Lilly Ashford had known Mattie Carson ever since they were school children. Afterward at the seminary they became dear friends and vowed eternal friendship, wrote valentines to each other on the 14th of February, exchanged gifts at Christmas time, and vowed that nothing could ever cloud their mutual confidence

in each other. Lilly, who had an affectionate heart, really did love Mattie; it was not merely because it looked well to have a charming girl friend and to adore her that she leaned on Lilly's arm and showered kisses on her cheeks, but Mattie, who was utterly selfish, only felt that a blonde and a brunette looked more charming together than apart, and that as Lilly had the pleasantest home it was a good thing to be her intimate.

However, as we cannot look into the hearts of our friends, and can only judge never occurred to her that all the active kindness was on her side. Many a pretty gift helped out Mattie's wardrobe. Many a have been thought of; and thus as the girls grew older the first trouble arose, as usual, with the first lover. Mattie was a flirt, and though she had attention enough to satisfy her-attention which came spontaneously -she valued nothing so much as the jealousy of another woman. For awhile she spared Lilly rather from motives of policy when Robin Wadsworth really seemed to forget her in the presence of her friend, all the old days were forgotten, and the girl set herself to work, as she well knew how, pleased that her friend should be the friend of the man to whom she was on the verge of an engagement, but finally even her gentle heart awakened to the truth. "I never would have believed it," she

sighed to herself. "Mattie of all people she tries to do it, and yet she does not love him. It she loved him I should only be

And then in her frankness she resolved to speak to Mattie.

"It Mr. Wadsworth likes me best, how can I help it," said Mattie, pouting and pulling away the petals of a great jackrose that she wore in her fichu when the on the ground. People were mounting speaking had been done. "I can't be horses, getting into wagons and driving off. expected to make myself hideous. In these things it's what you can get; don't a neighbor who hurried past. you know that, Lilly, you great baby. Cut | "Went home with Tommy, who had Oh, if I had a girl like that! me out if you can, I don't object.

"Oh, but you see, it's not like anybody else, Mattie," said the innocent Lilly. "Robin likes me much the best, only you make him seem as it he liked you, by things you do, and I don't like people to think that of somebody I-expect to be engaged to."

"Of course you don't," said Mattie, laughing. "Well, if you are jealous, I suppose I must try not to be agreeable. Indeed, I said so to Mr. Wadsworth last night, and he said I couldn't manage that if I tried; and if you are engaged you ought to wear your ring.

"Oh it is not quite that yet. Mamma must be asked, and this is in utter confidence," said Lilly, blushing. "I would say it to no one else on earth.

She felt sure that Mattie understood now and would flirt with Robin no more. But Mattie was in a very different state of mind from that in which she supposed her to be. Lilly had dared to question the possibility of Robin's admiration for her, and she was determined to show her power.

"Little yellow-haired thing, with nothing to say for herself," she thought contemptuously. "She shall see what Robin Wadsworth thinks of me.

There was no quarrel between the friends, Wadsworth, as stable in his love as most men, and no more, while he still thought Lilly Ashford the sweetest girl he ever knew, began to think Mattie Carson one of the brightest, and delayed his proposal a little longer, with a sort of-

"How happy could I be with either, Were t'other dear charmer away,"

Meanwhile, the great church picnic took place. Three congregations, at the same time, met in Morton park. There was a feast for the children of the Sunday schools, and picnic lunches for everybody. Families and large parties went together. The beaux were on the ground when the girls arrived, unless where two young people wished to be considered engaged. A few months before, Robin Wadsworth would have been anxious to prove his "intentions" by proposing to be Lilly's escort on this occasion. Now he felt that there were two charming girls to be met, and that he preferred to leave himself free-for that occasion at least. And Mattie, who took great care to be on the ground early, stood watching for his coming, as she talked in the most charming manner, apparently without a thought of anything else, to Mrs. Doty, the minister's good old mother, who, fortunately, sat on a camp-chair just where every arrival could be seen. As for Lilly, just at the last moment, her

father, who was a physician, was called to a patient fifteen miles, and her mother decided not to go without him.

