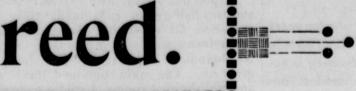
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THE LITTLE DUCHESS.

He was the clerk of the cash in a huge big shop beneath his feet, and, in his slow, quiet style, study the ways of the numberless assistants whose life-books thus opened to him so many of their pages.

Lately there had come to the place a head with such dignity, that he had whimsically had named her to himself "The Little Duchess." He liked to look down and catch a glint of her hair's sunshire when his brain was dulled with calculating change, and his fingers ached with shutting journeys. And he used to wonder greatly the next customer paid £2 10s, and—and heard of. cash-balls and dispatching them on their and the quality descanted on with so persuasive a smile. There were handsomer than have stolen the £5, Mr. Walters." girls in the shop, girls with finer figures and better features; but to the boy in his mid-air cage there were none with the nameless dainty charms that made the

Little Duchess so lovable. For, of course, he did love her. In less than two months he had begun to watch for her cashball with a trembling eagerness, to smooth out and stroke gently the bill her fingers had written, and to wrap it and all confused, and the check leaf isn't the bered too well. its change up again with a careful tenderness that, I may assure you, no one else's | it right, and when the books are compared change and bill received. He had spoken to night it will be noticed, and I shall get to her half-a-dozen times in all; twice at the door on leaving-weather remarks, to which she had responded graciously; once or twice about bills that she had come to rectify at the desk, and once he had had the great good fortune to find and return a handkerchief she had dropped. Such a pretty, ridiculous atom of muslin it was, with a fancitul "Nellie" taking up one quarter, and some delicate scent lending a subtle fascination that had made it a real wrench for the lad to take it from his breast pocket and proffer it to her.

So great a wrench, indeed thathe proffered his love, too, humbly, but fervently, and received a very wondering look from the grey eyes, a badly-concealed smile, a "Thank in his books so that the £5 in question you" for the handkerchief, and a "No,

thank you," for the love. He had kissed her, though, and that was some consolation afterwards to his sore spirit, kissed her right upon the sweet scarlet lips which had said "No" so decidedly, and then, bold no longer, had fled the shelter of the triendly packing-cases, and beaten a retreat to his desk aloft.

That was nearly a tortnight ago; not once since had she spoken to him, and today he was feeling desperate.

It had been a very busy morning, and be had found hardly a second to raise his eyes from his work; the once that he had looked down she had been dusy with a customer, a girl prettily dressed and golden-headed like herself. That had been at abo t ten o'clock; before twelve her cash-box, with the notch upon it that his penknife had made, rolled down its line, and he opened it as he had opened it twenty times that morning; but this time it bore his tate. Besides the bill there was a little twisted note with "John Walters, p ivate," written upon it, and the boy's very heart leaped at the sight. Down below, customers wearily waited for change, and anxiously watched for their own particular ball while the deus ex machina read again and again, with eager eyes, "Please will you meet me at lunch-time on the Stranc? Do, if you can. I am in trouble. You said you loved me." Then, as he began mechanically to manipulate the waited place of the little Duchess. She was sir, I have never misapplied one farthing pale, he saw, and her lips tremble oddly of my money." now and again. There was a frightened look in her gray eyes, once or twice he thought he noticed a sparkle as of tears.

At lunch-time he actually tore through the shop and away down to the appointed place. She was there, still pale, still nervous and fluttering.

quieter," he said, putting a great restraint | money and brought it back this morningupon himself; then, when at last they were | don't ruin my whole life for that one act." within the gates, "God bless you for this, Nellie!"

"What?" said the girl, with uncertainty, but not looking at the dark, rugged face that was all aglow with love for her. .. For telling me about the worry-ask-

ing me to come. Oh, God bless you,

Nellie! Now tell me." for it, of soft white Liberty silk, such pity, curiosity, and disdain that met him Indian invasion, and long before the

"That was on account; I was only taking a little credit like other customers," said lite he would remember that rose-red satin the Little Duchess, with a haughty move- and its brilliant, glancing lights. ment of the head.

a halfpenuy."

