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Ellierly act opposite me, and I was Irritated, and thrown into confusion, too, every time I littled my eyes, by the crushed, criminal expression of his face, like at and grink highly—wind watermely had manners it would have been regarded in me had I made as much noise as he, we littled at a time into my mouth. But they are as much noise as he, we littled at a time into my mouth. Put they are as much noise as he, we littled at a time into my mouth. But they are as mouth of the same and the same and they are as mouth of the same and they are as the same and they are as the same and it of the same and it ould say nothing, could only look away in a sort of panic. Her eyes were strangely grainble. I have seen them of a gray, so pale that it was almost airver—like the steady light of the anow-line at the edge of the same looked at her; of a fresh violest force in a block of clear ice.

I sat behind her in the box at the theater. During the first and second intermissions several men dropped in to speak to her mother and her—fellows who didn't swere come down town, but I could tell they knew who I was present the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive that the same persisted me to a pitch of furr, that could be a successive as a "jimmy" and "break into society." When the curtain went down for the last intermission, two young men appeared; I did not get up as I had be fore, but stuck to my seat—I had reached that hoped a faint of the court and the force that the force that

peared; I did not get up as I mal defore, but stuck to my seat—I had eefore, but stuck to my seat—I had eefore, but stuck to my seat—I had eefore, but stuck to my seat—I had eathe care and a strained at her
round me and over me, presently gave
up and redired, disquight their anger
as contemp! for the list manners of a
bounder. But that distincted me not a
ripple, the more as I was delighting in
a consoling discovery. Latening and
watching; as she talked with these
young men, whom she widently knew
well; tooled that she was dissort
for me, it was there always. I knew
enough about womes to know that; if
the woman who can thaw ealy for one
man is the most dimetry; she is also
the most constant. "Once she thaws,
toward me!" I said to myself.

When the young men had gone, I
leased forward until, my head was
does to here, to here. Lake the
frainted foot that I was, I fore out all
the pigeos-boles of my brain; in search
of something to say to her-gomething
that would start her to thinking well
of me. She must have felt my breath
upon her neck, for she moved away
sightly, and its seeined to line a shiver
visibly pissed lover dist wonderful
white skin of hers.

"He she will be seen a
the proper
white skin of hers."

I wonder. I glassod at her mother
and it was my turn to abuder. I can't,
hope for leve us securished impression
of that stony, mercanary, mean face.
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There are looks that paint upon the human countesance the whole of a life, as a fash of lighting paints upon the blackness of the night miles on miles of landscape. The look of Mrs. Ellersly a—stem disapproval at her daughter, stem command that she be more civil, that she unbest—showed was the lot woman's soul.

more civil, that she unbess—showed me the old woman's soul.

"If you wish it," I said, on impulse, to Miss Ellerly in a low voice, "I said, not impulse, to Miss Ellerly in a low voice, "I sould feel gather, than see the blood suddenly beating in, her skin, and there was in her voice a nervounces very like fright as she answered: "In sure mamma and I shall be glad to see you whetever you come."

"You" I porsisted.

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Tatlos. "Glad" I persisted.

The milled—the faintest change in the perfect curve of her lips. "You are very persistent, aren't you?"

"Yor," I nanwered. "That is why I have always got whatever I wanted."
"I admire it," and she.
"No, you don't," I replied. "You think I as wugar, and you think I am vulgar because I have that quality—that and some others,"

She did not contradict me.
"Well, I sun vulgar-from your

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Well, I am vulgar-from your
ndpoint, I went on. "Lhave purses and passions. And I pursue
m. For instance, you."

Tou," I repeated. "I made up my

Systematic correctors are assisted as a second process of the control of the cont As she spoke the last word, she lifted her wyes to milne with a look of torced friendliness in them that I'd rather not have seen there. I wished to be billst do her disclete, to the stains and anutches with which lier are condings must have sulled they. And roundings must have sulled they. And roundings must have sulled they. And condings must have sulled they. And content is the sulled they have succeeded the succeeding must have sulled they have succeeded to the effect of bringing her neares to my own earthy level, of putting me at ease with her; and for the few remains must have sulled freely limit. I was blockling five way out of the effect of bringing her neares to my own earthy level, of putting me at ease with her; and for the few remains mine mines we talked freely il indifferent whether my manners sind conversation were correct. As I helped her into their carriage, I presed her arm sulghdry, and said is a wide for her only. "Usull to morrow."

XIII.

FRESH AIR IN A GREENIOUSE, it is and the present of the succeeding and let you put things her way on the other, I'm should be and pretending and let you goes.

