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But then her eyes were dazzlingly eaven searching quality that was unicommitting triffes), if she was poor

they had often pictured her, the near-test thing possible, the woman he would be ready, would be eager to her letters.

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She was young and remarkably pretty, with the prettiness that is quite ty, with the prettiness that is quite to those less distinguished, and quite openly and left her, he sat down and wrote her the letter.

Saying that they set him above sometimes pathetic; in time it grew to hurting him that she should even possibly want what he could so easily have supplied. The whole question, and his doubts on that subject ed you because I could not help it."

This time she did not know, and I lovent to hurting him that she should even possibly want what he could so easily have supplied. The whole question, as the wrote, naming an hour. Of course he went, praying any other reason," she said; "and I without being malicious, there were his leisure; and one night, having just alone.

And she was alone; so far he quick—was the realization of his wish.

some one would invariably add, "Well him gave him a feeling of pleasure to show him they were unknotted. he'll know how to spend the money!" he acknowledged with a laugh, and "Your letters are charming." is Yet it was common knowledge that for once did not try to account for repeated, with the least little break be was not overburdened with money, in words. having been, apparently, too over-burdened with brains to acquire it in ery time he saw her, and, but that of my frock?"

thought only of her eyes and his own how far he would have allowed his lue, and their gaze had a rapt and power to waylay them from heaven. pockets to bulge. But when he was not with her many que even in his wide experience. If of his thoughts circled round the could not, as it seemed, use with cheap row of pearls she invariably for something else he dropped one of any fluency the tongue of men, or of wore, and his mind, attuned to great the letters at her feet. knot in them.

at small talk, she was greatly ac- Was it of set design or did she real-1 there and then. first the glance of her wide open, innocent eyes, straying sometimes to
his from the contemplation of heahis from the contemplation of heawen, seemed to bewitch him, to alwen, seemed to bewitch him, to alwen, seemed to bewitch him, to alwhen she wants a love letter. Now,
did this girl of the innocent eyes in
wore?" and he took out the pack,
"If you like it," he said, "there are
you," she smiled.
"Then hang the frocks!" he cried,
"Then hang the frocks!" he cried, And she was eighteen and badly want? And was it simply a love turning it over. and was well known as an accom-plished man of the most sensitive, (He said, a first edition.) Or was it "If they're mine you've no right to not, perhaps, a letter from a par- keep them.

would surrender to, and she was cul- comply. Although this last possibil- "I'm convinced it's some rubbish, tured and witty, delicately sympathe-ity undoubtedly put the girl in the she threw at him in parting, "and I the childish idea—I see now how fool-tic, daintily beautiful and certainly better light, it is noteworthy that it do want to see just how gilly you ish it was—to try to pass myself off heautifully dressed to the last little was not the idea he honestly favored. are And it must be admitted. He followed the little story fur- "Will you tell me how silly that he had always so pictured her ther. For, if the knot was the re- think me?" he asked

sult of anything more than merest ac-But while he was a man of ideals, he was also a man of great, of recognized talents, and his world set him up as a shining light, a man he knew, the knot was never untied; to be quoted and followed and generally upheld, although that is not get the letter. The blue-eyes were himself; and it was certainly put in your own sweet self I loved you.

they met at the side of the girl with the heaven-searching eyes.

"After all!" they said. "So, after all, the usual thing attracts him! Of course she's sweetly pretty, and he'll himself fashionable dressing, which would have reduced her head to the level of a repetition of all the other heads in the room, would have been a mistake, a piece of vandalism. And as for the dress, that was, at simple (although of the side of the girl with the heaven-searching eyes.

The bulk of the talents for which people praised him were in the habit of emerging from the point of his pen, and the letter was worthy of his recommendation without being at all above the dowly frocks, in the perfectly her powers of appreciation—even sup-ble, in fact, as her eyes; and, reading it over, he knew he had never done anything better. But he wasn't as mad as he might have looked—if as piece of vandalism. And as for the dress, that was, at simple (although of the kind).

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"Well, why?"

"Your letters are charming," she interrupted, "I asked in the nad her up the long room, he of the was down the letter was worthy of his recommendation and the letter was worthy of his unadorned beauty, the chi looked on in an attitude distinctly only posted it into his pocket. Havsuggestive of hand clapping.

"After all!" they would chorus, and to leave it about at her neck and twisted them round

er, the child—she was only a child, any quantity.

as he admitted—had absolutely no And all the time he was with her he time, it is a matter to wonder at

What occurred was of the most commonplace description. In hunting stopped her she would have opened it if you keep the letters we shan't be

complished at looking. From the ly think they looked better knotted? But he couldn't prevent her keeping it nor prevent himself seeing the anything," she declared.

"I wouldn't give up the letters for it nor prevent himself seeing the anything," she declared.

"I go with the letters," he said.

dressed, while he owned to thirty-five letter she wanted, as one might covet "But if they're mine I would much but she warded him off.

The woman wasn't born, his friends ticular person she had set her heart To tempt her into pleading for had been in the habit of saying, who on? Some one who might see the them, into more laughter, into quite could entirely reach up to his stan- touching little indication of readiness a torrent of teasing amd excited dard of perfection; among themselves to receive a tenderly worded epis- speech, he held out as long as he In the end she went off with

"If you're silly-enough," said she.

ly saw the realization of his wish, asked later.

