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Wh en Love Was Blind. However if you will come to see us Conginied.

scene of the summer's mirth.

little sun-beaten railway station.

Jack had a conference and decided to

go home. "You'll get sick if you

mope around here any longer," said

As soon as Ralph thought sufficient

time had elapzed when he might again

write to Miss Armour he did so. The

same evening he wrote to his sister,

the days at Wintergreen. Here are

you from me. There has not been a

moment since we were interrupted in

that pretty little nook, that I have

not longed for you with all my heart,

Page 2.

dearest Anna. for asking me to come

shall certainly avail myself of the

earliest opportunity to accept your

invitation, and rush to your home

Yours lovingly,

Letter to Mrs. Bates.

Page 1.

I really must apologize for not

RALPH.

where you always manage to make me

you in a few days. As ever,

My dear little Sister,

so that I might tell you how I-

Jack. "We had better get out."

tle abstraction.

the letters he paaned:

Miss Enid Armour,

My dear Miss Armour,

Milbury,

That week a second telegram reach III. ed Miss Armour. It read; Duliness took possession of Wintergreen after that day. Many of the

I sail to-night for Liverpool. Fareottagers had alreigy returned to well. their city homes and with the sha-Ralph Hodgson.

soon we will spare your blushes.

Your loving sister,

New York, Sept, 30th, 1899.

ANNA.

dow of Miss Armour's hasty and sor-A clipping from the Warnham Globe The companionship of the two, who rowful departure hanging upon them, London, Oct. 25,-(Special cable) had been friends from childhood did the remaining young people of her Capt. Hodgson, formerly of the Cana- much to alleviate the keen unpleasset found it difficult to put in the dian volunteer force, who arrived here antries of the African campaign. The time and one by one they deserted the last week has received a commission sun seemed not to beat so hotly, the scene of the summer's mirth. Ralph Hodgson was lost. He had in the 31st, Northumberland Guards, nights seemed not so chill, the sand and will take transport for South storms seemed not so biting by rea seen Enid for a moment only at the son of the assistance they could lend Africa at once. Lieut. Downey, also of Warnham, each other, not so much in the way "May I write to you ?" he had asked.

has been gazetted to a similar ap- of any material services but by th "Yes. Good-bye," and she had boarded the train which was to carry pointment. IV. her to a sad bedside. After the news of Mrs. Armour's

Myrtle Armstrong was Enid Arm-our's bosom friend. During the long The eve of the death and burial reached Winter- dull weeks and months which followed found half a dozen congenial spirits green, Ralph wrote & little note ex-Mrs. Armour's death the girls were from among the officers of the Northpressing his sympathy and sorrow, but nothing more. Next day he and together continually and it was only the gay companiouship and affection tent pitched for Lieut. Hodgson and of her friend that made existence Downey. The Canadian boys had bearable for the lone little orphan. early in the campaign established The bitter blasts of the 20th of their popularity with the Englishmen.

"Well, I guess- we'll have a brush February did not reach the cosy seclusion of "Uncle Joe's" library with those infernal Boers to-mor-Jack had an idea that when he got Ralph back among the gay doings of where the two girls were curled be- row," said a dapper little chap. "Our the city, his morbidness would soon fore a glowing grate. scouts say their camp is not five disappear. He was partially right, "Enid dear," said Myrtle breaking miles to the west." although his friend retained some lit-

a long silence, "don't you think you have lived the life of the cloister long veloped on Ralph's face which was all enough now. You are getting so the more prominent by reason of his worn and pale looking; I don't like it deeply bronzed skin. a bit. I tell you," she continued brightening, "I will have two or he cried, "I'll wager five pounds now same evening ne wrote to his short prightening, I will have the of the origin in wager live pounds how whom he had not seen since before three of our old friends in some night that by to-morrow night my revolver next week, and you will come over and we'll try and cheer you up a little. the pigs than any other man's in the

Letter to Miss Armour, You'll come, won't you?" Page 1. Warnham, Sept. 25th, 1899. Warnham, Sept. 25th, 1899.

tears, always near the surface, sprang bottom of his box, for something to her eyes. "I'm sorry, dear," said Myrtle, lean-I hope you will pardon a second ing over and stroking the other's intrusion, on my part upon your burning temples. "I know how de- brave Canuck," said another of the sorrow but since I have received no voted you were to your mother."

reply from you in answer to my There was another long silence, toast, "of forming a handsome target awkward note of sympathy I canbroken only by an occasional crackle not rest until I make an attempt to of the gas in the grate and the whist- can sit up on a tree a mile away and reach you again. Believe me, the ling of the storm outside. world has been pretty dreary since "It isn't mamma allogether," said the day the mournful intelligence

Enid finally, gazing abstractedly inreached you at Wintergreen, and took to the fire.

