The Right Man

I read one of your stories last even ng. Miss Deland," Jameson said. Gates looked up quickly. "Do you rrite?" he asked. "What is the story

write "" he asked "What is the story in, pl ase ?"

I don't know Where did you see it. Mr. Jameson ?"

"In the last Pacific Monthly."

"Oh, that one!" said Miss Deland.
"I didn't know it was out yet."

"The a good enough story of its kind." said Jameson, bluntly, but I haven't mut. spinton of the kind. What I want to see you write is a love story."

"I dare say it would amuse you immensely "

"I dare say it would amuse you immensely"
"But why have you never tried it?"
"But why have you never tried it?"
Full tell you. It is because I have never been able to imagine a man smalling love or proposing in a way that would not disgust or antaquilze or forfett the respect of any woman with a grain of sense."

College leaded.

Gates laughed.

"That's pretty severe," said Jameson
"It hits me and my wife both"
"In very sorry, but I can't take it
back. I haven't a doubt that you mespired one or all of the sentiments I
have indicated. Mrs. Jameson must
have overwome them by a tremendous
effect of the will Many sensible women do."

en do."
"And if the right man came along ou would overcome them also Miss beland."

Nover! As toon as he began to show us of softening of the brain he would use to be the right man—for me." Perhaps and perhaps not. We shall

see."

"And in the meantime, my dear Mr.
Jameson, will you be so kind as to go
away. Otherwise I shall never get to
the end of this pile of manuscript, even
with Mr. Gates to help me."

"There's nothing would please me more," retorted Jameson, good-natured-ly, and belook himself off to his own

desk.

At intervals during the afternoon and on the way home Gates mused over what Miss Deland had said about lovemaking, and imagined different ways of coing it.

"I believe sie is more then half right," he concl. led, as he went upstairs to his room after supper.

He had bought a copy of the Pacific Monthly, that he might see her story, and when he had read it he laid aside the magazine and following of the writer.

the magazine and f. i to thinking of the writer.

"Perhaps I have not been quite just to her," he solliquised. "This little story shows that there is more in the than I thought. There's a tender human interest in it, and a lint of deep religious feeling. I wish she would try to be a little more feminine. Somehow it irritates me, her independent manner, the severely plain way in which she classes, in splic of the fact that she always looks neat, and that way or speaking that comes so near being port. It isn't exactly masculin, but neither speaking that comes so near control in the state of the s

is it feminine. I 2 mt like her, and yet there is something about her that attended in the like in the latter part of February, that Gates forgot to speak to Miss Deland about som; small but important detail that had to do with her work the next day. He was not to be at the office in the morning, so could not repair the smission then. At first he thought of sending her a note, then decided to call airound and tell her. He had never before been inside the large apartment house in which she lived on one of the upper flats.

"Come up," she called through the speaking tube, when he had given his name.

Becaming the state of the state

She saw his look of surprise and

She saw his look or one laughted.

"Perhaps I ought to be introduced," she said, "At the Weekly Recorder office I am Miss Delard, reader of manuscripts—a mere business woman. Here I am myself. I like to keep the two personalities distinctly separate."

"I am happy to men Miss Deland herself," said Gates, with a smile and a low bow.

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Then he was presented to Mrs. De-land, who looked very like her daughter, only that she was smaller, nore delicate, and, of course, older. Gates felt drawn do her at once, and they fell into an easy conversation, somewhat to his amazement, for he usually found satisface difficult.

litto an easy conversation, somewhat to his amazement, for he usually found tellicing difficult. Mass Deland listened, but said little. She was crochetting lace, and Gates marvelled ta the swift play of her finingers, and found an assethetic delight in the ploture she made as she sat at work. He had always thought her plain till now.

Although k was so pleasant that nearly an hour had passed before Gates recollected that he had come on a mere business errard and rose to go.

He was in such a brown study that he went half a mile beyond his lodgings. When he entered his morn at last and litt he gas, he glanced about him clasomientely. Everything seemed dingy and unconfortable, and he had the first twings of homestickness that he had had since he came to the city. "When does the transformation take place, Miss Deland?" he saked, a few

What transformation T'
Why, yourse from the row
he old-fashioned one "

Why, yourse from the row woman to the old-fashloned one."

"Oth! that depends upon circumstances. Usually not till I get home, but in winter and on other nights when I have to work late I'm afraid it takes prace the ribute I leave the Recorder building. I am a dreadful coward. You don't know how glad I am of your company this horrid dark evening."

The pleasure is mine."

