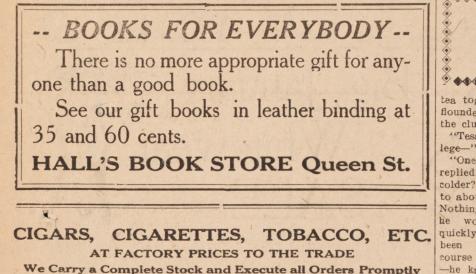
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tea together, no cosy tete-a-tete. He the family doctor, who obediently floundered about for words, and did prescribed the southern trip. Then the clumiest thing possible. they waited to see what would hap-"Tessie Burton-I knew her at col- pen, Jack calling every day in order to disarm gossip.

"One would-judge as much," she This happened, Angie sorry for replied. Don't you think it's getting what she did, even while she was older?" Her polite tone was down doing it, worked herself into a fever to about zero. Jack agreed with her. and was really ill. Gloom settled Nothing else was left him. He knew over Jack who sent flowers and lethe would have to explain pretty ters. He persisted, but she would not quickly and convincingly. Tessie had give him a chance-she brooded over been hopelessly illebred, and of his "untrustworthiaess" until it becourse it was emparassing for Angie came a grime to her, gnd very real. he knew that. He would simply solly surely was with hor, but she make a clean breast of things. denied her own heart.

"Angie, dear, let me explain." Angie lifted her pretty brows "Explain-what?"

Jack suddenly did the unexpected. She had grown used to his persistence when it ceased without warn-

She dressed, and in a few days came

ing. He closed the little cottage, re-'Anything that needs explanation turned what goods would be taken hould have been explained before." back, settled all his bills himself, and "It was only a foolish collage en- sent the house key to Angie by her father. He himself went on a hunt-

'And you said you had never loved ing trip, a fact that the papers anybody, but me-' chronicled, and which Angie saw. He "Angie-I haven't. That wasn't accepted her decision. This came to the girl like a shock.

ove, it was a silly—it didn't last ong, and-" She interrupted. Being spotless, downstairs to sew by the fire. Sud-

agement-'

too young to have been in love be- denly she refused to go South at all. fore horsalf, she was merciless. and kept the family in hot water "If it wasn't love it was wicked with her moods. She knew she had to be engaged to her-a horrid girl been a fool, and wished she were

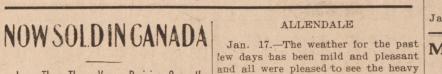
like that, too. I know happiness like dead. Her young, terrified soul saw -mine-could not last! Your engage- a long, unloved, unloving life before ments don't seem to last long- her. He had gone, and she had sent doubtless, you will be as easily con- him-and for nothing-absolutely oled this time as you were the first nothing! She saw that. Now he -or have there been still others?" was probably glad to be frag from so

"Angie," he said sternly, "do you unreasonghle a love-perhaps he had We are offering a very know what you are saying? You not really loved her at all? In a few can't mean to-" she had drawn off days she became convinced that he her left glove, and was taking off would be shot while hunting, and her ring, which she handed him. She imagined herself into positive fear. had not, in fact, meant at first to do Perhaps he had really cared after all. anything, but being angry, hurt, ner- and had gone just to court an acciyous from overwork and waiting, she dent.

was hordly herself. But she would It all ended in a way as simple as ot relent. She would punish him- it began. One raw February twilight, Angie chanced to be alone at Angie-you know I love you truly the fire. She heard the bell ring. A -this has gone too far-" queer tarror seized her-was it a "Altogether too far!" she assented, telegram? She actually was expecturning in at the gate. "You can ing any calamity at any moment.

ome in and tell mother it is all She hid her face in her hands. over. Tell her I would like to go to The door opened, and Jack walked Florida for a month-if some one can in. He had meant to be impersonal, go with me. As for you-perhaps to hope she was feeling better, to 'Tessie' will have you back?'' make no allusion to the past. But make no allusion to the past. But They were in the hall by this time when she lifted a pale, tear-stained and she fled upstairs. She had taken face and gave a, little cry of joy at him at a disadvantage-on the street soeing him, he took two long steps where he could not forcibly take her and gathered her into his arms. It into hisarms and make her listen to was as foolish as any of the rest of

it, She had her face against his and Us for the Allens, they listened to implored him not to explain-she did Jack; then they went up and talked not care, anyway. Nevertheless, he with Angie. She simply said it was made a clean breast of everything. all over, and she didn't want to hear It seemed about three minutes latabout it, and would not see Jack. er when the family arrived to inter-Thinking him too young, anyhow, rupt things. The family had been they did the easiest thing-postponed having a hard time through no fault ne wedding indefinitely because of of its own, and was glad to have an their daughter's health, and called end of the trouble



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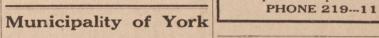
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