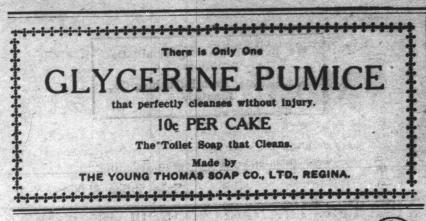
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I am not a social person at all, you devotion. She has had trouble of ity." Chapter V-Continued "I must eat, mother, or starve," Sy- know. My role is usefulness, and some sort.' nothing else." bil declared. "I have never been so "You are too young to talk like hungry. that," Sybil said. A somewhat ponderous lady, who "I am ten years older than you are," ful, but she just let it slip-for a mowas the wife of a bishop, felt bound Mary reminded her. ment. She has some trouble, I am sure. I thought perhaps you might to express her disapprobation. "You are twenty-eight," Sybil ans wered. "I think it is beautiful of know. Isn't there anything we can "Do you really think, dear," she

said, "that you are wise in encourag- you to be so devoted to this work, do? I am so sorry for her." ing a charity which is not in any way but I am quite sure a little change Brooks was very grave and his face now and then is wholesome.' was curiously pale. under the control of the Church?" "Oh, isn't it?" Sybil remarked. "I'm "In another ten years I may think "Are you quite sure?" he asked. sure I didn't know. But then the of it," Mary said. "Just now I have "Certain!"

They walked on in silence for a few Church hasn't anything quite like this so much upon my hands that I dare has it? Mr. Brooks is so clever and not risk even the slightest distrac noments. "You have asked me a very diffioriginal in all his ideas." The disapprobation of the bishop's

"In another ten years," Sybil said, cult question," he said at last. "you will find it more difficult to en has had a very unhappy sort of life. wife became even more marked. large your life than now. I can't Her father and mother died in Canada an excellent staff of helpers." "The very fact," she said, "that the Church has not thought is wise to in- believe that absorption in any one -her father shot himself and her mostitute a charitable scheme upon such thing is natural at your age." ther died of the shock. She went to Mary looked steadfastly down at the live with an uncle at Medchester, who -er-sweeping lines, is a proof, to my was good to her, but his household mind, that the whole thing is a mis- horses. could scarcely have been very con-"We must all decide what is best take. As a matter of fact, I happen to know that the bishop strongly dis- for ourselves," she said. "I have genial. I met her there-she was approves of Mr. Brooks' methods." not your disposition, remember." interested in charitable works then, "That's rather a pity, isn't it?" Sy. ' "Nothing in the world," Sybil said, and hee came to London to try and

"would convince me that it is well attain some sort of independence. At bil asked, sweetly. "The Society has done so much good, and in so short a for any girl of your age to crowd first she had a position on a lady's everything out of her life except work, magazine which took up her morn. which might seem to require an apoltime. Every one admits that."

"I think that the opinion is very far however fine and useful the work may ings, but we have just induced her to from universal," the elder lady re- be. Now you have admitted that exaccept a small salary and give us all marked, firmly. "There appears to be cept for Mr. Brooks and the people no discrimination shown whatever in you have met in connection with his "That seems avery comprehensive

the distribution of relief. The deserv- work you have no friends in London. I sketch of her life," Sybil remarked, ing and underserving are all classed want you to count me a friend, Miss thoughtfully, "but are you sure-that together. I could not possibly approve Scott. You have been very kind to you have not missed anything out?" of any charity conducted upon such me, and made everything delightfully "So far as I know," he answered, lines, nor, I think, could any good easy. Why can't you let me try and gravely, "there is nothing new to tell." repay it a little?" They walked the rest of the way to churchwoman."

"Mr. Brooks thinks," Sybil remarked "I have only done my duty," Mary Berkeley Square in absolute silence. with her month full of cake, "that it answered quietly. "I am supposed "You will come in to lunch," she is the underserving who are in the to show new helpers what to do, and said. greatest need of help." you picked it up very quickly. And He looked down at his clothes.

"One could believe anything," the as for the rest-don't think me un "I think not," he answered. bishop's wife said stiffly, "of a man kind, but I have no room for friend-"We are almost certain to be alone who adopted such principles as that. ships in my life just now." and you have not seen mother for a

Brooks nodded

"Yes, but isn't there

has no friends in London and I want-

"I think it is very kind of you, in-

like that, you know, when they live

puzzled me. It stopped my asking

"How do you know?" he asked.

"A girl can always tell," Sybil ans-

wered. "Her self-control is wonder-

change for her, wouldn't it?"

leed," Brooks said.

man." he said

And although I do not as a rule ap- "I am sorry," Sybil answered softly, long time," she answered. prove of Mr. Lavilette or his paper, I for though Mary's tone had been col He suffered himself to be persuad

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matter-to ask you for advice?"

The bishop inclined his head. This

"She is a very reserved young wo- Perhaps your lordship would permit

for it?" Sybil continued eagerly. "I The bishop inclined his head. This have asked her lots of times to come was by no means the truculent sort of

up."

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and see me. She admits that she young man he had expected.

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"Well?"

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"Well, then," Lady Caroom said,

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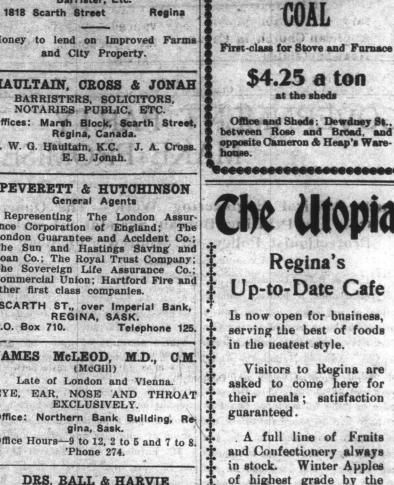
"None." Brooks answered.

