### BREAKING THE NEWS.

From the London World

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"My dear Betty, you ought to know more about Mr. Markham's powers of endurance than I.
"But wh. do you think he il do What do you suppose—"
"Why waste our time in supposition He'll be here most likely this afternoon, and you will be gbie to judge to yourself."
Betty Oakhurst sprang to her feet.
"Ted is coming here this afternoon? Why on earth didn't you tell me before?" And sho flagetted nervousiv with her het before the sluss as she spoke.
But you knew Betty, where are

as she spoke.

But you knew Betty, where are you going?"

"Any where out of this," cried the girl, laughing nervously as she stopped to kiss her frend.

Nora, however, caught her arm.

Nonsonne, Betty! You'd better tell him straight out and get it over. It will be ever so much more awkward for you it the news reaches him from outside."

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I don't see that at all, 'returned Betty, quietly, as '! at w away from her companion." I am sure that if -!! you.

She paused tentatively.

You don't men to say that you expect me to tell Tt-! Markham that you've litted him?

"I certainly don't expect you to put it in that way," replied Miss Oakhurst, with a little laugh, "but I am quite certain that you would explain it to the poor fellow much better than any one else."

"I wish I'd never had anything to do with it. I never felt so unconfortable in my life as I have done since you dragged me into this precious scheme of yours."

"Poor old Nora!" mulmured lietty, sympathetically, while she cast furtive glances at the clock.

"You came here and shed any number of tears, declared that you adored Ted Markham. that your father wouldn't hear of an engagement, but that if you only had a little time before you, you were sate everything would come right."

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"I think you might be serious now. and at least pretend that you're sehamed of yourself. You begged me to help you to get my aunt to ask him here, to act as screen in fact, so that you're here, to act as screen in fact, so that your minds, and now—now—"

The sound of a bell bryke in upon Miss Heimsley's eloquence, and Betty caught up her gloves.

"I'm awful sorry, Nora. Abuse me as much as you like. Good-bye!"

And before Nora could stop her sile had dartied through the door and was on her way down stairs. She let her go. After all, it never was of any use to argue with Betty; she was one of those delightfully irresponsible creatures who always manage to shift 'he blame of their shortcomings on to their people's shoullers and whom no no—no man, at any rate—ever dreams of Judging by ordinary standards. Nora wondered, as she stood there fally looking into the street, how she could ever have been foolish enough to take Betty's love troubles seriously.

Nora sighed as she stood at the window. It was a topy-turty world, and the wrong people were always being thrown together. If ofly—

"Am I disturbing you? I was told to come in here."

"You started, and the colour rushed to her face.
"Oh, I ham't heard you come in! Do sit down. Aunt isn't well. I am so sorry you should have wad the trouble of calling for nothing, but she moment. Won't you let me give you some tes?"

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moment. Won't you let line give you come tea. "
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Ted Markham took the chair she oftered him, and itstend in silence white 
the rattled on. Suddenly she stopped, 
sorzefous of his fixed glance.
"Is anything the matter?" she askd, in a slightly alarmed voice. It 
was surely not possible that he could 
liready have learned Betty's treachtry.

ery.
"Yes. We can't go on like this. Miss Helmsley."

face.
"It isn't fair to you, and, besides,
I—things have changed...."
"You mean that Betty...."
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"Miss Oakhurst is going to be married."
Nors gasped, but did not speak.
"She is engaged to Lord Barthorpe.
I met Lady Oakhurst just now and she was overflowing with loving kindness to the world in general."
"Betty has behaved abominably!"
put in Nors, indignantly.
"It think, on the contrary, that she has shown remarkably good sense. I am going to leave London; I really came this afternout to say good-bye."
Nors bit her lips.
"I am very sorty," she began, hestiatingly. "I'm afraid I was tashet to blame, but I thought Betty really carred, and—"

cared, and—"
She left the sentence unfinished. Ted
Markham's demeanour pussled her; he white, and there was a look which troubled her. What

there in her fluffy-halted, blue-little friend to move a man reeven little friend to move a man roof. That her companion had taken some great resolution, and that a singularly difficult one. It was easy enough to perceive

petrely.

Are you coing to be a vary long 'she asked, a skwardh; I me an she is you going far ?

I think I am going to have a look at the antipodes. My father how some mit rest, and I hope to get sent away to Melbourne."

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But has n't you made up you mind rather hurledly?" she ask d timidly.

"Hurtedly?" she ask d timidly.

"Hurtedly?" she exclaimed. "But letty's engassement is quite fresh. Did you suspect—"

"I suspected nothing I knew—"

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"You knew !" she exclaimed, indignantly. "Then why didn't you repak? Why didn't you tell me?"

"Tell you!

She stard at him, his tone was so vehement.

"Of course. What else could im an ?"
"Nothing, of course.—"

"Nothing, of course.—"
Really, I don't understand you"
He laughed diearlly as he rose
"No, I must not explain Good-

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You are too hard on Betty. She—
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You Betty! Don't you know that I haven't thought of her for weeks that I found out long ago that we had made a mistake?"

