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# The Younger Set!

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side of that dead line, treachery to

self and race and civilization! That is

my conclusion after a year's experi-

ence in hell." He rose and began to

pace the floor, fingers worrying his

She said slowly, her hands folded in

me at last. You've been turning round

you think you've made enormous prog-

ress, and you haven't. Dear, listen

to me. What you honestly believe to

be unselfish and high minded adher-

ence to principle is nothing but the

circling reasoning of a hurt mind-an

intelligence still numbed from shock, a

mental and physical life forced by

sheer courage into mechanical routine.

I tell you your life is not finished. It

is not yet begun! You need new du-

ties, new faces, new scenes, new prob-

lems. You shall have them. Dear, be-

lieve me, few men as young as you, as

affectionate as you, willfully ruin their

lives because of a hurt pride which

they mistake for conscience. You will

understand that when you become con-

valescent. Now kiss me and tell me

you're much obliged, for I hear Aus-

"Well, we've buried it now," breath-

ed Selwyn. "You're all right, Nina,

lo"-turning swiftly-"here's that pre

They exchanged a firm hand clasp,

Austin Gerard, big. smooth shaven, hu-

morously inclined toward the ruddy

in all the powerful symmetry and per-

big brother-in-law laughed scornfully:

due to lean over those infernal kids be-

fore I can have a minute with your

brother. Are they in bed yet? All

right, Phil. We'll be down in a min-

ute. There's tea and things in the li-

posterous husband of yours."

tin's voice on the stairs."

all again with another woman?"

"All right, dear. I'll-it's awfully generous of you-so I'll pay you a visit for a little while. You are very kind, Ninette." He sat partly turned from her, staring at the sunny window. Presently he slid his hand back along the bed covers until it touched and tightened over hers. And in silence she raised it to her lips.

They remained so for awhile, he still partly turned from her, his perplexed and narrowing gaze fixed on the window, she pressing his clinched hand to her lips, thoughtful and silent.

"Before Austin comes," he said at length, "let's get the thing over and buried as long as it will stay buried." "Alixe is here," she said gently. "Did you know it?"

He nodded. "You know, of course, that she's married Jack Ruthven?"

He nodded again. "Are you on leave, Phil, or have you "Resigned."

"I knew it," she sighed. He said: "As I did not defend the suit I couldn't remain in the service. There's too much said about us anyway-about us who are appointed from civil life. And then to have that hap-

"Phil, do you still care for her?" "I am sorry for her."

After a painful silence his sister said. "Could you tell me how it began,

"How it began? I don't know that either. When Bannard's command took the field I went with the scouts. Alixe remained in Manila. Ruthven was there for Fane, Harmon & Co. That's how it began, I suppose, and it's a rotten climate for morals, and that's how it began." "Only that?"

"We had had differences. It's been one misunderstanding after another. If you mean was I mixed up with another woman-no! She knew that." "She was very young. Phil."

He nodded. "I don't blame her." "Couldn't anything have been done? "If it could, neither she nor I did er knew how to do it, I suppose. went wrong from the beginning. It was founded on froth. She had been engaged to Harmon, and she threw him over for Boots Lansing. Then came along. Boots behaved like thoroughbred. That is all there is to it-inexperience, romance, trouble. She couldn't stand me, she couldn't stand the life, the climate, the inconvensences, the absence of what she was accustomed to. She was dead tired of ist all. I can understand that. And we went under, that's all-fighting each other heart and soul to the end. Is she happy with Ruthven? I never knew him and never cared to, I suppose they go about in town among the yellow set. Do they?"

"Yes. I've met Alixe once or twice. She was perfectly composed, formal, her milieu somewhat. It began with the influx of Ruthven's friends from the 'yellow' section of the younger married set-the Orchils, Fanes, Minsters and Delmour-Carnes. By the way. I'm dipping into the younger set | Nina and Austin are in the nursery myself tonight on Eileen's account. I telling bedtime stories and hearing asbrought her out Thursday, and I'm sorted prayers. The children seem to giving a dinner for her tonight." "Who's Eileen?" he asked.

"Eileen? Why, don't you-why, of course you don't know yet that I've taken Eileen for my own. Eileen is Molly Erroll's daughter, and the courts appointed Austin and me guardians for her and for her brother Gerald." "Oh!"

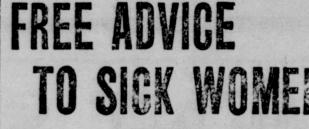
"Now is it clear to you?" "Yes." he said, thinking of the tragedy which had left the child so utterly alone in the world save for her brother and a distant kinship by marriage with the Gerards.

