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possessed the maternal instinct, too, buy some peanuts at a stand. It was and little Jimmy Dolliver, when he incomprehensible. It was absurd. She arrived, became her life. As for big walked around to think about it, and Jimmy, the paternal instinct was so strong in him that his business suffered through his late arrival in the morning, walked in. He was there. He rose and his early departure in the afternoon.

"I've got to get back to the kid," he of those peanuts. told his foreman. The foreman grinned. "Wait till you foreman approached.

have eight, like me," he said. The Dolliver's kept on living as best they might. Jimmy had all he could do to pay the notes as they came due. Natalie was glad that she had to stay at home, where her scant wardrobe made but little difference.

"As long as nobody knows," she told herself. But it was heartrending. Genevieve Lawson would come in, detailing the fun, the times, that G. J. and she would have—spending money. Money—
everybody had money, save Jimmy
Dolliver. And the old, old longing
would come hack to Natalia would come back to Natalie.

It was when Jimmy jr., was eighteen months old that Natalie made up her York, and—buy. She left Jimmy, Jr., myself and the baby. I can't wait a at home, with Maggie, with minute minute longer, and so I thought I'd

kissed her. Upon his lips was the odor

"Natalie," he exclaimed, pleased. The

"Have you had your dinner, sir?" the foreman asked. "If so, I'll get mine." "Yep,' answered Jimmy. "I've had

my dinner. Go ahead." The foreman went. And yet, she did not understand. Business, sometimes, so Dolliver had told her, was a matter of pennies. She did not know that there were times when the only man in a factory who went dinnerless, perforce, was the proprietor. All the others got five ten-dollar bills that lay upon Jimmy's desk.

"Jimmy," she said, "I've just got to mind, one day, that she must go to New go to New York, to get things for



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Little Jimmy Dolliver, when he arrived, became her 1

directions covering every possible event come right down and-" that might arise.

In half an hour she was among the factories. She had some little difficulty locating her husband's place of business it was in a dingy street. But she located him first. He did not see her. But she saw him and watched him. It was twelve o'clock. She was behind him. He strode along the street and turned a corner. She stopped, unseen. Around the corner was a fruit-stand, presided over by an Italian vendor of

gentle mien. Jimmy Dolliver put his hand in his pocket. "How a-much?" asked Angelo.

"Three cents' worth to-day," replied Jimmy Dolliver. Angelo measured out a handful of roasted peanuts, slipped them into a bag and passed it over. Jimmy Doliver slunk on down the

street. What frivolity! The idea of this man, her husband, dropping his business, to run out like a little boy and stairs. Dolliver smiled at his wife.

Jimmy Doliver never winced. "How -how much do you need?" he asked. She looked at the money.

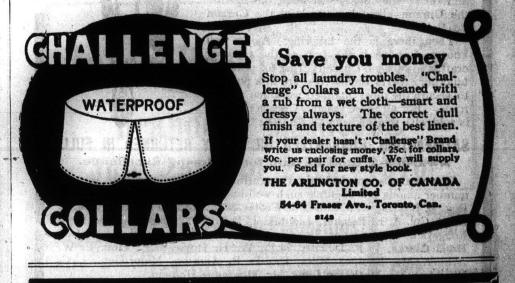
"Fifty would do we, Jimmy," she answered. "I can hardly make it go, but-it will do."

Jimmy Dolliver hesitated for a moment. Then he picked up the money and passed it over. "Take it along," he said. "I'll go home early and see to Jimmy, and you get there when you can." He was just about to kiss her once more, when a man stepped in with a bill in his hand.

"Got that fifty for Carter-Welch?" he queried. Jimmy scratched his head.

"Carter-Welch'll have to wait," he answered. "Its' the only time they ever had to wait for me. I'll have the fifty Monday, certain, but not before."

"O. K., Mr .Dolliver," said the man,





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