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ness and breeding. 'Mamma will be down in a few minutes,' she said.

I think to see your mother,' repair to the few minutes,' she said.

I thought for the few minutes,' she make the part of the few minutes,' she have seen the minutes,' she have been seen to be all impressions of one we don't like, and how coarsely insensible to bad impressions of one we foult like, and how coarsely insensible to bad impressions of one we do like!

I see I've offended again, as usual,' said L. 'Too attach so much importance to potry little dancing-master ways have lived—in an artificial atmosphere. Real things set on you like fresh at on a bothouse flower.'

"You are—fresh air!" she inquired, with laughing, sarcasm.

"I am that," retorted I. "And good for you—as, you'll find when you get used to me."

I heard voices in the next room—

used to me."

I heard voices in the next room—
her mother's and some man's. We
walted until it was evident we were
not to be disturbed. As I realized
that fact and surmised its meaning, I

that ract and surmised its meaning, I looked triumphantly at her. "I see you are nerving yourself," said I with a laugh, "You are perfect ly certain I am going to propose to you."

She flamed scarlet and half-started

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"CAUGHT HER IN MY ARMS AND KISSED HER-NOT ONCE, BUT.

MAN'
The curtains over the double doorway between the two rooms were almost a frame. She presently entered from it the hall. I admired the picture she maddle the toorway shop high she ber subscribered drives of white cloth, and a that should, sewed, tool face of hera. And as I looked, I knew that nothing, nothing—no, not even her wish, her dominand—could stop me from trying to make her my own. That resolves must have shown in my face—it or the passion that 'unspred it—reg she passion that 'unspred it—reg she passion that 'unspred it—reg she passion the it' i skred. "Are you afraid of me!"

"But if you knew, you might be afraid of me." "But if you knew, you might be afraid of me." I am, "I confessed. "I am arraid of

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I am, "I confessed. "I am afraid of you because you inspire in me a feeling that is beyond my control. I've committed many follies in my life—I have moods in which it amuses me to dety fate. But those follies have always been of my own willing. You"—I langhed—you are a fully for ma. But one that compets me."

The smilled—npt discouragingly—And spited heppide on ly tiny's goals in the corner, a curiously implemable discontinued in the corner, a curiously implemable introchment, as I noted—for my impulse was not carry her by storm. I was austoniahed at my own audscity II was wondering where my fear of her years my fear of her years my fear of her years.

STAND KIBSED HER-NOT ONCE BUT MANY TIMES of the season of

gan.

Our parents need money—r person.

She stopped me with a gesture.

Thon't bisme thein," she pleaded. "I am more guilty than they."

I mea yroun of they as, she made that confession. "Too have the making of a real woman in you," said I. "I should have wanted you even it you didn't. "But what is have you see a make what I subscuppion, relay not missea, when I subscupping the property of the subscupping the

The most waru you," she said, and now she was looking directly at me. I skall never love you."

Never is a long time," replied I. "Tim old enough to be cynical about prophecy."

I shall fiever love you," she repeated. "For many reasons you wouldn't understand. For one, you will understand. "I understand."

I understand the 'many reasons' you say are beyond me, 'said I. "For, dear young lady, under this coarse of the total training and the state of a lassure you there's hidden a rather sharp outlook on human nature—and—well, nerves that respond to the faintest changed in you as do mine can't be altogether without sense can't be altogether without sense the reason of the reason of the can't have the said of the reason one class."

Thank you foe saging it for me," "Thank you for saying it for me,"

she replied.
You can't Imagine how pleased I was at having earned her gratitude, even in so little a matter. "I have thought of that," said I. "It is of no

was at having sarned her grattude, even in so little a matter. "I have thought of that," said I. "It is of so consequence." So the said I. "It is of so consequence don't understand," she pleaded earnestly,
"On the contrary, I understand perfectly," I assured her. "And the reason I am not disturbed is—you are here, you are not with him."
She lowered her head so that I had no view of her face.
"You and he do not marry," I went on, "because you are both poor?"
"No," she replied.
"You and he do not marry," I went on, "because you for be face.
"You and he do not marry," I went on, "because you thought he hadn't enough for two?"
"No," she replied.
"Because you thought he hadn't enough for two?"
"A long pause, then—very faihtly: "No—not that."
"Then it must be because he hasn't as much money as he'd like, and must find a girl who'll bring him—what he most wants.
"That is, wint.
"That is, while he loves you dearly, he loves money more. And he's willing to see you go to another man, be the wife of another man, but the wife of another man, "I laughed."
"That is, while he loves you dearly, he loves money more. And he's willing to see your you another man, but the wife of another man, "I laughed."
"To make you go to another man, "I laughed."
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he had cared for each other, you wouldn'be here, apologizing for his selfish vanity."
"No matter about him," she oried impatiently, lifting her head haught liy. The point is, I love him—and a "and I take you at my own risk!"
Her look answered "Yes!"
"Well,"—I look her hand—"then, we are engaged."
Her whole body grew tense, and her hand chilide as it lay in mine. "Don't —please don't," I said genity. "I'm not so bad as all that. If you will be as generous with me as I shall be with you, selfher of us will ever retain the self-benefit of the self-benefit shad sense of self-degradation. "I cannot marry you!" she mut-