For awhile he sat brooding, arms loosely folded, immersed once more in

his own troubles. "It seems a shame," he said, "that a family like ours, whose name has always spelled decency, should find themmelves entangled in the very things their race has always hated and managed to avoid. And through me

"But no disgrace touches you, dear,"

she said tremulously. "I've been all over that, too," he said, It's all in the family, of course." with quiet bitterness. "You are partly right: nobody cares in this town. Even though I did not defend the suit. you all see through me in a few mopobody cares. And there's no disgrace, I suppose, if nobody cares enough even to condone. Divorce is no longer no ticed: it is a matter of ordinary occur rence, a matter of routine in some sets. Who cares except decent folk. fallen from throat and shoulder, settled And they only think it's a pity and wouldn't do it themselves. If Alixe found that she cared for Ruthven 1 don't blame her. Laws and statutes can't govern such matters. If she found she no longer cared for me, I could not blame her. But two people mismated have only one chance in this world-to live their tragedy through with dignity. That is absolutely all



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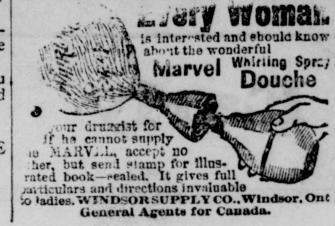
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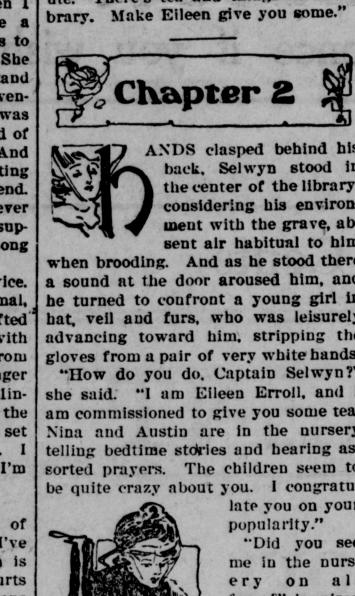
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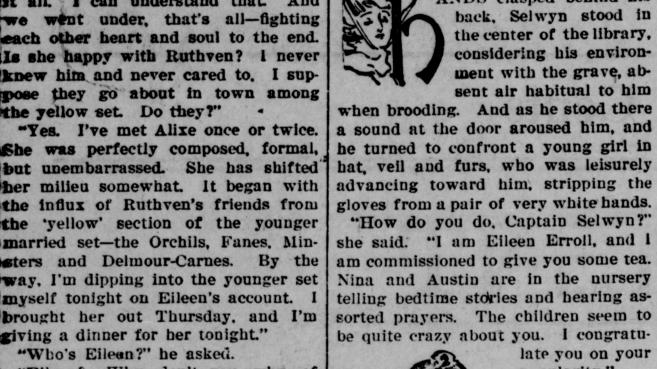
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when brooding. And as he stood there a sound at the door aroused him, and he turned to confront a young girl in advancing toward him, stripping the gloves from a pair of very white hands. "How do you do, Captain Selwyn?" she said. "I am Eileen Erroll, and I am commissioned to give you some tea. be quite crazy about you. I congratu-

Selwyn, recognizing her bronze red hair. Unfeigned laughter was his answer. He laughed, too, not

ery heartily. "My first glimpse of our legendary nursery warrior was certainly astonishing," she said, looking around at him with frank malice.

Then, quickly: "But you don't mind, do you? "Of course," he agreed with good grace; "no use to pretend dignity here;

She had given him his tea. Now she sat upright in her chair, smiling, distrait, her hat casting a luminous shadow across her eyes; the fluffy furs,

loosely around her waist. Glancing up from her short reverie she encountered his curious gaze. "Tonight is to be my first dinner dance, you know," she said. Faint tints of excitement stained her white skin; the vivid scarlet contrast of her mouth was almost startling. "On Thursday I was introduced," she explained, "and now I'm to have the gay-

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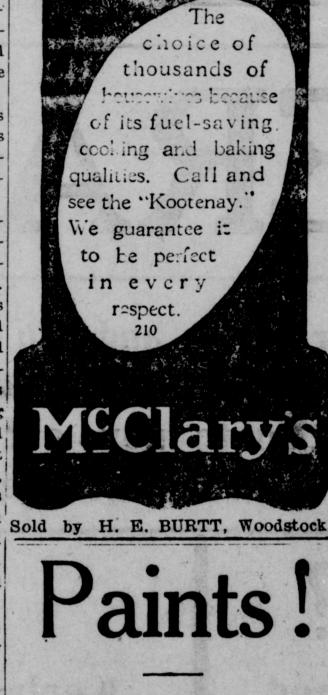
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