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"Well! the fact is, I'm only down

For a moment Jack surveyed his ed him to occupy a p ivate room while dive. his clothes were drying.

sea-front, looking a trifle frowsy in the search. his soaked-and-dried suit, when he and neat and natty, in a delightful ly gazed into her face. summer costume.

more becoming terms."

And that was the prelude to an afternoon the like of which Jack Truman had never before spent in his hitherto aimless and butterfly exist- on you. And then, out you go, any-

By tea-time, it is safe to say, he was completely captivated, heart and soul to his meditation, the practical result and body, by the charming stranger -and charming she certainly was, in shadows fell, slowly and sadly he manner as in appearance.

After tea, they sat for a while on the prom. Jack, who had purchased a periodical, idly turned the pages. and then began to fill in an answer to the usual weekly competition, which and the bill settled; and Jack Trumas for a joke he signed and handed to was an independent man, with the his companion.

But it wasn't the "freak" answer she looked at; it was the name that

ous! Why--!"

"What! Are you Cousin Jess?" "Yes; Jessie Stern. I'm staying here for a few days."

"I should never have known you Hooroo!" And he jumped up and wildly threw his hat up into the air. "And I've got to marry you. Well, i beats the penny novelettes into fits." Cousin Jess blushed scarlet.

"I'm willing," broke in Jack, as he reseated himself, and extended an arm in the direction of her waist. She returned no answer, though

her face and manner said she was anything but unwilling. "And we've got to share the fortune -when we get it," laughed Jack, whose after-conduct suggested the idea that Cousin Jess was quite suf-

ficient without the fortune. Then the

minutes passed all too quickly.

She accompanied him to the sta-

"I'm not much of a cop at present less, dear. But I'll buck up now and-" And the train whirled him back to his lodging, full of new resolu-

In accordance with the first, he calld the landlady early next morning and asked for his bill, which was resented in double-quick time. "Come into a fortune?" sniggered

Mrs. Marsh, as Jack grandiloquently -" and he stopped short; the reali- thrust his hand towards his hip-pocksation of his circumstances held him et, to disburse the remaineder of the pawnbroker's price.

"Yes," quickly and firmly answere And with a charming smile, the lady Jack, as he thought of Uncle Bob and Cousin Jess.

Then his face turned pink. H suit with a face glum as thunder. searched one pocket, then another. Then, all at once he shot off into the He turned his suit inside out; but the hotel whither his lady had vanished, purse was gone. And gradually the and explained the circumstances to truth dawned upon him that it had the proprietor, who generously allow- sliped into the sea when he made his

"Looking for a job yesterday?" ven Then again he strolled out to the tured the landlady, as Jack prosecute

"Er-I've lost my money." lamel came bolt upon his rescued lady, trim returned the lodger, as he helpless That was the climax. The long

"Ah! I thought I should run across suffering landlady's patience broke ou you again. Now let me thank you in the instant, and the vials of her wrath poured in a torrent on the lodger's denfenceless head, ending with: "There's the bill! And if it isn' settled by Saturday, I'll have the law

> way. I'll have no more of it." And she bounced out, leaving Jack of which was that, as the evening wended his way to where his watc was lodged, with a big bundle under his arm that contained all his spare

clothes and everything else available Again the landlady was called in I sum total of 2s. 6d in his possession

The following morning he went ou early to look for a job. In the even ing he returned, footsore and heart-"Jack Truman! I've got a cousin sick, minus the sixpence; and in named Jack Truman! And," looking fit of despair, he sat down and wrote at the scribbled address, "good graci- to "Dearest Jess," explaining exactly his circumstances, and advising he Jack looked at her open-mouthed, to think no more of him, as his position was hopeless.

The next day he received her an

Dearest Jack,-Don't let circumstances worry you. I've saved a tidy little sum-much more than sufficient for immediate needs. And if you love me as I-"Hooroo!" The hint was plain

enough, and Jack Truman was as quick on a hint as any man. His an swer went back straight: Dearest Jess,-Name the day, and I'll chance the repenting at

And in the same reckless mood, Jess acquiesced, and they were married and removed to a little house farther out in the country.

Things went beautifully smooth for a time; but Jack somehow couldn't tion, and his last words after the find a job, and Uncle Bob's "fortune" was still in the clouds-a myth neith-



er now spoke about nor though of. old saw, "As happy as the day is One evening, when the outlook had long. begun to assume a rather serious as-

ore open the envelope. "Is it a job?" timidly asked his wife, embling with anxiety and hope. dress.