"You are very welcome to it, Mr. being in a position to marry Sybil ed her to come very much. You see Brooks, "he answered. "I should ad- Don't look at me as though I were to lend on Improved Farms thought she would be sure to like vise you most earnestly to at once jus saying unkind things for I am not. and City Property. mother, and if she doesn't care for tify yourself-not to Mr. Lavilette, but I am only talking common-sense. What society, we might go to the theatre to the readers of his paper, whom he is your income?" HAULTAIN, CROSS & JONAH or the opera, and it would be a little may have influenced by his state-"About two thousand pounds, but BARRISTERS, SOLICITORS, ments. One charitable institution, ome of that-half, perhaps, goes-to NOTARIES PUBLIC, ETC. however different its foundation, or the society." Offices: Marsh Block, Scarth Street Regina, Canada. its method of working, or its ultimate "Exactly. It would be impossible "Well, she has always refused, but aims, leans largely upon another. Mr. for you to marry Sybil on the whole F. W. G. Haultain, K.C. J. A. Cross have been very persistent. I just Lavilette's attack, if unanswered, may of it, or twice the whole of it." E. B. Jonah. thought that she was perhaps a little affect the public mind with regard to "You want me, then," Brooks said. shy, or found it difficult to break many other organizations, which are "to be reconciled to my father. Yet **PEVERETT & HUTCHINSON** through her retirement-people get grievously in need of support." you-you yourself will not trust him." **General Agents** "If that is your opinion," Brooks an-"I have not expressed any wish of alone. So this morning I really went swered after a moment's hesitation, senting The London Assur for her, and I happened to be looking, "I will take the steps you suggest, the sort," Lady Caroom said, kindly. ance Corporation of England: London Guarantee and Accident Co.; "I only wish to point out that as things and I saw something in her face that and set myself right at once." "If you can do that thoroughly and are you are not in a position to ask The Sun and Hastings Saving and Loan Co.; The Royal Trust Company; clearly, "the bishop said, "you will Sybil to marry you, and therefore I The Sovereign Life Assurance Co.; underneath her quiet manner and selfmean this kindly for both of you. Of other first class companies. "There should be not much diffi- course if Sybil is absolutely in ear-SCARTH ST., over Imperial Bank, culty," Brooks remarked helping him nest, if the matter has gone too far, REGINA, SASK P.O. Box 710. self to omelette. "I never appealed we must talk it all over again and see for subbscriptions, but directly they what is to be done. But I want you began to come in I engaged a clerk and a well known firm of auditors, a time. Your father may live for (McGill) through whose banking account all the twenty-five years. If your relations Late of London and Vienna. money has passed." They have been with him all that time continue as EYE, EAR, NOSE AND THROAT EXCLUSIVELY. they are now, marriage with a girl only too anxious to take the matter Office: Northern Bank Building, Re brought up like Sybil would be an gina, Sask. impossibility." "I am more than pleased at your de-Office Hours-9 to 12, 2 to 5 and 7 to 8. cision, Mr. Brooks, the bishop said, Brooks was silent for several mom-'Phone 274. genially. "I rejoice at it. You will ents. Then he looked up suddenly. pardon my remarking that you seem "Has Lady Sybil said anything to DRS. BALL & HARVIE very young to have inaugurated and you-which has led you to speak to to carry the whole responsibility of a me?" Lady Caroom shook her head. work of such magnitude." (Over Dominion Bank) "No. She is very young, you know. Hours-9.30 to 16 a.m., 2 to 6 p.m., "The work," Brooks answered, "has largely grown of itself. But I have Frankly, I do not believe that she 7 to 9 p.m. knows her own mind. You have not Telephone No. 665. spoken to her, of course." "The sole responsibility rests "No!" "And you will not?" "I am arranging to evade it," ans STOREY & VAN EGMOND wered Brooks. "I am going to adopt "I suppose," Brooks said, "that Architects commercial methods and inaugurate must not think of it." a Board of Directors." "You must give up thinking about her, of course," Lady Caroom said, The bishop hesitated. SCARTH STREET. "Again, Mr. Brooks," he said, "I "until-P.O. Box 1344. Telephone 498 "TIntil what? must address a suggestion to you, "Until you can ask her-if ever you ASHTON D. CARROTHERS ogy. You have adopted methods and do ask her-to marry you in your pro-BARRISTER, SOLICITOR. expressed views with regard to your per name." NOTARY, Brooks set his teeth hard and walk scheme which are in themselves scarcely reconcilable with the point of ed up and down the little room. Telephone No. 598 "That." he said. "may be never." STRATHCONA BLK, 1721 Scarth St. view with which we churchmen are "Exactly," Lady Caroom agreed bound to regard the same question. Regina, Sask. "That is why I am suggesting that But if you thought it worth while be-

fore finally arranging your Board to you do not see her so often." He stopped opposite her. discuss the whole subject with me, "Does he-does Lord Arranmore it would give me the greatest pleasknow anything of this?" ure to have you visit me at the palace She shook her head. at any time convenient to yourself." "Not from me. He may have heard "I shall consider it a great privil-

ege," Brooks answered promptly, and whispers. To tell you the truth, I shall not hesitate to avail myself myself have been asked questions during the last few days. You have been of it." The little party broke up afterward seen about a good deal with Sybil and

but Lady Caroom touched Brooks on you are rather a mystery to people. That is why I felt compelled to speak." Money to Loan his shoulder, "Come into my room for a few min- He nodded.



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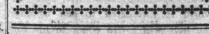
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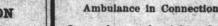
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