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There was a long silence. I could saelly guess what was shein fought out in her mind. At last she slowly drew herself up. "I can mot refuse," she said, and her eyes sparkled with defiance that had hate in it. "You have the power to compel me. Use it, like the brute you retuse to let me forget that you are." She looked so young, so beautiful, so angry—and so young, so beautiful, so angry—and so may be a supplementation of the season of the

sard 1. "Your caugater has consented to marry me."

Instead of speaking, Mrs. Ellersh began to cry—real tears. And for smoment I thought there was a real heart inside of her somewhere. But when she spoke, that delusion was taked.

fever and died January 25.

Don White Aprons and Loot.
Sterling.—Robbers, after entering
the saloon of John Prestin, donned
the white coats and the aproms of the
proprietor and his bartender and then
tooled the place. The police saw the
white garbed men at work, and, be
leaving that they were the proprietor
and his assistant, went away.

Efever-Year-Old States Drowned.
Peoria.—Prank Kenleser, '11 years
old, was drowned white skating in the
Illiands river. momens the process of the somewhere when she spoke, that delusion was labed.

"You must forgive me, Mr.) Black-lock," she askd in her hard, amooth politic voice. "It is the shock of real-thing I'm about to lose my dangater." And I'knew that her jears were from joy and relief—Anita had "come up to the scratch;" the bideous meaned of "genited poresty" had been awbried.

"Do give us tes, mamma," add Anits. Her Ond, sarcastic tone cut iny merces and her mother's like a reason blade. I looked shappy at her, and wondered whether I was not making a bargain vastly, different from that us passion was picturing.

"To be Continued." Accused Teacher Gets New Trial.
Urbana.—Judge Philbrick granted a
new trial in the assault and battery
case ragainst Prof. Sherman-Casa, of
the Toledo school. Prof. Casa was
convicted of whipping a pupil, Michael

Issue Bonds for School House.
Mediora.—The village of Brighton, frosts of this etry, roted thavorably at a school election on the proposition of issuing bonds to the amount of \$5,00 for the erection of a new school build-

JURY GUARDS PEORIA BOOKS. COL. MERRIAM IN TROUBLE

Remarkable Precaution Taken to Prevent Chicago Panelon Agent Sald to Be in Financial Stratts.

cent Happenings of Interest in the Various Cities

Illinois

BROOMCORN MEN TO UNITE. Brokers and Dealers Have Grievance Against Manufacturers.

Against Manufactureirs.

Mattoon.—Local brokers are in receipt of advices to the effect that a broomeorn brokers' organization is being considered by a large number of the dealers of the country. The cause is that many adipments of brush have been refused by the manufacturers and the promoters of the new organization before that thome system about the property of the country of

met with severe financial losses JURY ONE TOO BIG: WORK LOST. Peoria Body Suddenly Discovers Has Twenty-Four Men.

Peoria.—The three weeks' work of investigating graft charges by the grand jury will have to be gone entirely over again. The discovery was made that 24 men were serving on the jury, when the law provides for only 22.

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Two men of the same name, James McCulough, were subpoensed and served by the sheriff. The certar man was not noticed, owing to the fact that all roil calls have been vira vector. Judge Green dismissed the egtra juror. About a score of indictments will have to be drawn.

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Jurear Pray; Then Acquit.

Kankakes.—For the first time in the
history of the Kankakes county circuit court, so far as is known, prayer
was recorded to in the jury-room to
guide the jurear in determining their
action. The case was that of Henry
Goll, who twice before had faced the
pententiary on the same charge—perjury. The jurous decided in favor of
clemency to the prisoner and brought
in a verdict of not guilty.

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Grain Plant Net a Still.

Wankeapen. Government
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Canning Factory at Medora.

