; but I predon't mean to say that you sent this ring dean regarded me with equal astonish.

"I'm going to keep the ring now, and you can do one of two things; you can either report the matter to the dean, or ring the exact counterpart of this."

"I suppose that appears strange to you.
I was just going to tell you, when Miss
Underward claimed my services, how odd

I was delighted at the success of my sinile, but my brain was whirling round scheme, and in the exuberance of my and round. At that moment Miss Under

Mrs. Gibsons. "Why will you use such awful formal-

I was very much relieved when Juggins informed me later on in the day, that the dean had taken the loss very quietly. He merely asked the gyp if he had

What an utter and complete ass I had

dustrious apprentice himself could not have held a candle to me.

The whole mystery was solved—air. Said the dean, and ne put his arm round than the most succeeding terms passed in their uneventful way. The "little go" was already a nightmare of the past. The dide filled me with horror, and the cold opinion, and at present I believe I am was already a nightmare of the past. The May week with all its gaiety, had been danced and boated away long ago, and the long vacation was offering me all its ynothing but to rail against my fate. It was all Juggins' fault, I concluded, after Cone of the chief of these was the pros-

or, when Mr. Underward caught me by thing.

I was extremely vain next morning of the air in stock, and fruit at the end of five years; men that study their business and the air of self-possession I assumed. I bons," he said. "She is awfully nice, and explained my general air of seediness by the self-possession in the se means of a fictitious toothache. I talked In estimating the farmer's profits, he is "Delighted, I'm sure. Is she that to Mrs. Gibbons in an airy way about the apt to over look a great many things retty woman sitting on the sofa?"

"Yes," he returned, as we were crosseven heard without flinching a muscle an arrange of this was very much sur-

Mr. Minchin made his appearance on the morrow, and two or three days passed very pleasantly.

A thousand and one things are about the place that are useful and would cost a good deal of money if they were brought from the merchants, that, in the farmer's

ed very pleasantly. Although, in his nervous and bashful

ittle doubt that I should have succeed ed eventually had not an event occurre which, were it not necessary for the missioned me to ask you to play some-thing," exclaimed Lucy Underward, com-ing up and breaking in upon our conver-rest of my family skeletons.

myself were alone in the breakfast-room

"And were it not so hackneyed, I her affianced, who was standing on the hearth-rug reading his letters. I was engaged in the same occupation.

I had just come to the end of an affect

younger brother, and was putting it in my pocket, when my eyes fell upon a small packet which I had not hitherto noticed. It was inclosed in a registered envelope, and bore the Cambridge

I opened it with some curosity, and discovered a small cardboard box, con taining a letter and a vast quantity of

At this moment Mr. Minchin sneeze She took no notice of my tribute to her loudly, causing me to start and drop the "Excuse me, Mr. Sherwood...I hope you won't think it strange...but is that a 'amily ring you have on your finger?"

I was taken by surprise. What on earth

"Hope to me, and said to have said the room, and was just going to search the room of the roo

Mrs. Gibbons looked from him to me

in unaffected astonishment. "Look here, Juggins," I said calmly, "Tree got the ring now and am not disposed to let it goagain. This frightened my gyp to such an extent that he could hardly couch an extent that he could hardly couch are

"There is some mystery in this, My have the goodness to elucidate?" "One is yours and one is mine." I re

plied stammering and forcing a ghastly attempt to smile.
"I don't understand you. Will you b kind enough to step out on the verandah

and, with a beating heart, I followed

him out of the room. Never shall I forget his kin pocketed the bank-note, and left me to continue my slumbers. But sleep did not visit my eyelids again that morning. I was delighted at the success of my sinile, but my brain was all. I be a success of my sinile, but my brain was Sherwood, and she, on her death, left me a consideration when he heard my story. He condemned severely the course my gyp had taken in the matter, but owned, freely that he had been rether to the success of my sinile, but my brain was Sherwood, and she, on her death, left me a consideration when he heard my story. sent him as a keepsake. So many other dons had got married, and chaffed all around accordingly that he was very

room, where we found the whole house-hold.

my wife found in one of them old weskit. great misteak, and I am very trubbled about it. I remane, sir, yours respect

"Don't be too hard on Juggins, Jon term.

I left Cambridge, and convinced my father of Mr. Minchin's nefarious ways.

My carelessness in losing it was excused,

What an utter and complete ass I had been making of myself. I opened my pocket-book and took out a burned piece of note-paper. There was the signature breakfast, when she had heard the story.

"He must be an honest fellow to send back the real ring."

mer is as thrifty as any business man, because the thriftless farmer is a forlorn

ing the room. "I want you to know her, as she is soon going to be married to a Mr. Minchin—dean of your college, I think."

"What!" I exclaimed, rather recoiling. But there was no getting out of it, and I was duly presented.

She was a handsome woman of about five-and-thirty, with a bright complexion and grey eves that insisted were likely and the stances of this was very much surprised once when he had to pay a farmer for a small quantity of butternilk. We had never before thought about butter-milk having any value, although we were getting this lot for particular use. How many farmers count the value of the apples, cider or poistoes they have in their cellars, or canned and the preserved fruits, and jains in their pantries?

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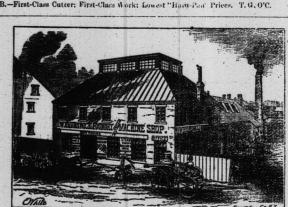
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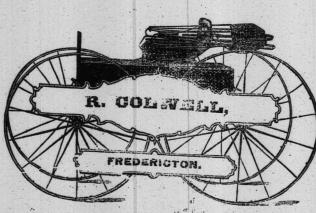
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