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A FEW TURNS OF THE FATE WHEEL.

It was certainly an unfortunate moment for John Castle to choose to put his fate to the touch, for Kate Manners was in the mood to turn on her dearest friend and the sight of John Castle, of all persons, was calculated to loosen her tongue considerably.

Leila Castle and Kate Manners were students at the Dotchley art school; Leila living at home with her family in Kelton road, while Kate lived in rooms alone. It had been pleasant for Kate, as she grew to know Leila better, to enliven her days by accepting the hospitality which the Castle family offered. They were kind to the lonely little student and she was grateful.

But latterly Kate had noticed a withdrawal of the hospitality; Mr. and Mrs. Castle bowed chillily when they met her. Leila became too busy to talk, and John, Leila's brother, seemed the only one who remained cordial. His cordiality, 1, deed, Kate was forced to admit, had decidedly increased, and she found it by no means unpleasant, though she fretted and wondered over the others.

Then came the afternoon when Leila dropped in to tea, and while pretending to wax confidential had lashed Kate's pride and temper.

The subject of Leila's confidence had been John's matrimonial hopes and plans, or, rather, the hopes and plans of the Castle family with regard to John. From hopes and plans Leila had then drifted on to a description, more realistic than polite of the style of girl who often sought to marry John, but who would never be welcomed, nor, indeed, tolerated by her parents or herself; from which point she slipped on to hints of the actual girl they all hoped and felt sure John would soon present to them as his future wife.

Then she took her departure. Kate clenched her hands as she sat thinking over the ugly word picture that Leila had drawn of herself as the artful, worldly entangler of John's affections. She could be scornful as well as they.

But a knock at the door interrupted her angry musings.

"Dr. Castle to see you, miss," said the

And there stood John himself. He did not beat about the bush. He

had come to ask Kate to be his wife, and he went straight to the point. He took the chair nearest to her, and be leaned became conscious of the "swish" of a forward and told his tale with his love bicycle still following. shining in his eyes.

and misery in the face which she turned to be contracting, her breath came painon him when he paused.

whose people would not tolerate mej" and after that a hill, up which it would she asked, in passionate scorn.

John started in amazement. Then the recollection of some home speeches to not face John, for she could only rely which he had listened lately sent the blood upon her strength. She was angry, morto his face.

"Don't talk in that way, Kate, my Castle, and therein lay her vulnerability. darling," he pleaded. "Nothing matters if you love me."

everybody in the world-you, and them, up the race to the last possible moment. and myself."

"What do you mean?" he burst out. "What have they-what have I done?" "Tell me!" she turned on him furiously. "Would your father and mother and

sister welcome me as your wife?" John hesitated; he was naturally truth-

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tinued. "You know they would detest me, and do all in their power to prevent such a marriage, and do you think I would fling myself at them, as you ask?" "But, Kate, dear Kate, it is madness

"Go away," she commanded. "I will not have you here. I am going to cry, but I am not going to yield, and I tell

you to go." John had not been in the room half an hour, and he wanted to stay longer, but having issued her commands Kate gave him no option; she went quickly into the

inner room and locked the door. So John was forced to go, but the love and rage in his heart were fierce.

How Kate spent the hours which followed most women know without being told; how John spent them most men can guess, but in the morning one idea, at any rate, inspired them both-though their motives appear to have been wide apart -for they both wheeled out their bicycles and mounted them.

Then the divergence of their motives was apparent. Kate, starting off impulsively dow the stretch of the road in which she lodged, longing only to get away from figure in the distance which had just turned the corner was the figure of John Castle, and without hesitation she wheeled about and sped the other way. That John was coming to see her she felt sure, but she devoutly hoped that he had not caught sight of her.

The roads were slushly, but the air was still, and the wild strength she brought to bear upon her pedals sent her flying over the ground. She realized, however, that the roads were no worse and the air was equally favorable to John if he chose to follow, and her anxiety became intense. As she turned into the busier roads she if it were so, the end seemed really to was forced to slacken pace, and the hind- justify the means rance set her fuming. She saw bicycles coming toward her, and through the clatter of carts and feet she seemed to hear the "swish" of others following her, but she dared not turn her head to see if the

one she dreaded was among them. After awhile, however, she left the clatter of traffic behind her, and the relief of the quiet was very great. In time though, she grew accustomed to it, and as she sped on, her ears or her imagination