-I only sent 10s. up to you-I wanted to

"Or course, of course, I understand,"

"And then that horrid Mr. Grerves, who signed first in a hurry, asked for my same as I sent you. I hadn't time to make into trouble, and oh, I am so miserable!" The Little Duchess was sobbing pitifully.

He kissed her this time in earnest, on the lips, the cheeks, the hair, the tear-wet eyes. I think he would be kissing her her still, only a gardener's form, and especially his smile, obtruded themselves slowly towards him, and for a minute they upon their notice, and they sat apart looking foolish till the two o'clock bells made them hurry back to the shop.

"I'll put everything right-don't you worry," he said, and she smiled relievedly

and went to her counter. That atternoon he did what all the other years of his life he had deemed impossible for him to do. He made a great alteration would not be missed. Tomorrow, he resolved, he would take £5 of his own and Little Duchess should be his debtor and run

no more risks. But, alas for the morrow! Ere he had fairly taken his seat in the morning, before Nellie had finished fastening at her neck the violets he had brought her, some words were said at his elbow, and he slowly became aware that he-surely it was a dream !-was arrested for detalcations in his accounts. He learned that they for some time past had been aware of considerable discrepancies in the books, and had placed a detective-accountant in the office. Last night, for the first time, the man had discovered, as he thought, a clue, and had convinced the firm that in Walters

he had tound the offender. The lad was ashen pale, horror-stricken, as he realized how these things mus; go against him. He could not drag in the name of the Little Duchess-even it he did, it would not avail him much; he certainly had altered his book, and to mention the girl's share would only be to have two of them brought to trial and perhaps to gaol. The Little Duchess in gaol. That hair catching the prison-yard sunshine. That slender form clad in the garments of shame! very wistful glance at the silk counter, and | you." then walked straight to the manager's

room, followed by the policeman. "I took the £5 yesterday and brought ing balls, he looked down to the accustom- it back to-day. On my oath before God,

His voice trembled in its eagerness, the deep-set eyes gleamed, and the white lips

"Your purpose, Walters?"

The manager looked hard, disbelieving. "Direst need. Oh, believe me, sir, 1 have served you three years honestly as sense. A dog and a cat, according to the "Let us go to the Gardens. It's man can serve-yesterday I borrowed this

"Your pressing need yesterday?"

John drew a deep breath again. "I—can't well tell you." Then the heads of the firm came in, indignant at their misused trust, and they scorned his story. The detalcations amounted to almost £50 in all, and he had confessed to £5, which had been found She sat down on a seat and began to upon him. Of course, he and no seasons of drought to migrate suddenly to cry, quietly and miserably, till the boy other was the offender, and they must some distant place—fifty miles away, perhap was almost beside himself. At last, between teach their employes a lesson. So —where rain has fallen. A slight breezes the sobs, he learned her trouble, which John walked down that long shop by from that quarter is enough to set them off. was grave indeed. She and her sister had the side of the official, his head very erect, A still more striking phenomenon is, he very much wanted to go to a certain ball his face pale and his knees shaking; all says, familiar to every frontiersman. The and, more than that to have new dresse his life he would remember the glances of guacho horse has the greatest terror of an

as she cut off daily for fortunate customers. on every side. As he passed the silk marauders reach the settlement—often when But her purse was empty, so in their counter the Little Duchese was measuring they are still a full day's journey from it—

After the trial everyone thought him "On Saturday I was going to make out fortunate to get only two years and the slight, grey-eyed girl, who wore her black a bill for an imaginary customer and send Little Duchess, who had grown thin and dress with such grace, and held her small the £3 up to the desk to you. Don't ancient looking, breathed freely as she imagine I would really wrong the firm by read the account in the papers and saw that her name was not even mentioned in "Oh, no," said the boy, eagerly; "It's all connection with the matter. He wrote to her a loving, boyish letter, and told "That's not all." The girl began to cry her she must be true to him till he came again, hopelessly, miserably. "I had no out, and that then they would be married to get the dresses made, and and go away where this could never be

It was no small thing he had done for her, silks and satins when their lustre and sheen | make it just \$5 I had borrowed. I thought | he knew, and as he was no more than were displayed by her slim little fingers I might borrow enough, as I was borrow- human he expected his reward. And the ing-don't forget, I would rather have died Little Duchess had cried quietly over the letter, and for several days cut off silk and satin with a pensive, unhappy look that said the cash clerk, seeing that it was a quite touched her customers—those few worse fix then he had imagined, but long- among them who realized that it was to take her in his arms and kiss away the human flesh and blood at the other side of the yard measure.