"Your letters are charming," she

her voice. Then she brightened "Oh, I smiled. "And what do you think bravely. "I think it is-charming," he said.

She came nearer to him. "Will you answer me something?" she asked "Yes-yes-anything!"

"Only this-which sort of frock do you like me in best?"

able to afford such frocks."

I'd rather give up the letters than and would have caught her to him,

"Stop, do stop"-then she blushed -"for a-Stop, won't you, please Then don't you know, really? Don't you truly know?" "What?"

"That I've more frocks and more money to buy new ones than I know what to do with, and-and-" "Do you mean to tell me-?"

"Let me teil vou. I mean I had in your society as a poor American interest, says the lecture lady, 'and girl for a change. And it was a failure; fright as I looked, it was a And it was a failure, with just one exception. You dom. are the exception, and until now I neath the wheel of Juggernaut?" have never felt quite, quite sure that should be her cry. "Down with

"I knotted them at first because

any man-stare so. I was always asking, until some one told me about the old saying of the love letter, and then-

"And then?" "And then-" She still hesitated "By then-" he amended. "Oh, I'd like to finish," she said "By then I was so anxious for your letters I couldn't, untie it. You see," she almost whispered, "my heart was caught in the knot and it wouldn't untie until vou helped me. -L. Parry Truscott in The Sketch

### THE LECTURE

(Continued from Page 6.)

all my sisters resent the assumed superiority of the former, and realize within themselves the voice of Freedom and individual power crying for utterance! Press on to the foreground! Let not your rights be trampled under foot! Let the banner over you be "Rights!" Man is the sovereign brute of nature---

"'Excuse me, ma'am,' says Mis Jessup, 'but I'd say, meaning no of-fence, that it would go right hard to have to call the Doctor a "brute." "The lecture lady smiled kind of coldly polite, and said that she was speaking in abstract-which means look at it small and it's one and look at it large and it's another " 'Peas is peas, be they a peck or

there like a dumb cow that a steam whistle can't scare from those pasture bars till they're let down. " 'Your suggestions are of universal should strike to the heart of every woman whose soul cries for free-"Down with Into those traditions which rob me of

my birthright of liberty!" "We were so stirred up now that there was considerable nodding and whispering; the lecture lady had got real powerful, and Mis' Jessup stood trying to catch every word, and she own their homes instead of continu-

'It's a shame, ma'am, that it is!" "'Yes, shame! shame!' cries the lecture lady, waving her arms, 'shame sayoutselves free!' And she went on so feelingly about the heel of man being on her neck, and so exciting about the same flag waving its stars over men and its stripes over women, that it was better than Labor Day handkerchief.

parade, and Essie Crim waved her like silence!' says the lecture lady, waving her arms, and Mis' Jessup Insurance in force \$5,170,816.30 spoke out:

"'Don't, ma'am,' she says; 'as said, it's a shame that any lady should have been treated so bad. You've come to the right place, I think I'm speaking for all when I say that no woman appeals to us in vain for protection, and I would ask you right now to come home with me and let the Doctor advise you: Anybody can see that you've been treated terribly bad by your husband, and if he's gone so far as to EDWIN MARSHALL, DAVID FASKEN, use his foot, as you say, ma'am, you've cause for complaint-though with most domestic quarrels there's faults on both sides, ma'am, Maybe

your husband is a drinking man-'Husband!' cries the lecture lady of a sudden losing hold of herself and dancing up and down. 'Me! me got a husband! We put my head into the yoke of slavery! Me get trampled on by a man!' she screams, slamming her books together and pinning her hat on. 'How dare you insult me? Husband!' she panted like 'twas 'snake!' and she jumps off the platform, and we all got up together, and she glares at Mis' Jessup like mad. 'How dare you say "Husband" to me? Do I look like a worm who crawls around the feet of a man? The next time you want a lecturer, send

for one of your own purblind, cowlike, servile race, and not an enlightened and emancipated being!" screams, 'a being who knows not the word "husband!" Ugh! Go home to your husbands, you poor, down-trod creatures, and never awaken from your ignorance!'

"And with that she pitches out the door and disappears, while we were all trying to explain that Mis' Jessup meant no harm.

"Presently Dr. Jessup drove up with his buggy wheels all mud splashed. "I wish you had come here sooner,' said Mis' Jessup, climbing in, 'to help soothe a poor creetur who was easing her mind here a while

ago.'
The Doctor said that if it was the female he'd met on her way to the station he guessed she's eased off pretty much all the mind she's got, because when he picked her up was clinging to the fence, crying fit to kill herself.

" Just like they all do,' he says "Something had made her mad, and when she came to she cried it out. I said to her: "Want to go to the train?" And I didn't wait, but jumped her in. She was gasping and sobbing "Husband!" so I calculated they'd quarteled, and I says, "There, now, don't take it that way, ma'am. If your husband's gone and left vou, he'll return, never fear, esrecirlly if von're a first-rate cook," I sold; "all young people quarrel some times, and maybe you can win him

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