The pace at which she was going be-But he was not prepared for the wrath gan to distress her. Her muscles seemed fully, She remembered that after the "Do you think I would marry a man level stretch came a sharp downward slope

be impossible for her to ride. She was growing desperate. She dared tified, resentful, but she loved John

The "swish" behind her sounded nearer. She could not stop. In the hurry "Love you!" she cried. "I think I hate of her thoughts she determined to keep There was little hope now of escape, but it was the only course-and anything ation south twenty-nine degrees. It is

and rugged. The road, too, narrowed gradually, the the slush was deeper. Kate literally seemed to fly over the ground, for she gave no thought to her brake. The "You know they would not," she con levelist behind seemed to be using the same

method. He was close upon her now, coming swiftly as an eagle.

As they neared the bottom Kate became conscious that a big black object was looming down the opposite hill, but she did not heed it.

thought she was conscious of as she swerv- ple who own the sway of the Great White ed close to the hedge to allow the big

behind her, a shout and a groap. She lost her nerve and swerved over into the hedge-and the race was over.

The shock half stunned her for some seconds; then she scrambed up and looked back. A wagoner was kneeling beside a the man who was lying very still-the man was John Castle.

John Castle lay motionless at the bottom of the wagon on that slow journey back, and Kate held his hand in an agony of love and fear and remorse, not daring to cry out, yet finding it almost uebearable to keep silence. Her heart was soft and humble enough

when she reached the home and saw the mother's misery, and she told her tale as gently as she could. Only when she everybody, realized suddenly that the turned to Leila did her bitterness rise "Last night your brother asked me to

be his wife," she said. "That," pointing to his still body, is the result of my refusal. If you wish to learn the result of my acceptance you shall come and ask me

And Leila did.

Acceptances of love are not in the recognized list of cures and antidotes, but one acted most successfully in the case of John Castle-so successfully, indeed, that once or twice Kate was tempted to think his conclusion a fraud. However,

LINEMAN DUNN,

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ticle of good, however, until I started on Dunn. The Field Secretary, Mr. Lucas then my suffering has been brief as my story is. Three boxes of Dodd's Kidney Pills cured me completely, and you are William Dunn, Telephone Lineman,"

Here is information, more precious than a gold mine to men who follow the same occupation as Mr. Dunn, and who are great sufferers from Rheumatism. Dodd's Kidney Pills will cure them as they cured Mr. Dunn.

Professor Lewis Swift, observer on Mount Lowe Observatory Echo Mountain, claims to have discovered last evening a new bright comet in Eradinus right ascension, three hours, 45 minutes, declinbright, has a short tail. It is just visible Then the slope began. It was steep to the naked eye, and is moving slowly.

Children Cry for

BRITAIN CAN WHIP THE WORLD.

The Newfoundland Telegram recently in an editorial on "Why England Could Whip the World" says: It is said that not the cleverest mathematician that ever put pen to paper is able to properly praise the full significance of the term "one billion ' And, for a similar reason, it is given to no man to realize the immensity' the wealth, and the strength of the British Empire. It is a subject to vast for human understanding. It cannot be focussed to the ordinary vision. The "man in the streets" reads about it, talks about it, is proud of it. But, when all is said and done, he knows very little more concerning its potentialities than does a baby in arms of Our hearts 'most faint within us, for the the world that lies beyond the ken of its nursery windows. Our statesmen, of course, know-vaguely. And the czars and kaisers, and princes who rule the destinies of other empires know. That is why they are so

CHARY OF ATTACKING US.

Even the telegram sending, mail-fisted German autocrat realizes perfectly that Britain, impregnable herself, could, if occarson arose, withstand successfully the world in arms. For, Britain, it should be remembered, is not so much as a federation of nations. Under our banners fight races so widely divergent as the Ghoorka and the Haussa, the Hadendown Arab and the Egyptian fellaheen, the Sikh and the Pathan, the wiry little Maltese and the mighty but laza Fijian, the "cornstalker" from Australia and the smart and sturdy Canadian, the Cannibal New Guinean, the plantain-eating West Indian black, and half a hundred others. In In-"Anything may happen," was the only dia alone are three hundred million peo-Queen, from whom, in case of necessity, we could draw a reserve of from forty to Next moment there came a slip, a crash fifty millions of fighting men. or rather more than double the total number of soldiers contained in the combined armies

of the entire civilized world. True, we are not credited, on paper, with the bloated ornaments of most of

OTHER GREAT POWERS.