"What then, dear?" "It's Ralph."

"What about him?" asked Myrtle in the tone of one who was on the

edge of sacred ground. The sccret of Ralph's sudden departure had never been disclosed to her. "I never told you" began Enid ; how and stay with you a few days. I

berland Guards if he saw them bowlin writing me a letter he enclosing Canadian Club, the night before ed a page written to some woman a battle," remarked some one grimthat he evidently was either married ly. or engaged to, nor how nearly it came After that the toasts came thick

so comfortable. I am devoted to the to breaking my heart. For I did love and fast despite the aforegoing exquisite little miniature you sent him. He seemed so manly and noble mournful reflection. Each man had me. I have had it set in the back and brave and he saved my life. But the health of an absent fair one to of my locket where I daily gaze at it. when I found that he was playing submit for the generous approval of Good-bye little one, I will be with double it nearly killed me." his friends and no sweetheart passed

She paused while Myrtle gazed with unhonored. Ralph's glass was alwondering eyes. "Ralph Hodgson ways emptied first and filled quickfalse. I can't believe it. I knew him est. "Now boys for mine" he shouted,

years ago you know." End continued. "I have felt all "Here's to the woman who lies, steals Warnham, Sept. 25th, 1899. the time that there is a misunder-

and swears, my ideal wife. standing somewhere. Oh! if there she lies, she lies on my heart, and was! and I wrote him such a cruel when she steals-she steals to my having written to you sooner but bitter little dismissal and the next side, and when she swears-she you know at Wintergreen there is day, he left. And to think of him swears by me." not much chance for scribbling and away in that horrid war. Last night "Name, name," cried the Englishthen, too, as a matter of fact, I I saw him so plainly. I heard his men.

don't mind confessing to you that I voice calling me and it seemed to "Drink," commanded Ralph, and ran up against an affaire du coeur waken me. 'Enid, Enid', he cried and they drank.

which has somewhat preoccupied me. I opened my eyes and beheld such

Ralph under his breath.

and the glasses clinked.

es full?"

It was well on in the day when a ions on the part of his friend were sufficient to make him reconsider his piece of shell encountered Jack's leg determination. The how or the and he fell in full range of the wherefore of Ralph's transformation enemy's fire with two bones broken to a wild untrained spirit, full of Ralph saw him fall. With dark mutrecklessness and bravado, he did not terings he rushed towards him per know. He surmised that he had been heedless of the shot which fectly rained around him like hail. jilted and he thought it would be well the work of a second to pick him up to be with him until the edge had -little mite that he was-and start worn off his disappointment.

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for cover. As he was rounding the crest of the hill a shell burst almost at his feet. As he staggered a bulshoulder and the two bodies fell with age. In one of the corners is a heavily to the ground. Fortunately dull dark stain. Incontestable records prove that this for the dress. After the exethey were out of range and the stretcher bearers bore them away. "Downey's all right" said one of joyful manner in which by mutual consent each accepted the most pain-The eve of the 20th of February deserves a V.C. just the same."

VI.

Two months later Ralph found him self in Netley Hospital. He had come through fever and all the trials of a "knitting" bone in the meantime. His eyes were in a critical condition they had not yet seen the light of day. The physician: said it was peculiar case and if they could suc ceed in restoring his sight they would strike a great blow for science. So they took extra pains with him.