"Old Mrs. Barker will drive you over, Lilly," she said. "Papa will have the horse with him, and I don't care to hire a strange one, even if it could be got today. I really don't care. I ought to pick the Bartlett pears and wrap them in blottingpaper. You go and have a good time. Mrs. Barker has only little Tom to take

lack of attention; there were admirers in knew it. plenty for her pale brown hair and Madonna eyes: but the day was all dust and was repaired, the horse harnessed, and ashes to her, for all that.

counted the moments.

It was nearly four o'clock when a shower came up, which sent people flying to the shelter of their wagons and carriages and to the great tent in the center of the woods. Just as the first drops tell, little Dolly Grey, Lilly's favorite scholar, came running to her with the cry:

"Oh, Miss Lilly, I've lost my blue beads | Lilly."

Lilly glad of an excuse to leave the group that had gathered about her, excused herself to help Dolly look for the beads. They found them at last, and Dolly ran gleefully away with them; but Lilly stayed where she left her, under the shelter of an overhanging rock. It was a good distance from the tent, from the wagons, from the spot where Mattie hung on Robin Wadsworth's arm, and Lilly did not know that he had just made up his mind to seek her out and devote the rest of the day to and the nicest basket phaeton in the town, her society-the fag-end certainly; but, then, he had resolved to see her home.

He looked about and could not see her. He asked Mattie "where Miss Ashford had them by their words and deeds, Lilly was hidden herself?" but Mattie "could not quite content. She was generous, and had think." And at that opportune moment more in her power than Mattie, and it up came the Rev. Mr. Doty with his mother.

"If I could but find some one to drive ma home!" said this young clergyman, whose filial devotion was talked about new piece of music or new book became everywhere. "I can't leave the school, hers, which she could not have afforded; and the rain is dreadful for ma's rheumaand, as Lilly Ashford's friend, she was in- tism; but everyone has his duty, andvited where she would otherwise never dear me, I wish there was some one to drive ma home!"

Robin had really turned away at this moment; he was now anxious to find Lilly. Mattie knew it well.

"Oh, Mr. Doty, here is Mr. Wadsworth," she said, with quite an air of proprietorship. "He will be too glad to drive Mrs. Doty. No matter about me, Mr. than for the sake of their friendship; but Wadsworth. I never catch cold. Go. now; don't apologize.'

"So greatly obliged," said Mrs. Doty. "And it's a shame for an old lady to carry off a young gentleman from the young to make him at least appear inconstant. ladies, that he must like so much better," Lilly, generous and kind, was at first said old Mrs. Doty; but she took the

> "We'll get you home out of the rain as fast as we can, Mrs. Doty," said Robin, meaning to hasten back in time to see Lilly home after all.

> Meanwhile Lilly had had "a cry," and was obliged to stay in her concealment until her eyes looked better. She did not know how fast people were going away. At last she came out from under the rock, to see only Mattie and red-whiskered, redfaced Captain Carver standing together while he coaxed a frisky horse to stand still while Mattie got into his buggy, still

> made himself sick with something, an hour

beaux would take care of you." "I will," said the captain, gallantly. The neighbor was off.

"Indeed," said Lilly, "I wouldn't trouble you for the world; and there's stopped the scandal on the spot, held her only room for two in your buggy, cap-

"Oh, we'll make room for three. I like such crowding," said the captain, whose breath smelled of whiskey, and who was not

He was not greatly pleased, for he had calculated on having Mattie to himself; but he was gallant or nothing. Mattie was angry, for this spoiled flirtation; but she beamed on Lilly, and said:

"Oh, my dear Lilly, we're neither of us so very large. I shouldn't have troubled the captain but that Mr. Doty asked Mr. Wadsworth to drive his mother home," she added, smiling more charmingly than ever. "Oh, Mr. Wadsworth did look so unhappy I had to laugh.'

"Cussed lucky thing for me," said the captain, wedging himself in between the girls and driving off.

horse was restive; at the first turn of the road it became unmanageable. The capbut they fell apart somehow; and Robin | tain felt that there was nothing for it but to give him his own way.

"You see, he'll stop after a while, if I do," he explained to the terrified girls, "and I can't risk your lives. Hold on as fast as you can. Don't jump, for heaven's

Away they went, over the bridge, along the edge of a precipice; how long, how far, they never knew. At last, the buggy was driven against a tree, a wheel came off, and the horse stood still.