"Oh, don't feel obliged to make pretiy speeches. I don't the them," she rejoined, with a trace of annoyance. "I meant what I said. I was gotting quito nervous before you moved up this way. I had a sort of feeling once or twice in the winter that I was followed by some one. Very foolish. I suppose, but frightens me now when I think of the gary and the when I think of the gary and the when I think of the gary and the month of the gary and the mind that I was followed to the gary and when I think of the gary and the mind the gary and the mind the gary and the mind the gary and the gary an

tt."

Gates gave a sudden impallent exclamation, half under his breath.
"I do it wonder you are contemptious," sho said.
"I did not mean the contempt for
you. Would it make you any easier to
know that it w seer-at friend that was
following you." he asked, hesitatingly.
Miss Deland gave him a sharp slance.
"Was it it couldn't have been you.
Mr. Gates?"
"I did follow you all those dark

Mr. Gates ?"

I did follow you all those dark
nights you speak of," he admitted,
"but I never meant you to know it."
"Win did you do it, please ?"
"Breause it didn't seem safe for you
to go alone, and I fanciou that if I offered to ge with you you wouldn't let
bee."

fered to ge with you you wouldn't let ine."

Migs I wind was silent.

You are not offended?" he asked, when they had renched her door.

"Of course not." she returned, in"Oh, that a all right," interrupted Gates. "Go denight," he called back, over his shoulder.

"Mr. Gates, I want to ask you a question." Miss Delard said, when next they walked home together.

"I am watting to hear it."

"When you first came to work on the Recorder, five months ago, and for a long time afterward, didn't you disappreve of ne very strongly?"

"Did you notice as you came along this morning, Miss Deland, that the maples on that little square yonder were to bloggen?

preve of me very strongly?"
"Did you notice as you came along this morning, Miss Deland, that the maples on that little square yonder were in blossom?"
Miss Deland laughed. "I am answered," she said. Then she lecame grave.
"You dieliked and disapproved of me, and yet you went ever se far out of your way, night after night, sometimes when you were very tired, to see that I came to no harm on my way home!"
"The hand organs are out, too—another sign that spring is upon us."
"Mr. Gates, why did you change your boarding-place?" whe demanded, as a sudden thught came to her.
"For several reasons," he answered, a little stiffly.
"I spoke without thinking. I beg your pardon."
"Granted."
After his first call on the Deland.

"Granted."

After his first call on the Delands,
Gates contrived excuses for repeating
it. He always came away early, though
ho would have liked to stay iato, and ne never went oftener than once a veek, though he would have liked to to every evening.

In his thoughts he now acknowledged

so every evening.

In his thoughts he now acknowledged that he liked Miss Deland—that he liked her tery much. This liking he called friendship until a new man named McClintock came to work in the office and began paying Miss Deland many little attentions, which she seemed to find acceptable. Then Gates came to a better understanding of himself.

It was summer now. Gates had taken more work upon himself, and always outstayed Miss Deland at the office. One day, however, he planued his work so they should leave together.

"It seems quite like old times, doesn't it?" she said.

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"Y.es," he answered, absently. Then, abruptly: "Do you remember, Miss De-land, something you once said to Jameson about proposals and love-making?" He looked straight before hit as he gook, angry with himself that he could not keep the restraint out of his tone ones the colour from coming to his face. She gave him a quick glance, and then looked away. "I remember," she said.

Oh, yes. The business woman I lisagree on some things, but that is not one of them."
"I don't think you ought to feel that way," he exclaimed, irritably.

way," he exclaimed, irritably.
"Why, of course, I oughtn't. It is a
perfectly abominable way to feel. But
how can I help it?"
"You do not believe in marriage,
then?"

then?" Why, certainly I do. I think a happy marriage is the most beautiful thing in this vorid. And it improves people so much. I knew several who were simply menchiarable while single, but after a year or two of married life they had become charming men and women, when it was a pleasure to be with. It sert of lumanizes a person."

But yet no man could show he wished to marry you without exciting your disgust, turning you against him, and ensuring his refusal?

"Exactly."

"It is fortunate that all women do."

"Exactly."
It is fortunate that all women do not feel that way."
"In it is fortunate that all women do not feel that way."
"Miss Deland, have you a heart?"
"Miss Deland, have you a heart?"
"Miss Deland, have you a heart?"
"Hall the fortunation on thing that nature me 'hink perhaps I have; I love my mother."
"Yes, that is true," Gates admitted.
"I have often been douched by it. I had no "light to say you were heart-less."

had no right to say you were heartless."

Then he sighed, and neither speke
skain till they parted.

In the office next day, McClintock,
having a little lelsure on his hands,
caught a large yellow cat that frequented the building, and, tying pieces
of paper to his fest, set him on the floor
near Miss Deland's deak.

The cat walked slowly down the room,
liftling each leg high, and shaking it at
every step, and snarling querulously as
he progressed. Nearly everyone in the
cilice was convulsed with laughter at
the fullerousness of it.