Enid Armour was there. She saw Ralph, with his bandaged eyes, the day he was admitted. She had a con-ference with her uncle forthwith and ference with her uncle forthwith and she was appointed to attend his cot. A week passed and Ralph wanted nothing that could be obtained for him. The doctors said his eyes were improving. "It seems that I have heard your voice somewhere," he said to Enid one day, but she told him that a man threatened with blind-ness had no license to joke with an unprotected nurse, and he did not re-fer to the subject again. "Lieut. Hodgson here's a letter for you" Enid sang out one morning. has turned up the toes of more of which proved eventually to be a pair

of big black bottles of Canadian Clu. "You run a first class chance, my you" Enid sang out one morning. "Oh! its been all over the world. It's brave Canuck," said another of the Englishmen in reply to Ralph's toast, "of forming a handsome target for those delightful "snipers," who can sit up on a tree a mile away and spot your heart as though it were the the the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the term of the solution of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the solution of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as though it were the solution of the solution of the solution of the solution of the spot your heart as the solution of the solutio

spot your heart as though it were the side of a house." pectancy. "It's from your sister," said Enid

"The sooner the better," muttered "Come on boys, here's to 'little Bobs,' cried Jack, "all got your glass-

"It's from your sister," said Enid soberly. 'The corners of Ralph's mouth fell. "Dear Ralph, didn't you bungle things finely. Do you know, you silly boy that you mixed your pages up? It seemed very funny to read a pro-posal of marriage from one's own brother." "Little Bobs," shouted all together

The occupants of the neighbouring "'Little' Bobs' wouldn't do a thing "Oh, Ralph don't you know me?" and the prim nurse forgot herself so far to six little officers of the Northumas to throw her arms about her patient's neck and bury her face in the pillow.

But the doctors told Ralph that they would not allow him to see who it was that had embraced him for at least two weeks.

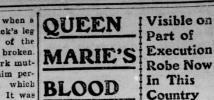
IT IS TO SMILE.

A Bunch of Gloom Chasers From the Yonkers Jester.

Mrs. Yeast-Did you say your husband s fond of fish? Mrs. Crimsonbeak-Yes. He likes to lie about 'em.

Bacon-I'd like to know what that careful investigation into the history of man ever did for his town? Egbert-Why, I heard he refused to buy his boy a drum once.

"No amount of vaccination," remark-ed the observer of events and things, "will prevent a man from getting a bad dose of his wife's first biscuits." established history of the French revo lution. torians that a few weeks before the



A relic of French history now in possession of W. F. Decker of Minneapolis is of the deepest tragic interest. embroidered with colors and yellow eyewitness, Captain Clough?

the culminating atrocity of that de- captain had himself stealthily manthe Guard officers next day, "but bauch of blood and horror, the reign aged to cut the piece off. There is, they say Hodgson's in a bad way. His of terror. It was part of the white however, a still more probable solution. shoulder blade is crushed and the robe worn by Marie Antoinette when Many instances are cited which prove blinkers, out of business for good. Breckless devil isn't he? By Jove he spot of the lifeblood of the hapless more than a chance that Captain

EXECUTION OF MARIE ANTOINETTE.

it seems strange that such a valuable

relic should have been permitted to es-

cape from France and allowed to come

all chance had apparently passed.

on a visit to Maine. It was then the

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Visible on probable that she might have escaped death. Some such efforts were un-doubtedly contemplated, but the feat

Captain Clough was in the crowd, which witnessed her execution. Just how he came in possession of the piece of the robe which she wore on the scaf-fold is not known, but attached to the relic is a statement in the handwriting of the captain himself: "This was tak-

America the august person of queen, it had nevertheless a very distinguished passenger, Talleyrand, one of the greatest diplomats of all time and whose residence in America after his exile from the most brilliant court of Europe is one of the most interesting chapters of our early history. It is supposed that Talleyrand, who was suspected of royalist leanings and pro-scribed for them, was a party to that unsuccessful plot to rescue Marie

GHOSTLY HANDS

Strange Experience of Sailo Johansen During a Storm on the Ocean.

Peter Johansen and his son started in a small boat to sail from Gibraltar to the United States. When 30 miles nor'-nor'-east of the island of Grand Canary, Johansen was desperately struggling to reef the mainsail as a heavy wind was blowing and there was a strong likelihood of the boat being swamped. The halyards had crossed at the top, and Johansen gave up in de-spair, when, suddenly turning around, he saw four men in the boat. One of them grasped the tiller, which was wildly banging back and forth, and the other three, springing to their places, rapidly took in the sails and made all snug. The man who had suddenly tak-en command of Johansen's craft sat quietly on the aft thwart swinging his feet and talking in a strange guttural language. He seemed about 55 years of age, tall and nuscular, with iron gray of the great figures of French history hair. He was dressed in a white into the possession of an American. The story is a very romantic one and throws an interesting side light on the vas cap, without peak, and had an iron foot on his left leg and dark worsted trousers, while over his shoulders and desperate efforts which were made by chest he wore a Moorish garment. loyal friends to save Marie even when

The boat being hove to, all lay down. Falling asleep, the two travelers awoke The present owner, Mr. Decker, se-cured the relic five months ago while just before sunrise. On getting up they found that the mysterious strangers had disappeared as quietly

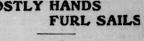


of savage vengeance in case of failure caused it to be abandoned.