Medora.—An enthusiastic movement toward establishing a canning factory in Medora has been started. At a meeting, attended by citizens, farmers and factory promoters. Endow was now and factory promoters. Endow was now and factory promoters. Endow was now the started of the start

amount will be raised.
Child's Bits May Cause Death.
Chicago.—As a result of being bit
ten by her five-year-old ion, whom abe
was attending at a sick bed, Mrs. F.
B. Green, Oak Park, has lost one fin
ger of her right hand and the amputation of her hand may be necessary.
The child was suffering from soariet
fever and died January 25.

Peoria.—The books of the city cierk, the comptroller and the city treasurer are new in possession of the grand. The reason for this action is that the lury heard that some one was at work in the office of the city cierk until late at night three nights since and they wanted to be sure that no changes were made.

Charges that licenses were pald and not received are reiterated. One instance is known where a certain prevery agent, pald a license at the end of the year and did not receive a license for the pall length of time. In another instance a certain proprietor pald for a license which was given issued. be seen Financial Straits.

Bloomington.—Col. Jonathan Merriam, former United States commissioner of pensions at Chicago, friend
of Senator Shelby M. Culons, and one
of the best known politicians in central Illinois, is said to be in financial
trouble. His friends are remerrial
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thin assistance. Three jodgments by
confession were taken against him in
the Logan county circuit court, the total amount being \$15,25.41. This section created surprise, as it was generally supposed that he was a man of
means.

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Col. Merriant is a ploneer farmer of Log: conity, and was long a power in the community. He secured his position as commissioner through Senator Cullom. Since receiving the appointment he has resided in Chicago. Recently he resigned, but it was presumed was in affluent circumstances. General sympathy is expressed for him throughout central Illiania.

WILL HOLD POULTRY SHOW.

Petersburg Fanciers Form Association to Premote Purpose.

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Petersburg.—Petersburg has long been known as a town leading in the production of standard-bred poultry, such as the production of standard-bred poultry association. Local fanciers, realizing the necessity of a good show at this point, met in the court house and effected an organization for the purpose of holding a show some time early next winter. The organization is to be known as the interstate Poultry association. Springfield, Jacksawville, Decatur and Bloomington are to become members and help make the show a success. Officers were elected as follows: President, H. M. Levering; vice president, J. C. Johaston: treasurer, Sheriff R. S. Rule; secretary, John L. Bryant.

New Village Elects Officers.

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Fox Lake.—The newly-ingorporated village of Fox Lake held its Brst election. The Citizens' ticket was victorious. Harry Dunnell was elected clerk. Six aldermen were named, as follows: John Brown, Conference Marble, Otto Muehrcke, Collan Ostrander, D. C. Scott and George M. Maypole, a son of Alderman Maypole, of Chicago. The mayor will be chosen by the aldermen from their number.

Refuses Blackmall; is Stain.
Quincy.—Mystery is natached to the burning of the home of Mr. and Mrs.
Nathan Little in Burton township while they were visiting in Quincy.
A school-teacher, Eiljah Carlin, aged 65, loot his life in the flames, and it has also been announced that his life had been threatened for sina from St. as choolhouse close to the home, which he declined to do.

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Lincoln—The lake committee of
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met and decided to buy a dredge
boat and to commence work on the
artificial lake in the association
grounds. The work is expected to
cost about \$10,000. The dredge will
be ahipped here at once from Oakford, Ill.—and work commenced as soon
as possible.

Cuarantine Raised.

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Urbana.—The quarantine on the Sigma Chi bouse has been lifted. The students had been abnt up seven day: on account of the diphtheria scare No symptoms of the disease appeared The Sigma No and Astee houses are still quarantined. The lid was also lifted from a boarding house where Miss Kennedy, a co-ed, was domiciled.

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Urge Game Law Medification.

Quincy—Quincy hunters are organising, under the mayor and city
cierk, for the purpose of securing the
repeal of the nonresident hunters' license clause of the game laws of Missouri and Illinois, or of having the
matter tested in the courts, as recently suggested by Gov. Folk.

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Hesers Kin Died in Quake,
Bloomington,—After being kept in
doubt for sweral weeks Dr. L. B.
Lockett, of this city finally received
word that his sister, Miss Emily
Lockett, had been killed and his
brother perhaps fatally injured in the
earthquake at Jamale.

Centralia Business Man Dead. Centralia.—Charles C. Meyer, a well-mown business man, died, aged 49 rears.

Tax Books Are Ready.
Hillsboro.—The tax books for the urious townships of Montgomery musty and their amounts have been completed and the county clerk devered the same to the collectors abrusary 2.

J. W. Harney Geta Appointmen Jacksonville.—Postmaster J. Reeve appointed J. W. Harney as ant postmaster to take the plac H. T. Richards. Mr. Harney street commissioner here for a