But, on the other hand, our standing army is by no means so insignificant as many people suppose. Besides our Regulars, to the number roughly of 175,000 men, we have more than 263,000 volunteerseach of whom is at least equal, man for down and went to sleep! man, to a German landsturmer or a French reserviste-145,000 militia and about 11,000 Yeomanry. There is a reserve list of 100,000 men, each drawing his retaining fee of six pence a day, and each ready and willing to do his duty to fight and die in defence of queen and country. In India alone there are more than a quarter of a million native troops and to these must be added 170,000 native police, rearly soldiers, officers by European and 30,000 Eurasian and European volunteers, and a vast but indeterminate number of semiindependent native livies. Then there is Britain's navy, the biggest and most poworful the world has ever seen. In conclusion the article says, "If England ever has to fight for her existence against a world in arms, she must and will win, even if, in order to do so, she is compelled to devastate Asia, depopulate Europe and bankrupt Christendom.

HARCOURT PARISHS. S. CONVEN.

TION. The Harcourt Parish S. S. Convention met in the Presbyterian Church at Harcourt on March the sixth. Owing to bad Dundas, Mar. 13.—"Gentlemen-1 roads the attendance was not as good have been troubled with Rheumatism for it otherwise would have been. The two a year past, and have used several so- session-afternoon and evening were precalled cures. None of them did me a par- sided over by the Parish President A. a box of Dodd's Kidney Pills. Since was present and gave some very instructive Normal lessons, as well as helpful suggestions to teachers and superintendants-a good report was given from the welcome to make my statement public. Methodist and Presbyterian schools at Harcourt. The Union School at Mortimore and also at Grangville, although some of the schools showed a smaller attendance this was owing to removals, cold weather and sickness, and the interest by both formerly. Rev. J. K. McClure and Rev.

> MRS. JOSEPH LANGTRY, BROCKVILLE, ONT., SAYS. "I have used Dr. Low's Worm Syrup and I can say that it has done my children good. It never fails to act promptly." Price 25c.

W. E. Johnson gave brief, helpful ad-

A motion was agreed to in the House of Lords calling for a return to determine the number of confessional boxes in the system.

W. C. T. U. COLUMN.

"And let us not be weary in well-doing for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."-Galatians 6: 9.

A CALL TO ARMS. BY NELLIE RANKIN.

Drink, and the social evil, have joined them heart and hand,

pleasant land; Rise up, ye men of freedom, before the setting sun Goes down in mist and darkness on thy day's work yet undone.

Then up, and slav the evils, through New York policeman who in a drunken Christ the mighty one, Oh, let us sing the dawning of a better day to come;

giants hold the sway, And the souls of thousands perish o'er have protected it, and "drink caused all the brink of death's dark way.

Rouse, then, the God be with thee, his the hand that holds thee up, Strike for freedom, crush the serpent, sumed, thousands of homes are blighted, that lies coiling in the cup; Lord of hosts, oh, hear our pleading, at

the cross of Christ we bow, Neath its shadow keep us kneeling, come aud free and save us now. Barrie, Ont.

AN ITEMIZED ACCOUNT.

A prosperous liquor dealer was boasting to a group of men standing near his saloon of the amount of money he had

"I have made \$1,000 in the last three months," he said.

"You have made more than that," uietly remarked a listener.

"What is that?" was the quick response. "You have made my two sons drunkards. You have made their mother a broken hearted woman. You have made much more than that, I reckon, but you'll get the full account some day!"

LICENSED TO-MURDER.

Can it be true that murder is licensed anywhere in this Christian land? Verily, it is.

Edmuud Ayers drank liquor in a not already begun taking Hood's Sarsalicensed saloon, had his brain crazed, went out on the street, and killed the first man

Anthony Ellis drank with some com- the coming summer. panions in a man-trap duly authorized by the law, quarrelled with his best friend, struck him a fatal blow, and then lay

Both of the wretches will probably hang. There is great indignation against them. But why is there no indignation against the damnable system which authorizes the business of making crazy been in our midst, still it did not spread

Licensed to-murder! Yet that is what the people of this town are doing. And it is the same amazing, awful thing which is being done all over the land .- Epworth | West Branch contingent, are engaged in

The best of whiskey will get the best

Liquor bills are often paid at the

"Drink no wine" and you will not drink

isters of various denominations met and unanimously passed a resolution requesting the President and Congress "to prevent the introduction of the canteen saloon into Cuba, Porto Rico and the Philippines," and urging citizens to sign petitions already in circulation, asking for the suppression of the army saloons.