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It en from the dress which Queen Marie is a scrap of heavy, finely woven silk Antoinette wore at her execution by an

Incontestable records prove that this aged bit of flowered fabric flowered in the body, and it is possible that the more than a chance that Captain Clough obtained the piece of poor Ma-In view of its well attested genuine-ness and intimate association with one Although the Sally did not bring to



E. STEVENS.

r for the Company. day of March, 1901. me-half story brick ne barn and seven-the west side of St. Aylmer. The house ape. The land is A tath plenty of good t, and a first-class s apply to C. O. oker, Brown House

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ON THE SHORTES rices Hall. erce & Son, Proprietor

I am greatly obliged to you-Page 2.

love you and desire to make you my wife. You know I have been afraid throwing their riders to the ground liquor, and Ralph was as sober as you would feel under an obligation to me and that you would be worried about saying 'No' to me after the little cance incident. But that last day we were together gave me to meet him but was riscide to the ground though the flad not touched a drop al-though the had not touched a drop al-though they had sent their English brothers home in such a state of thilarity as to put them in danger of you would feel under an obligation and trampling upon them. At last, though he had not touched a drop alday we were together gave me to meet him but was riveted to the being courtmartialed. day we were together gave me to meet him but was internet to the being courtinattiated. courage. Are my hopes foundation-less? I suppose you are living with your uncle's family now, but perhaps I tore myself by a superhuman ef-"Don't be foolish, old you wouldn't mind letting me see you fort from where I stood and ran to you feeling well?" there. If you will only write and him. I turned his head over; his face say so, I will be in Milbury within was ghast and pale and there was guessed doubtless, by this time Jack," forty-eight hours and we can perblood on it. I tried to open his eyes continued Ralph, ignoring the interhaps reach an understanding, but couldn't. Something told me he ruption. "You know I loved Enid

was blind. I called to him. He open-Yours in suspense. RALPH HODGSON. ed his lips to answer, and then I was The second evening following, Ralph received the following note written breakfast, Oh, Myrtle it was awful." on black bordered stationary:

Milbury, Sept. 26th, 1899. seen little of mental suffering. "I know what I am going to do." Mr. R. Hodgson, Warnham,

Dear sir: I am at a loss to understand why

cians at Netley hospital is an uncle you should have written to me as you of mine. I am going straight there that I don't understand." did, and under the circumstances I and I will make him let me be a consider your note little short of an nurse. I cannot stand this inacti-though he sympathized. He had been insult. For your conduct on the vity any longer and I simply must through it before. Both lay in their night of our unfortunate accident, I do something to help those poor solshall always be truly grateful but I dier boys."

The tears were in Myrtle's eyes must ask you to consider our friendnow. Enid stood up pale but calm. pen, to-morrow, and you ever see

continued Enid. "One of the physi-

EMID ARMOUR. The following note from Mrs. Bates mination. arrived at Ralph's hotel, but he had And so it came about that within been gone two days and before it fell a month's time Enid's uncle at Netley

into his hands, many long weary was surprised one morning by the armonths had elapsed. Avon, Sept. 30th, 1899. Enid Armour." V.

Dear Ralph,

ship at an end.

