## John J., Forger

By Grace Charles

w."

Its face white with anger, Gordon
ew open the door and stood there as
passed through to the next room.
er in the corner John J. was busy
th the mail, but he looked up with a
n on his freckled face to smile upon
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Gordon weat back to his desk. The golden circled lying there was too much for his composure, and, with a groun, he threw his arms forward on the desk. It had all been very stilly and yet very tragle. He had meant to write Marion that there was a meeting of the promoters of the L. and F. railroad and that he would have to be present to furnish them with estimates if he hoped to get the contract. If he could land that order his success would be assured, and in the prospect of winning out be had forgotten to write.

They were both high strung, and when in the morning she had demanded an explanation of his broken engagement without having waited for him to cell up on the telephone he had from the contract of the sprang nervously up, to confrout John J.

"Wity don't you go home?" he thundered, "The office should have been."

confront John J.

"Why don't you go home?" he thundered, "The office should have been closed half an hour ago!"

"I'm going now," explained John J., with unusual meckness. "But you oughter go up and see Miss Marion and tell her you're sorry."

Gordon grasped John J. by the shoulders and propelled him into the outer



JOHN J. WATCHED HER ANXIOUSLY. soils J. WATCHES HER ANXIOUSLY.
office, while that youngster insisted
that he would be sorry in the morning
if not just then. The encounter had at
least served to rouse Gordon, and be
went uptown to the club to spend a
miserable evening trying to pretend to
kinself that he did not care about the
broken engagement.

binneeff the did not care about the liminated the decided of the tell point of the morning if you aim't now" was prophete. Dick moped over his desk all the morning in unable to do any work. A dozen times he reached for the tell-phone to call Marious up and ask her forgiveness, and each time he set it irresolutely down again, declaring to himself that Marion should have known that he had a good excuse and that she should have warded until he could have he was not will be could not realize that a haif mentioned engagement might have slipped his mind the present that was her fault, not his.

Half a dozen times during the morning John' J. stole into the room to remind his that those figures for the Land P, had to be sent out that evening went to the the was net with a torgon went out of the office, though his into the room to remind his that those figures for the Land P, had to be went out that evening went to the was net with a torgon went of the office, though his into the room to remind his that those figures for the Land P, had to be sent out that evening went to the was the void went out of the office, though his into the room to remind his that those figures for the Land P, had to be sent out that evening went to be easily to be added to the place of the Land P, had to be went out that evening went that he had a message for her was enough to get him past the was the void see his. Gore T, resently the butter came hack wearing a solemn frown.

"Miss Darling does not care to receive the message," he said.

"Ye want to tell you about Mr. Gore moment the butter besitted, and through that hestation was lost, founded by the was the only person just surprised when Marion sent down word that she would see him. Gore, "he segarity the butter closed the door," "Say, he's awrid about the place." T want to tell you about Mr. Gore word was not be the condended of the part of the pa roken engagement.
John J.'s "You'll be sorry in the

in." explained John J. as he slid through the doorway.

It whs not for several days that Mar-lon told Dick of the pittin! little for-gery made to bring things out right and showed him John J.'s Idea of a love letter, with its laked over rubber stamped facsimale of his signature, but it was a happy moment for John J. when Dick shook his hand, man fash-lon, and thanked him for what he had done.

done,
"Forget it," was the only suitable response he could think of, but Dick and

Changes In Pronunciation

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It requires no very profound knowledge of English literature to ascertain thigh the pronunciation of the language his undergone a vast change during the last three centuries. The shrewl conjecture lass indeed more than once the supersystem of the last three centuries. The shrewl conjecture lass indeed more than once the conjecture lass indeed most like the native and original pronunciation were adhered to a modern audience if the native and original pronunciation were adhered to, and certain, at all events, it is that in many well known passages of Shakespeare the very rhythm of the line imperatively demands a strauge and unaccustomed accentration of certain words. With the peculiarities of a later period most people are smill-clently acquainted. That gold was goold and that china was change during the Augustan era is matter of common knowledge. And who cain forget Propris description of Atticus:

Dreading even fools, by faithers be

railroad people he's going to lose the chance of his life some to me?" the ask-ed codity. "I have nothing to do with the inatter."

"Quit your kiddin," urged John J. "I beard you yesterday. You didn't speak loud, but your word cane through the pertition like they was bullets. You threw him because I forgot to bring you selter yesterday. It shall like the control of the properties to bring you selter yesterday. It shall like the control of bring you selter yesterday. It shall list night?"

"Bure." was the easy reply as John J. dug in one of his pockets. "He was in a hurry, and I took it on the machine for him. Just tell him your easy to work."

"By our work."

"Marion tore open the letter. "Dear friend," it ran, "I am sorry I can't come to see you tonight, but there's some guys I must see about that rail-road matter and I can't come. I may be the standard of the window sees you tonight, but there's some guys I must see about that rail-road matter and I can't come. I may be the standard of the window sees you tonight, but there's some guys I must see about that rail-road matter and I can't come. I may be the standard of the window sees you tonight, but there's some guys I must see about that rail-road matter and I can't come. I may be the standard of the window with sale was a standard of the window with sale we will illed as she read it over. John J. watched her anxious. It was signed with his full name, and Katherine's eyes twinkied as she reads he was the same of the window while she was preaking, but the sharp care would listen, and when she called to him he knew that I it was all right and that the important lefter would be written.

"The off will refut," assented as he cause were good of you to come up and tell we you will be should be written.

"The don't like to have me butting in," "If you go you. John J., If you were a look of the window while she was pinded. "You were a look of the window while she was life." "I would not not be supported in the you want to go you. John J., If you were a look of you wi

A Call to the Irish.

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South Africa is a rich field for the sale of patent medicines, for the reason that doctors are not so plentiful as in Europe and America, and the prices are above the heads of the plain people. A call in the city costs nearly \$5, while in the country the charges are almost probabilitive, the patent medicine taking the place of the doctor's prescription, for the Boer believes it fills the bill, and the cost is about one-fifth. German preparations lead the market, and American goods have the next best showing.

Dr. Weir Mitchell at seventy-six pub-lishes his eighteeuth book of fiction and is beginning another, while five books of verse stand to his credit-and numberiess treatises on physiological, neurological and medical subjects, all done as the recreation of a busy phy-sician's life. Another doctor, whose name is Osler, should make a note of this, but he is busy looking the other way.

Recently 11,000 immigrants landed at Ellis Island in one day. Cheerful op-timism will hope that the goodly bunch will turn out at fessts, a couple of thou-and duplications of "the man with the

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