## Black - Belle

By CLEF LOVELL

little black calf eyed her mis-

been the matter these last three days? She could not imagine.

The girl suddenly sat up and tossed her hair from her tear reddened eyes.

"Yes, you wretched little creature, it was all your doing right through! Your frightening Dick's horses and our quarreling over it and going on and on; then my saying I'd just go and marry Sam West; his asking father, and father shying yes, and then saying I'd have to, when it wanted to back out unless Sam agreed, but he wouldn't. Oh, it's just horrible! And I hat him!

"Uncle Sammy! Why, folks would



HE THREW IT BACK TOWARD THE DOOR

be calling me 'Aunty West." And me only twenty-three! They'd do it for spite. Oh— 'And when I love Dick so much. Oh,

suppose I'll have to cheer up and smile and be bright, and everything, or he'll be warden by the bright, and everything, or he'll be warden by the bright, and everything, or he'll be warden by the bright way from town a sudden and unexpected gust of wind had enveloyed Sheriff Bark in dust, filling his eyes, and he was scarcely able to see, and for haif an bour Milly forgot her own nisery in attending her father. When she had done all she could to case his infamed and smarting eyes, she bandaged them and led him to the big chair in the dining room, where he chair in the dining room, where he chair in the dining room, where he had not many the state of the bright way to be sufficient to the bright way to be sufficient to be sufficient to the bright way to be sufficient to the bright way to be sufficient to be sufficient to the bright way to be sufficient to be sufficient to the bright way to be sufficient to busy of the sufficient to be sufficient to be sufficient to busy of the sufficient

the must be satisfied with other musement. "Milly," called the sheriff, "do you ee Sam West coming up the road?" "No, dad," replied Milly from the

"No, dad," repined sainly from the kitchen. "Reep a lookout for him. John sald he'd get him talked over to local option all right today and send him over to "Ah, this is him," he added ungram-matically a moment later, catching the click of the gate latch and footfalls on the path. The footsteps paused before the open door.
"Good evening, Sam." said the sheriff affailst.

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The answer was a sharp sniff.

The sheriffs prospective son-in-law was an exceedingly eccentric man, with a hundred odd tricks of speech and manner, even of silence, which were of peculiar significance to those who knew him, and in that contemptuous snort Sheriff Bark read an unlook-ord for but certain opposition to a cause be had archarily taken to heart. His contemptuous sone of the said archarily taken to heart. All, throwing himself back in the chart, be exclaimed warmly and bifterly: "You needn't say another word—not another word! I know all you mean—every stupid, pigheaded word of it!

"But"/again turning his binded eyes toward the door, "can't you never talk line an lordinary mortal, Sam West? That's just the way you talk position.

nighty.

"Ob, yes; come in and have a seat," exclaimed the sheriff apolocetically. The chair moved again.

"Oh, there's something on it, is there? You see, I can't see. I got my yes fall of dust today." Hasing his voice, he cailed, slily, come and give Mr. West a chair." The kitchen door opened. There was a chair and clawing at the door, a frighteed bawl, and clawing at the door, a frighteed bawl, and, tearing the bandage from his eyes, the sheriff saw, the flourishing hele of the disappearing cail.

Milly laughed until she dropped wealty into a chair, while her father, from sheer insdequacy of anger equal waity into a chair, while her father, from sheer insdequacy of anger equal smilled fooling and limply back and on the meddlesome animal. When Milry left the room he secured a small stick of wood from the wood box, and, having practiced swinging the missile back toward the doorway until he felt sure of being able to strike the caif without turning about the chair and bank showed have swood have the chair and the while while wood have the chair and the control of the same and leaned back in his former position. A few minurles later, with a glow of satisfaction, he heard her again clicking on the walk. With a girn smile he took one nore look toward the door, measured the distance with his eye, again gauged the movement of his arm and leaned back in his former position. The animal reached the door, hatted sheriff leaned forward, drew the slick up across his breast and suddenly, leaning sideways, with all his strength threw it back toward the door. "Take that, you fool! I'll show"—"\$-Sami. Sami West!"

Straightening himself with an effort and with one hand still green the sheriff cane.

"You—you"— he exclaimed hardrening an the doorstep to shout back! "I came up and heard what you sold a minute ago when you thought it was !! I take the sheriff state.

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married.

And thus Black-Belle repaired he wrongdoing.

Industrial Opportunitie

Rewards For Heroes.

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Ten new names have been added to the roll of heroes established by the Carnega hero fund commission. All of the ten, selected out of fifty candidates, had risked their own lives in order to save or to-attempt to save the imperited lives of others. In three cases out of the ten a money award was given, the remaining heroes receiving medias.

It is interesting to compare the principle of this fund with that of a fund established years ago by a French manufacturer. The French awards usually go to near and women who are surprised and actionished to learn that there is anything musuan and herolein their life or character. Priests and unrass who work among humble folk, vidous and working rides.

in their life or character. Priests and nurses who work among humble folk, widows and working girls whose lives ke, are given in patient and seit sacrificing toil for helpiess dependents and who live uncomplainingly in honorable poverty—in a word, persons whose obscure deeds are done out of the world's eye—are rewarded for the excellence and beauty of their characters. Heroism is indeed virtious, and virtue in some situations is heroic.

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The Casary Bird.

About 50 years ago a ship, returning from the islands in the Atlantic which people then called the Fortunate lake, but which were undoubtedly the Canaries, wen ashore on the coast of lithy near Leghorn. A case of beautiful horken and the birds were Blherated. Through some caprice they did not take redge on the mainland, but went to the Island of Elba, where in detinic they nested and break and heread in creased in number. The Italians discovered that they were admirable singers and begrin to capture them and self them in cages. This gave rise to a traffic which some completely cleared the island of lithing and the birds were admirable singers and begrin to capture them and self them in cages. This gave rise to a traffic which some completely cleared the island of the propersy of the canary has been a record of perpetual imprisonment and transformation of its appearance and character. In fisher natural stale, as they still exist in the Canarriand Madelian and other Atlande is lands, the birds are of a grayish green or growths brown color and are not hear through the contract of the con

concents his counsels from mankind. For this purpose they adopt a curious last some open space or market square a large wooden estumon lastled with a small charge of powder and a circular ratian wad is fired perpendicularly into the last. Set the wad descends the survivaling crosed struggle to catch it, in the belief that he who is successful will easily the blessings of petice and pleaty during the ensuing year.

All of the weather prophets who have a possible that it is not provided wither abead. Those who have not sized it up are considerately hobling their tongues to allow the weather free hand in the business.

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