Neither of the girls was much hurt, though their clothes were ruined. The captain had sprained his wrist, and had a blue lump on his forehead. The horse was quite calm and contented. Had the captain been sober, he never would have made a mistake in harnessing the horse; but as it was, he had. Something had tortured the poor beast into fury; that was the cause of his conduct. It was raining fast. The captain, a very

solemn man, indeed, now, led the way through the twilight to a little wayside tavern, and explained matters. The landlord was sympathetic, and the blacksmith happened to be drinking at the bar. The buggy was examined. It could be repaired in the course of two or three hours; but there was no other wagon to be hired.

"Nothing for it, ladies, but to wait here," said the captain, coming back to them, as they sat in the parlor, now lit by a flaring kerosene lamp; "but we'll have supper and be as jolly as possible."
"Mamma will be so terrified!" said

Lilly. "What shall I do?" "I shall get a scolding," said Mattie. "Grandpa always scolds me for every-

The captain, who had refreshed himself, was "jolly" again. Tea, fried ham, toast, sliced tomatoes and a great slack-baked apple-pie were set forth.

Lilly was glad to drink the tea; her head So Lilly, waiting for Mrs. Barker, who ached terribly. Mattie, though the captain at first could not find Tom and then had to was actually intoxicated, now was apparto wash him over again, to lecture him and ently perfectly happy. They let Lilly sit Lilly Ashford's birthday; it will be in her to find him another clean collar, arrived at | where she wished, in a chair near the winthe picnic grounds at least an hour after dow, with her tea, and there was in the Mattie had seized on Robin Wadsworth good girl's estimation too much romping and with a merry laugh declared that he behavior that was not elegant. The capshould not go until he had seen how beau- tain kissed Mattie twice and sat with his tifully the children's tables were arranged. arm about her waist. He was worth a day party that Robin offered his hand and own but that of some other person. This

they drove away quietly over the mud-"The long, long day—will it never soaked road. Lilly saw that the captain had no chance to sting her; and her only end?" she thought. She talked and ate kept his arm about Mattie most of the way. and laughed as the others did, but she Fortunately he left her to herself. Near tie Carson, whose name Robin Wadsworth old Mr. Carson's little place was a shady could never bear to hear mentioned.

bit of road thick with trees, dark even on a bright night. Here Mattie touched the

captain's arm. "Captain." she said, "let me get down here softly, and I can get to my own room by the kitchen stairs and dodge grandpa's scolding. Good night. Good night,

She slipped down as the captain stopped, and they could not see where she went. Then they drove on to where the doctor's house, showing bright lights in its windows, glowed in the darkness of the rainy

"They are frightened to death, I know," cried Lilly. "Oh, mother, here I am, all

"Mother, father, the hired girl Nora, the farm hand Jack, all rushed out. "It's two o'clock Lilly," cried the doc-

tor; "what has been the matter?" "I'll tell you-nothing-nothing-that matters," cried Lilly. "Good-by Captain Carver; thank you for bringing me home," she cried in her clear young voice, rejoiced at last to be rid of him.

By this time the captain was too tipsy to speak. He shook the reins; his horse went on its way. A window opposite went

softly down. The neighbor to whom Lilly had last spoken on the grounds, had shut it,—Mrs.

"My goodness," she said to her husband, "here is Dr. Ashford's daughter, Lilly; been out alone with that dissipated captain, until two o'clock, and I saw her leave the park with him at five o'clock."

"Oh, bother," upheld the spouse, "what business is it of ours?" But from this little seed a scandal grew.

Lotstown was very moral, and it liked gossip. Here, there and everywhere the story ran. Alone from five until two o'clock at night with a dissipated man like Captain Carver. There was your bit of correctly. The prize winner is Miss Agnes perfection for you, they said. The village Blizard, 30 Orange street. Correct anrang with the tale, and Robin Wadsworth heard it in twenty shapes.

It was at Mrs. Christopher's tea, Mrs. Christopher had mentioned why she did not invite Lilly Ashford. "The story is really true," she said;

"Mrs. Birch saw them come home." Mattie Carson, with a gentle deprecating

glance, looked at Mrs. Birch and shook "Oh, no, Mrs. Birch," she said.