If Mr. Jack Truman has complied with the conditions imposed in Mr. Robert Blake's will, his intimation to that effect will greatly oblige the undersigned, who has a further communication to send.

N. WEST (Matron). Inverwick Nursing Institution. "Hooroo! It's the fortune after all. ess!" And he caught her in his arms and hugged her with delight; then sat down, and wrote off:

Conditions complied with three months ago. Shall be glad to hear from you at once. And the next day brought the an-

swer with a covering note from the matron explaining that the testator had bound her under a promise to forward his further communication six months after the first-only if his vishes had been carried out. Off came he cover, and they read together:

Dear Nephew and Niece,-If you have complied with the conditions as stated, then I gladly invite you to enter upon the possession bequeathed in my last testament. And that is - my hearty and sincere good wishes and blessing on your union. It is not much to leave-not a very tangible or valuable fortune, as some count value; but, nevertheless, one that I trust you may grow to appreciate more with the passing days.

For, nephew, in Jess you will have found a gem of a wife, and

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Believe me, yours very sincerely, ROBERT BLAKE. "Well!" burst out Jack, and he

looked at Jess. "Well!" answered Jess, as she gazed at Jack.

And somehow neither laughed. The myth had at last exploded, and they had inherited the fortune. But-And he lightly kissed her to hide his vexation But this strange "inheritance" ha

an almost immediate effect on the two. For Jess it gradually converted into a more thoughtful woman, always ready and on the look-out for opportunities; and Jack from that day on complete commercial guide to London bucked up," and set about looking and its suburbs, the Directory contain for work with the resolution of a man who meant to succeed.

And he did succeed. By degrees, orn of untiring energy, temporary work came his way, which eventually led to a permanency. And with fixed habits and settled routine, he developed along the lines shrewdly fore-

seen by the astute old uncle. As the months passed, no more happy and contented couple could have been found in the country. True, the wife's savings had almost entirely disappeared, and Jack's earnings were parely sufficient for necessaries! But no matter, each reciprocated a warm affection and thoroughly understood the other. And when, in the ourse of time and nature, the baby came, they were, in the words of the

One delightful summer evening, as pect, the unusual postman's knock Jack arranged the basket-chair to enbrought them to the door with a rush. able mother and child to catch the A letter droped through, and Jack fleeting gleams of the western sun, the relaisation of his happiness broke upon him in a flood

"O Jess! What should I do with-"Job? No!" returned Jack, in a out you-and the baby! But for that maze, as he handed Jess the note that seaside trip and," harking back, "but had been forwarded from the old ad- for Uncle Bob, we should never have known each other. Oh that fortune! Ha! ha! 'Twas the most splendid fortune ever left by man, far exceeding the value of rubies." And he caught her in his arms, and then grabbed at the baby in a manner that threatened to suffocate him.

The postman's knock suddenly caused an interruption, and Jack brought in a letter addressed in a and that somehow seemed familiar. Basha, Joseph Wondering, he broke the seal, and ok out first an open note, that ran: Jack Truman, Esq.

Dear Sir,-According to the instructions of the late Mr. Robert Blake, your uncle, I now enclose, eighteen months after decease, his last message to you, and with this message my obligation finally ceases .- I have the honour to remain, yours obediently, N. WEST (Matron).

He handded it to his wife, took ou he letter.

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Then, with faces aglow with curios and excitement, they read togeth-Dear Nephew and Niece,-If you

have followed my wishes as expressed in my testament, then you will have received my second communication, which was to be forwarded six months later. If you have benefited- if my

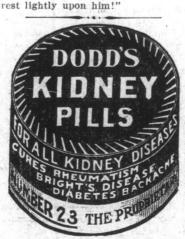
sincere good wishes and blessing have worked any good (and, as a student of human nature, I somehow think they will have done) then my "fortune" will not have been bequeathed in vain. It will have done more than could have been accomplished by money, which Jack's wasteful hands, and without experience, would only have been squandered, and thus

have worked the greater evil. However, anticipating that you have each in a measure benefited. I have left instructions for the material part of my "fortune" to be paid to you eighteen months after my decease-i.e., at a period when you will have learnt the value of honest labour, and probably at a period when you will all the more appreciate hard cash. -Believe me, yours sincerely

ROBERT BLAKE. And out of the letter dropped cheque, made out in both names con ointly, for £2,000. They looked at each other. Neither

spoke. But Jack's face shone and Jess's eyes glistened. And if neither said anything, both thought the more: and the thoughts of each ran in similar channels "Good old Uncle Bob! The best

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