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"You are not willing to take my ord for it," he said, good-humoredly.
Well, I cannot boast of being a practical man; but, if I am rightly informed, one of the men employed in putting it here expressed a similar

opinion to my own."
"That is true," she assented; "but the others pooh-poohed the idea, and so do I. Nothing could look better than Hebe where she now stands, and so I decline to have her meddled with." "But if, when the rooms vibrate with the dancing, Hebe be shaken from her

pedestal?" "Then," retorted Vivlen, sarcastically, "Sir Innis Hatherfield will have the unspeakable pleasure of knowing that he was right and I was wrong." "I am not so mean-spirited," he said,

"as to exult over such petty victories.

It would give me more satisfaction if the sister of my old friend could sometimes rise superior to the very feminine pleasure of thwarting her advisers." 'Advice unsought and offered in a dictatorial tone, will never obtain with me," she cried, haughtily. "Nor do I see why the fact that I am Aymer Esselyn's sister is adduced as a reason

why I should imitate him in all things."
"Neither do I," was the slightly exasperating response. "Those qualities we admire in a man do not always please us in the softer sex; but excuse me, Lady Vivien, we are wandering into subjects on which it is plain that we shall never agree. Let me once more beg of you to let me remove that statue. I grant you that it is a pity to spoil so picturesque an effect as you have produced; but—"

"I am not at all inclined to have it epoiled," she interrupted, "Jones assured me that the bracket was strong enough, and I do not see why I should

Sir Innis bowed, and moved towards the door, intending to seek Lord Esselyn as soon as he entered the house, and refer the matter to him; but he had scarcely gone half a dozen steps when a faint cry from Lady Vivien was followed by a shriller scream from Cressida, who had been standing be-side her, open-mouthed, during the dis-pute. These exclamations of evident terror made him turn quickly round; but the mischlef was already beyond his power to avert. Tre statue was falling; the bracket,

unequal to its weight, had suddenly given way at one side, and Vivien, re-gardless of her own danger, was so eager to preserve the graceful Hebe from destruction, that she sprang towards, instead of from it, as soon as she saw that it was toppling over.

The whole affair was but the work of a moment. Cressida flung herself backward, and was saved from any inyury, except a few bruises on her elbows, which came in contact with a chair; but before Sir Lnnis could reach the spot or prevent the catastrophe, the statue was on the floor, minus the arms and head, while the Lady Vivien lay underneath it.
"I am not hurt," she protested, as

the baronet raised her in his arms and held her there with tender solicitude. "Oh, pray be quiet, Cressy. You'll bring everyone in the house here if you scream in that way, and I do so hate a fuss! I tell you I am not hurt!"

But she was frightfully pale, and the handkerchief Sir Innis had pressed to a cut just above her temple proved in-effectual in stopping the flow of the crimson stream that trickled from it. "Ah, she will bleed to death!" cried Cressida, wringing her hands. "I am sure she will; and I shall faint; I know

"You had better not," said fir Innis, speaking so sternly that she was startled into controlling herself. "I want help, and as there is no one else here, it is you who must give it to me. Let me have your handkerchief; mine is already useless. For it into a compress, please. You cannot? But you can touch the bell. Gently—gently! we do not want everyone in the house alarmed, nor Lady Vivien excited by a posee of people rushing in to pity her and tease her with questions. Thank goodness!" he muttered, under his breath, "they are nearly all of them gone to their dressing-rooms. Now, my dear Miss Smith, you will meet the servant at the door, ask him for a sponge and some cold water, and tell him to send the housekeeper here. Merely say Lady Vivien wishes to speak to

her directly Impressed by his manner, Cressida overcame her terrors sufficiently to listen to and obey all his directions. Luckily her screams had not penetrated beyond the closed doors of the ante-room, and none of the ladies lounging over

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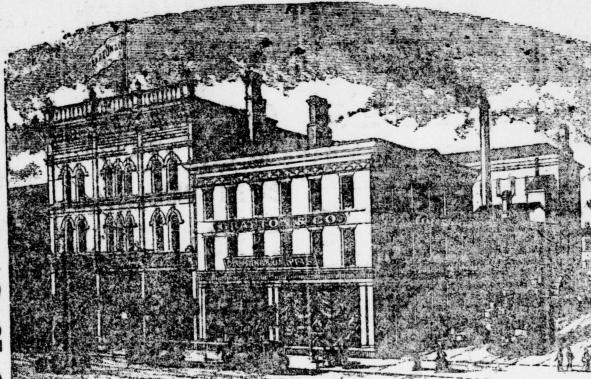
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dressing for the ball, had any conception of what was occurring below. The injured girl was still in the arms of Sir Innis, with her aching head pillowed on his shoulder. She could bear pain bravely, but like many of her sex, the sight of a scratched or cut finger filled her with nervous tremors, and she was now quite dependent upon