"Then why are you going?"

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"She managed to keep her eyes upon his face, though her cheeks burned and she felt almost choked.

"Don't you know that I am almost a pauper?" he said bitterly as he turned away.

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Nora took a step after him.

"Are you going," she asked in a trembling voice. 'because you want to make your fortune or he sussemble touse I am too rich?"

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She covered her face with her bards "Oh, if you were not in love viti Batty, didn't you see didn't you guest weeks ago...."

weeks ago—"
The volces of the chaperones were loud in condemnation when the chapagement was announced, and the mothers of younger sons and neglit littles declared that Lady Hewlitt had allowed her niece to throw herself away, while Betty Oakhurst shock her pretty head and reflecced sadly that men were fishle creatives, and that formlines.



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"The Ideals of Washington Contrasted with Those of Our Cu n Day." by Henry Morton Parker, points out the modern deterioration from the high standards of the past, and severely censures the policy pursued in regard to the Indians. The writer says that Americans have fallen very far below the standards to which their legislative and municipal life was adjusted during the lifetime of Washington, and for nearly two generations after his death. At several periods since the Civil War there have been times when the cry of Isalah to the people of Juda: "Thy princes are the companions of theves; everyone loveth gifts and followeth after rewards," might be urged with equal copercy agadnst many prominent statesmen. A large number of them have been convicted at various times of receiving bribes in different shapes, while, in a lower political sphere the 'bosses' and office-holders in great cities have outstripped, in the magnitude and audacity of their peculations, the cellinquents of any other country since the day when the supplier of Rome was offered for sale by her pretorian guards. That this satounding perversion of the moral sense, this frightful demoralization of the official classes in the nation, the state and the city, still continues without exciting any porticular feelings is demonstrated by the trial now going on in the second State in the Union where the man who is its actual ruler, who practically elects its congressmen and its senators, stands charged with malversation of funds.

The Catholic World Magazine for

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The Catholic World Magazine for January gives a terrible overhauling to Dean Wortestor's book on the Philippines and preves that the friars are mot only not as bad as represented, but that all the civilization they possess in the Philippine group, and there is not by any means a little of it, is traceable to the good work of the religious orders. It says:—

"Schools and colleges are to be found in the Philippines in which a system of education is carried on not inferior to that in the most advanced nations. The pricests have immense infuence, and the author adds: 'If it were always used to further good ends, there is hardly a limit to what might be accomplished.' There can have been nothing like general deprayity among the priests when the influence is there despite their connection with the Government, and worse stifl, their dependence for revenue on petty officials certain to be detested. The nublicane were hated by the Jews because they oppressed them by exactions in excess of the taxes of the State. Every one engaged in the collection of tithes for the Episcopal ministers in Scotland was an object of haired to the Presbyterians. The bishops and clerky of the Establishment in England were said to have been the cause of the great Civil War. Until very recently the rector in every parish was spoken of by the dissenting ministers and his congregation as a priest of Baal. At this mome the rector in almost any part of Wales owe

to the love of the Nonconformist. It is not on account of differences of opinion so much as because the rector's connection with the state stamps him and his flock with a superiority over the others that they are disliked. Almost every incident in the examples cited has been present in the status of the Clein, with the natives of the Philippines, and yet the influence of the cleirgy remains undiminished. We therefore decline to accept the general verdit's against the clergy."

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The January Atlantic opens with a discriminating comparison between the Destructive and Constructive Energies of the American Government, by President Ellot, of Harvard University, President Ellot pays a high tribute to the skill and energy developed by the Government in the management of the late war, but shows that the energies of all Governments must be developed by the constructive arts of peace.

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A Reuter despatch dated at Rome, becomber 24, says:—The Pope received at roon to-day eighteen cardinals and a number of bishops and prelates, who came to offer his Holiness their Christmas greetings.

The Pope, in reply, referred to what he deseribed as the sinister events of 1888, and said it was high time that the Governments of Europe should combine to put a stop to the appailing crimes of murder and barbarous exterminations. This result could never be completely attained so long as the fear of God, the basis of all morality, did not revive in the conscience of the people, and become a guiding principle in the organisations of the States. Referring to the present position of the Church, in violation of the Church in Italy, the Pope pointed out symptoms which he rejarded as little reassuring for the New Year. The conditions imposed upon the Head of the Church, in violation of his dignity and his rights, were rot enough, and now, said the Pontiff, it was sought to cast odition upon the press which had openly espoused the defence of his interests and also the interests of religion and morality. Further rigiours threaten the clergy, although they were the class, surthest removed from seditlous designs. The obedience of the interests and also the interests of religion and morality. Further rigiours threaten the clergy, although they were the class, penetrated by the sense of their high mission and of duty, the clergy would find a response among numerous laymen, in whom love of the Papacy was deeply rooted. It was thus—by the co-operation of the clergy would find a response among numerous laymen, in whom love of the Papacy was deeply rooted. It was thus—by the co-operation of the clergy and laity—that the salvation of the coming generations was assured.

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