Twenty months later the Little Duchess was at the same counter measuring silk book and took it for something, and then and satin for the stock-taking, when a note sent it up to the desk, and the figures are was brought to her in a writing she remem-

"I got out today, Nellie-come down to the Gardens in the lunch-time."

She hesitated when the time came; but, you see, he might come to the shop, and that would never do. So she put her hat on thoughtfully and set out for the Domain. He was awaiting her on the seat where, nearly two years ago, the gardener had smiled at them. He stood up as she came gazed at each other without speaking.

She was in black, of course, but fresh and dainty looking, with a bunch of white chiffon at her throat, with her little tan shoes, and her hair showing golden against the black of her lace hat.

For him, his face had altered and harunsightly, his clothes hung awkwardly upon him, and his linen was doubtful.

"The Little Duchess!" he said, dully: pay it into the account of the firm. The | then he put out his hand, and took her small gloved one and looked at it curiously. "I-I am glad you're out," she said,

carefully looking away from him. "Yes-we must be married now, Nellie; that's all I've had to think about all this awful time."

His face flushed a little under its tan and his eyes lightened. "It's good not to see the walls," he added, looking round at the spring's brave show, then away to the blue sparkle in the

bay and the glancing sails. "We mustn't talk of that time, though, ever, ch, Nellie?" "No," she said, regarding her brown

shoes intently. His eye noted the smooth roundness of her cheek, the delicate pink that came and went, the turn of the white neck. "Aren't you going to kiss me, Nellie?"

he said, slowly; and he drew her a little strangely and awkwardly to him. Then she spoke. "I knew it wouldn't be any use, and you'd never have any money or get a place after this. We couldn't be married on

nothing, and it would only drag you dow The boy drew a deep breath, gave one to have me, too. I'm not worthy of "Well, Little Duchess." he said, softly, as she stopped and faltered; a slow smile crept over his face, and his deep-set eyes

lighted up with tenderness. Not worthy, his Little Duchess! Then the crimson rushed into her face, and she flung up her head defiantly.
"I married the new shop-walker, four

Scented From Afar.

Most animals have at least one sharp fable, lay in a dark room "Hark! I feel sure I heard a feather

drop," said the dog. "Oh no," said the cat; "it was a needle. I saw it."

Whatever may be true of domesticated horses, the wild horse of the South American pampas possesses a most acute and tarreaching sense of smell. Hudson, the wellknown naturalist, speaks of it as a common occurrence for the horses of a district in

emergency the sister had hit upon a a piece of rose-red, sheeny satin, that all the borses take the alarm, and come plan, questionable, indeed, but not dis- gleamed warm and beautiful beneath her flying wildly in. The horned cattle quickly honestly meant. The sister came to the hands. She was very white, and in her teel the contagion, and a general stampede ing balls gave him a moment's leisure, used silk counter and purchased thirty yards eyes was a look of abject horror and ento look down from his high perch at the of silk, paying 15s. for it instead of £2 15s. treaty. His eyes reassured her, and he horses smell the Indians, and Mr. Hudson blew, all the horses driven before him have taken fright and run away.

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"Howly Moses, she's sthepped into me

Before she could take her foot out the old lady shrieked again:

"Would yez be after takin' yer foot out and not be a batin' them up to a froth?" Of course everybody laughed, and the young woman was embarrassed. Every one stared at her and she started out of the window. The old lady left the car at the next corner, and as soon after as possible the young woman disappeared.

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