"You always stick up for your friends, know, Miss Mattie," said Mrs. Birch, "but she has gone too far. I heard the captain say he'd take care of her, at the Park. Some other lady stood near themwho it was I didn't notice-but I hurried on, and at two that night-yes, at two-the family had been wild with fright, home she "Where is Mrs. Barker?" asked Lilly of came, and 'Good-bye Captain; thanks for taking care of me.' As bold as brass.

Alone with Captain Carver o'clock."

ago," replied the woman. "Said the Robin looked at Mattie. He felt that she must know her friend, and she who could have spoken, who could have said: "We were together. Lilly and 1," and so "Do you believe this?" asked he, in a

few moments, looking earnestly into Mattie's eyes. "Is it like your friend?" And Mattie, oh, cruel Mattie, answered: "Oh, Mr. Wadsworth, you heard what

Mrs. Birch said. I am sure she saw what she says she did." "I'll never trust blue angel eyes again,"

thought Robin Wadsworth. And Mattie was nearer her mark than

"May I see you home?" Robin had said, and she had smiled a "yes," when a pull at the bell announced an arrival. Capt. Carver, not invited; but a bachelor is always welcome. He enters. He is urged to take tea, and he seats himself at the table just opposite Mattie Carson.

"You here, Miss Mattie?" he cried, in his loud voice, "why, how are you. For-The captain had been drinking. His given me yet? Oh, I did want to shake myself. That horse has always behaved himself well before, though. Mrs. Christopher, have you heard how I came near

killing two young ladies the other night?" "Oh, no; do tell us, captain," says Mrs. Christopher. amiable as ever to the male

"Don't tell, captain," cries Mattie, white to the lips, but he does not hear or

"It was after the church picnic," he says loudly. "I had asked to drive this young lady home; and poor little Miss Lilly Ashford, who had somehow been left behind, came along, with her big, frightened eyes, looking for her party, and I asked the pleasure of her company, too. By Jove, we'd hardly started, when the horse ran away, wrong direction, smashed the buggy, pitched the ladies out into the mud. By Jove, I thought they were killed. But you were plucky, both of you, Miss Carson; and there we were at a little tavern out Bushwick way until, heaven knows what hour. I know Dr. Ashford said it was two o'clock when we got home. A horse, ma'am, that never dreamed of running away before."

There was silence in the room; every eye turned on Mattie. She, whiter still,

set her teeth together. It was Mrs. Christopher who spoke. "Then you were with Miss Ashtord?" she said. "She was not alone?"

The captain, understanding nothing, laughed softly. "Yes, they'll not forget that ride soon

I'm afraid," Mattie had risen to her feet. "Perhaps I'd better go," she panted.

'Good evening." Her hostess bowed without a word. The captain sat staring; people looked

at each other. "I'm sure," said Mrs. Birch apologetically, "I did not know the young ladies were together, or of the accident, or-" "It doesn't make any matter," said Mrs.

Christopher. "I shall give another little

honor. I hope you'll all come." "What on earth does it all mean?" asked the captain of Robin Wadsworth;

but Robin did not tell him. It was going home from that little birth-Doctor Ashford's pretty daughter had no hundred thousand dollars, and Mattie heart to Lilly; and as she liked him, and is our first premium offer to the boys and thought herself the happiest girl alive, it is girls—to those outside of the city of St. knew it.

At half-past eleven o'clock the carriage was repaired, the horse harnessed, and they drove away quietly over the mud-



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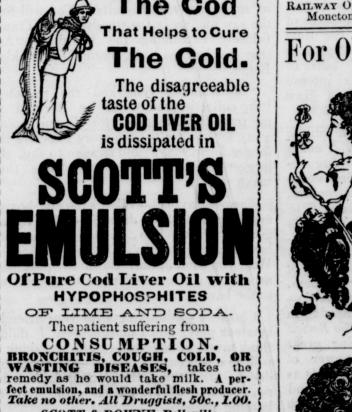
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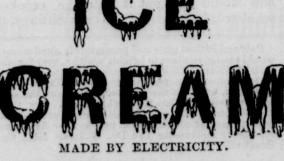
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