the pity of others. The baronet carefully supported her to a lounge; but though partially reassured by the cheerful manner in which he ralliled her on the headless condition of poor Hebe, she was no longer the proud and willful young lady who would not be gainsaid no matter what she willed. She was now only a weak, terrified woman, dizzy with pain, and clinging instinctively to the stronger-nerved and generous-hearted man who no longer remembered aught but her

He had just contrived to bring a smile to her white lips when she de-tected him in the act of whispering latter softly but rapidly quite the room. In spite of his care Vivien caught the words, "a surgeon immediately," and when the housekeeper, who had brought the min Boone's overcoat. something to Cressida, and saw the the water herself, went in search of offense at Wilson's act. He attempted some soft linen, she could no longer

"Am I seriously hurt?" she gasped. 'Oh, tell me, for I would rather know Sir Innie, who was on his knees be-

over her with tender concern: "Seriously? No-no, I hope not. Your head throbs very much, of course. Yet you escaped marvelously well under the circumstances. I did not know what to

think when I saw you lying on the floor so motionless." "But you are alarmed still, for you have thought it necessary to send for a doctor; you cannot stop the bleed-ing; and Mrs. Jones looked grave, and caught her breath when she saw my temple," Vivien tremulously persisted. "I am very cowardly, Sir Innis, I con-fees it. Oh, pity me, for I am dread-

fully frightened. His own hands trembled as he chafed her cold ones, and held them to his lips; but still he did his best to reassure her. His inability to stay the flow of the life-current was beginning to make him very uneasy, but he could not tell her this.

"Indeed, there is-there will be no danger if you will lie still and try to be calm. It is principally because my surgery is of the clumsiest that I have sent for more efficient aid." "But I am growing so cold-so faint,"

she signed, with her appealing eyes fixed on his. And then they closed, and her head drooped more helplessly on the pillows; but she did not lose her senses. he heard him send the first scared individual who peeped into the room in search of Lord Esselyn; and then he bent over her again, entreating her to look up, and swallow the wine he was holding to her lips, and she gleaned from his passionate pleadings that he, from his passionate pleadings that he, too, was not as calm as he had been.
"Viva, dearest Viva, try and make this one effort," she heard him say.
"My poor, pale darling, it will revive you—it will indeed! Oh, heaven, how slow they all are! Will help never

Vivien distinctly heard him mutter these last words, and then all was con-fusion, followed by a total blank, till

Marie, assisted by two of the maids, undressing her, and the countees sitting by, fretfully bemoaning herself. It ounted for nothing with this selfish woman that she had been spared as much as possible—the accident having been concealed from her till the medical man arrived, and was able to assure her friends that Lady Vivien was in no actual danger. She considered herself the principal sufferer by it, and talked accordingly.

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## THREE LIVES

A Texas Man's Joke Results in a Terrible Tragedy.

Dallas, Tex., Dec. 2.-Edward Wilson, a young man of prominence in Boone had been drinking, and took ten years in jail.

to assault Wilson. Constable James Driver and his son, David, and his son-in-law, Marcus side. These victims of the law's wrath O'Neal, attempted to quell the disturb-ance, and Boone opened fire on them. rope, ten lashes; John Foster, Constable Driver and his son were committed robbery, twenty lashes; shot dead. O'Neal, in return, shot Alexander Williams, who stole a biside her, bathing the wound with a shot dead. O'Neal, in return, shot touch as delicate as a woman's, bent Boone, who died in less than an hour.

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him at the door.
"Goodby!" they shouted, as he started out, and he kissed his hand to them in the window. But as they looked the smiles on their faces changed to expressions of horror. On the second step from the top Nelson's foot slipped, and he pitched forward into a big drift at the bottom. He lay face downward in the snow.

His wife hurried to him and tried to raise him, but he fell back limp and insensible. She spoke to him, but he did not reply. While she stood by the prostrate body a policeman came along. At her request he called the ambulance from St. Mary's Hospital. The surgeon in charge of it looked at the man lying in the snow-drift. "He's das streets, Sole Agent for London. dead," was all he said. Nelson's neck

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