Didn't you bungle things finely? When Jack Downey heard from sult was the capture of a large inf Do you know, you silly boy that you Ralph's lips his decision to sail im-force of Boers. Ralph promised well y Didn't you bungle things finely? Do you know, you silly boy that you mixed your pages up. It sounded very funny to read a proposal of marrige from one's own brother. Henry and I simply howled over it. When Jack Downey heard from force of Boers. Ralph promised well force of Boers. Ralph promised well to win his wager hands down for he deported himself with extravagantly Henry and I simply howled over it. When Jack Downey heard from his decision to sail im-force of Boers. Ralph promised well to win his wager hands down for he deported himself with extravagantly Henry and I simply howled over it. When Jack Downey heard from his decision to sail im-force of Boers. Ralph promised well to win his wager hands down for he deported himself with extravagantly far away. entr

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"Jack," broke out Ralph, "I think "Don't be foolish, old boy. Aren't

"Well, she hasn't done anything of the "I don't care much, as you have sort. She's talking yet.'

mean as he can be! He-What's he done? Armour, and I thought, not in vain, but when I wrote and told her so, I can't use it at all." wakened by Susie come to call me for she threw me down so hard I didn't "It might be worse." know what happened. It nearly "I can't see how." Myrtle was speechless. She had drove me crazy. If I hadn't come "He might have vaccinated you on the tongue. out here, it would have, I am sure."

After a moment he went on. "I It is believed that the true story of would like to see her again. I think something must have gone wrong that I don't understand." Father-Did you chop down that cherry tree, George? George-Yes, father, it was I. "And for why, my son?" Jack had no words of sympathy, al-"And for why, my son?" "Didn't I hear you say only last week

that the tree was only an expense to blankets with wide open eyes that you, sir?" "You may have, my hopeful." night. An hour later, Ralph spoke "Well, father, I was only trying to cut down your expenses."-Yonkers Statesonce. "Jack, if anything should hapman.

"I'll do it," she said with deter- Enid, again, tell her, will you, that I loved her to the last."

"I will," answered Jack. and all was silent again.

men who want to put a husband in The fight next day was the wildest the back-ground and make him stay rival of a tray bearing a card-"Miss of the campaign. The press agencies there. and the various special correspon-No, indeed! dents gave it ample space and the re-

Is she trying to make you prominsult was the capture of a large

SHARING THE GLORY.

Henrietta isn't one of those wo-

I opened my eyes and beheld such horrid sights. I seemed to see men lying about on a battlefield, wound-their blankets for a few hours sleep. It was well advanced in the night when Jack and Ralph curled up in their blankets for a few hours sleep. It was well advanced in the night their blankets for a few hours sleep. It was well advanced in the night their blankets for a few hours sleep. It was well advanced in the night their blankets for a few hours sleep. It was well advanced in the night their blankets for a few hours sleep. It was discovered to attend her ex-their blankets for a few hours sleep. It have abstemious with the American research among family rec

At the time of the revolution Captain set, Mc., were engaged in the spar and salt trade between that point and Yeast-I just saw your wife in the other room. Crimsonbeak—Talking? "Yes. I heard her say as I passed that she had arrived at a conclusion." France, Gouverneur Morris, then minis-ter to France, and other American sym-pathizers with the royal family sought to arrange for the escape of Queen Ma-France. Gouverneur Morris, then minisrie Antoinette after the execution of the king. Captain Decker's ship, the Sally, which was engaged in the French trade and was then in a French She-I think that doctor is just as port under the command of his son-inlaw, Captain Stephen Clough, was cho-sen to convey the queen and her com-

panions in safety to a new country

the cargo. A plan had been formed by which it was thought she could elude the guards and escape. Lamartine in his record of the plot says that many joined in the plot, even municipals. A access to the prison and contrived to see the queen, handing her some flow-ers in which was concealed a note tell-though a signal to some one astern. ing her of the plan. Unfortunately the Johansen scanned the water careguards detected it, and the secret was revealed. fully, but could see nothing. No craft of any kind could be discovered. That

The authenticity of this conspiracy night soon after dusk the visitors again can scarcely be doubted. It has form-ed the basis of several well known ro-

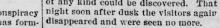
mances and has been accredited to many authorities.

The vigilance of the authorities prevented all attempts at a rescue, but naked. In the center of the even to the last they feared that some desperate effort would be made. In the crowd which witnessed the pitiable

GHOSTLY VISITORS IN MIDOCEAN.

as they had come. The weather had The ship had been freighted with fur-niture saitable for fitting up an abode sorely puzzled over their strange visitfor the queen, and many personal be- ors, made all haste to crowd on every longings of the king and queen were in rag of sail and get out of such an un-

Two of them took hold of the



Cheyenne Death Dance

the ceremonies. All entered the dance cle was a large iron kettle filled with boiling water. Into this water was pitched the body of a child who had

Both men and women took part in