In a recent lawsuit for damages by reason of the enforced closing of a saloon, the proprietor swore that his sales were anticipate a pleasant time. \$30 a day, and his profits upon the sales D. J. has shed his snow shoes and now \$20. It is not to be wondered at that the drives a cutter, which, all things considsaloon dies hard, nor that the owners of ered, is more convenient. big breweries long since concluded to The St. Bernard dogs "are not in it" sale profit of the traffic. In a city of 20,- candy home from parties. 000 population one firm lately bought | Last Monday Mrs. Alex. Murray susthirty-four corner sites at an expense of tained a severe fracture of the right arm.

saw in Cuba have strengthened my faith but is still confined to her bed. in the justness of the fight against the teachers and scholars seemed greater then liquor traffic. Rum, wine and whiskey could be obtained when a drink of cold water was not to be had for any price. Those who drank suffered intensely. Those who have been in Cuba have learned that to drink alcoholic liquors is to take a short cut to death." Three hundred and seventy-two carloads of beer were sold in Camp Thomas. Two men from each company, aggregating a daily leave of 1,200 were permitted to visit Chattanooga, whose saloons were always accessible. He deprecated the fact that the army regulations permitted the canteen

Church of England churches in England. | Can inns, hotels, or saloons prove any- the blood.

thing but a curse to educational institutions when located in their neighbourhood? Within a period of ten years all the saloons have been forced out of the sight of the University of Pennsylvania, and to a distance not within easy access of the campus. As a result, the moral tone, the deportment, and the class standings of this institution are noticeably improved. And no one will venture to affirm that the students who have no visible tempta-To lay in waste the cities of this goodly, tion from "hell's half-acre" during their student hours are the weaker, or that their

> liberty has been lessened or hampered. "Drink has caused all this." These were the dying words of the wife of a rage shot and killed his wife, his two children, his mother and himself. A whole family was exterminated by the murderous haud of the father who should this." Just such terrible things are being caused by drink every day. Every year a thousand millions of dollars are conmultitudes of children go ragged and hungry, numberless accidents, fires, drownings, brawls, riots, suicides. and murders occur, and thousands have their rotten bodies buried in drunkards' graves, and "drink has caused all this." Imagination cannot pile up all the horrors of this curse. In the day of judgment there will be an awful record of sin and crime against which may be written the verdict, "Drink has caused all this."

March and the Lion

Something Better Than the Old Saw

The saving about the lion and the lamb in March often proves false, but there is another and a better one which is literally true. When March comes in and finds you taking Hood's Sarsaparilla to purify, enrich and vitalize your blood, you may expect when it goes out, that it will leave you free from that tired feeling and with none of the boils, pimples and eruptions which manifest themselves because of impure blood in the spring. If you have parilla for your spring medicine, we advise you to begin to-day. We assure you it will make you feel better all through

MAIN RIVER.

Seeing nothing from our quiet locality ome time, I felt as if we were left out in

Although no one requires a receipe for scandal, still a disease chicken pock, has throughout the district only two families, Mr. Sullivan't and Mr. Graham's, (p. m.)

All our enterprising farmers, and the lifting mussel mud.

Ernest took a half holiday last week to visit Richibucto friends. He returned with Maggie, but not the Maggie, (she is expected later.)

It would be only fair, in the interests of the community, for Mr. McWilliams, (road master,) to warn the young gentiemen not to snow-shoe in the centre of the Recently, in New York city, forty min- lanes, as it makes them more difficult to break out in the spring.

> Mr. M. Graham has recovered from his recent illness and returned to his work up

> Our worthy Post Master took a flying trip to Moncton last week. He was ascompanied to Buctouch by Mrs. Allanach.

We trust the concert at Nicholas River, billed for the 15th, will materialize, as we

pocket the retail rather than the whole- with Rover, as he always takes a treat of

Dr. McWilliams was called to attend her A returned soldier says: "The sights I and she is improving under his treatment,

> Ned must not take nocturnal vigils else the ghost may appear again.

> March has been abnormally mild so far so much so that butterflies have been seen in this vicinity recently.

> We hear that the school at James Mc-Dermott's is soon to re-open, much to the delight of some of our young men, who formerly found it very pleasant to take an evening stroll in that direction.

WHITE WINGS.

Spring tiredness is due to an impoverished condition of the blood and is cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla, which enriches.