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0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0-0 "Aren't you going to answer my

Clifford Vane turned with surprise as he heard the voice. A girl with deep brown eyes and hair in which there was a tiht of gold was standing beside the boat, her skirts blown out against her slender figure. The flutter-ing sail had made so much noise that Vane had not heard the girl before. He frowned unconsciously, for he was

in no humor for company.

"It's too rough today. There's a nasty sea running, and you'll get wet

through," he answered.
"As if I cared for that! And if it's so rough why do you venture out?"
"Because I want to. Because it suits my mood.'

The words sounded rude, but Mar-jorie Winthrop knew from the intent expression on Vane's face as he gazed out on the black clouds, the sullen green water of the bay and the wind blown whitecaps that he was speak ing more to himself than to her. "And if it suits my mood?"
"You with moods, child?" Vane said

wonderingly. "What can you know of thoughts black enough to suit with such a day. Go back to your dolls or believe in their truth as long as you can," he added bitterly.
"You think because I'm only seven

teen I'm not to feel and think "Think only of pleasant things."
"But if the day suits me it is pleas-

ant. Please take me."
"What will your mother say?"

"She won't care. She only thinks of Edith. If it was Edith, now, it would be different, but I'm not such a valuable cargo. No one will bother about

There was a quaver in the girl's voice that made Vane look at her. She was looking out over the yeasty water with misty eyes and set mouth.

"All right," said Vane after a mo-ment's hesitation. "I'm in a reckless mood. Let fate take care of us. What will be will be. Jump in."

It was a gusty day, and the Dot, toe light for such weather, her lee rail almost under water, staggered under the flaws, every now and then burying her mose into the rollers and sending a shower of spray into the boat. had all be could do to manage her and for a time forgot his companion and almost his gloomy thoughts in the grim pleasure of his contest with wind and storm lashed sea. It was Edith Win-throp he was thinking of, the woman who had led him on to love her and then thrown him over for another man. Edith did not care, Every one must be sacrificed for her amusement—yes, even this child, her sister. At the thought he glanced at the girl where she sat poised out to windward, like some spirit of the sea, her hair blowing in the wind, her cheeks aglow with excitement, her eyes fixed with a far-away look on the horizon. Vane had never noticed how pretty she was before. He had always thought of her as a mere child, and, lo, she was a woman. What was she thinking of? he

As if in answer to the question. Marjorie turned and met his eyes for an instant and then looked away. "You've heard of Edith's engage-ment?" she said.

"Yes," answered Vane, setting his teeth hard. "I only found it out to-

"I knew it weeks ago. You thought she cared for you?"

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"I know it now," said Vane, "when "And you—can you care for her still?"

asked Marjorie after a silence.
"Yes—at least I care for the ideal I thought her."

"What did you think her?" "Brave, courageous, noble hearted, with a soul as beautiful as her body, a comrade for a man, to face with him the storms of life, a woman tender and true, to fight for and dare for. I would have tried to give her everything she wanted. No man can love her as I do-and now"— Vane laughed bitterly as an ending to his sentence.

"Why did you come out today in this gale?" said Marjorie. "Is your life so worthless to you that you would risk because a thoughtless woman has wounded you?"
"My life! What does it matter? I

"I thought you didn't." returned the girl gravely. "I knew you didn't. That's why I came. I couldn't let you come

"And you came because you

thought" "You would be reckless? Yes."

"And you were not afraid?"
"No. Why should I be? I knew you yould take care of me-if not of your-The girl smiled at him con-y. "I am perfectly safe with

fidently. you," she added So Marjorie had risked her life for him, so that in his desperate humor he should not go alone. But how came she, a mere child, to understand? She, at least, had a heart to make some man

happy. And here he was putting her life at the mercy of the sea to gratify his selfish mood of bitterness. Well. he must get her home at once-then-Van thought he did not much care what happened afterward.

It was blowing harder as Vane came about and slacked the sheet for the the hotel on the hill. They were going before the wind now, the boat rolling dangerously in the clutch of the sea, the waves behind following with

hungry jaws and threatening every

moment to engulf them.

With braced body and strained muscles, every sense alert, Vane gripped the tiller, striving to hold the boat against the swirling buffets of the waves, his one thought to get her safe to land. Every moment the wind increased, every moment the bay became more tumultuous. Would they make

it? he wondered. They were nearly opposite the boat-house when there came a sudden whirl of wind from between the hills ahead. Vane had but time to cry a warning when the sail jibed, the boom came swinging over with an angry snarl, the boat was flung upon her beam ends, and the next moment he found him-self entangled in cordage and battling and the next house self entangled in cordage and battling for his life beneath the waves. With desperate fingers he cleared himself and came to the surface. And Mar-jorie—where was she? Good God! Had she been struck by the boom and made not on self-up to the she, made unconscious or killed, or had she, too, been carried down by the sinking boat?

For an agonized moment Vane could see no sign of her, and then he spied her just coming to the surface. She was going down again when he caught was going down again when he caught her and started for the shore. It was a long swim against a tide that seemed to drag him down as if with clutching hands, but Vane swore he would save this girl who had risked her life for him or lose her own. He could see people running to the boathouse now and getting out the boat. How slow they were! Would they never come? His muscles were giving out, his breath came heavily, his limbs feit like lead. Could he hold out? They were wearing fast now. He tried to revive his fail-

ness. The world grew black before him, and then a strong arm gripped his shoulder, and he and Marjorie were lifted into the boat and rowed toward

In those days afterward, while Mar-jorie hovered between life and death, Clifford Vane learned how much he could do for this girl, this girl he thought was a child and now knew to be the woman in all the world for him. Gone was his love for Edith Winthrop. He knew now that he had in her sister all that Edith had seemed and more.

And there came a day when he was
permitted to see her.

He found her on an upper plazza of

the hotel clad in a soft blue wrapper, her soft hair loose on her shoulders, and the smile her pale face held for him gave him hope that in saving her he had found happiness.

He Didn't Forget.

Many years ago, writes Mr. Thomas Bailey Aldrich in "Ponkapog Papers," a noted Boston publisher used to keep a large memorandum book on a table in his private office. The volume always lay open, being the receptacle of nothing more important than hastily scrawled reminders to attend to this

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Presently his eye fell upon the men orandum book, lying there spread out like a morning newspaper, and almost in spite of himself he read: "Don't forget to see the binder," "Don't forget to mail E. his contract," "Don't forget H.'s proofs," and so forth.

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He left his manuscript on the table and disappeared. That afternoon, when the publisher glanced over his memoranda, he was not a little astonished at the last item, but his sense of humor was so strong that he did accept the poem-it required a strong sense of humor to do that-and sent the lad a check for it, although the

Aman who looks out for no one but himself has ways that will bear looking into.

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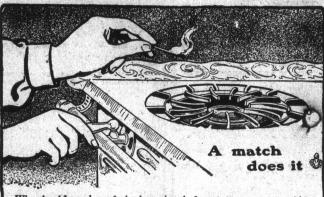
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