Miss Deland laughed with the rest at
first, then ran and caught up the cat,
which had gone as far as Gates' chair,
and pulled off the papers, pretending
indignation "Mr. McClintock, you are
an inhuman wretch!" she exclaimed.

and pulled off the papers, pretending indignation "Mr. McCintock, you are an inhuman wretch!" she exclaimed. Gates, who had not oven smiled, and in whose mind the conversation of the night before was still ranking, yielded to a sudden impulse.

"You had better take the contract to 'improve and humanize him." he safe, significantly, in a savage undertone. Miss Deland looked at him, and the colour rushed to her face.

"Thank you for your very kind advice, Mr. Gotes," she answered, haughtige. "I will take it into consideration."

She put down the cat and walked to her place with her head in the air, while Gates bit his lips, and would have given half his salary for a year to recall what he had said.

After this there was a decided cool-ness between Miss Deland and Gates. So the fall passed and winter came. So the fall passed and winter came. So the fall passed and winter came that they were a matter of comment to every one in the office, and not a few out of it.

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Findly remind me."

After Jameson had left him Gates leaned lets face on his hands and thought. If he could only get the start of McClintock! The chances were him hundred and ninety-nine out of a thousand that it world de no good, but there was the one chance. He looked at the clock. Miss Deland would leave the office in about twenty minutes, and McClintock would be on hand to go with her.

a ring which has been all did, and which he had worn ever since.

An idea came to him. With considerable difficulty he drew off the ring and folded it in a half sheet of paper. Then drawing a fresh sheet toward him he dipped his pen in ink and wrote, heatily:

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in the company of McClintock, wa-leaving the office. In going out they passed near dates. Miss Leland, however, did not so much as glance in 5% direction. She carried bersaif produly, i.e. cyes were bright, her cheeks tinged with colour, her tips smilling.

her che ka tinged with colour, her lips smilling.

Get's held his hand against his face Li a way to shield it from observation. There was a tignt fe hing in his throat, a smarting sensation in his eyes. Some one touched him on the arm. He started angrify and looked around. It was Met lintock, who had thrust air a velope into his hand. Miss Deland asked me to come away and give you tilis," and hurred tous, Gutes face grew hot. How like an information woman to send her refusally the Lund of his rival and so on hare, his bitterness!

He held it I whis hand, and looked at the reldiess for a full minute. Then setting his the togother, he slowly opened the envelope and unfolded the jetter.

It was very brief.
"My ben Mr. Gates:—
"Your article an engagement ring—
is accepted. Very truly yours.

TRIUMPH OF CATHOLIC SCHOOLS IN FRANCE.

A Reuter despatch from Paris says:

In view of the increasing popularity
of thirds schools and the consequent
attendance at schools maintained by
the State, at Laurand, Socialist, to-day
introduced a motion in the Chamber,
prohibiting relations contregations
and members of the irregular elergy
from taking part in educational work,
the asked for his properal amic violent
protests from the Left.
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M. Millerand, Socialist said that A Reuter despatch from Paris says

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M Dupus, Premier, and State.
M Dupus, Premier declared that the university feared neither competitor nor liberty. He did not believe in the ellicacy of separation as a remedy The solution of the question was to be found in a law regulating associations, and the tovernment intend shortly introduce a bill on the subject. On his announcement M. Laurand withdree his dromand for urgency, but another deputy took it up, in order to eve the Chamber an opportunity of experience of the chamber and proportunity of experience of the chamber and post very constant in the chamber and the constant in the constant

however, representations of the another motion to give the university a mon-tion of clustering the control of the control of

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She were to have found your table near tables buried out to danse on one day, nodding toward Mcthirts. I have a braining on Miss Delands levk.

Thurst he was beauting on Miss Delands levk.

Thurst he you don't think she cares my think about that fellow?

She encourages him." returned dates, doggedly.

I don't think so," said Jameson, and it is only his thick-skinned person to the transfer it look that way.

"ATHOLIC HECHETER".

But daren was not convinced H5 had srown this since summer, and his temper was not improved. dates, however, even though glum and quick of tenter over though glum and quick of tenter, was unit results liked, white as for lock, however, the control of the history of the history. There's no knowing had a worn in will do—especially if the history of the

spirits."
These excellent spirits are all put on, you dust each her unawares, as I have once or twice tat by Well," he added, with a sigh, "what is to be will added, with a sigh," what is to be will be in I I fail to bring back this knife.

As he sat there his glance fell on his her.

As he sat there his glance fell on his left hand, which rested on the desk in from of him. On the little finger was a ring which his only sister had given him just before she died, and which he had some over since.

Then drawing a fresh sheet toward him he dipped his pen in ink and wrote, hastily:—
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