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#### The Man He Licked

By OSCAR COX

Johnny Atherton was intellectinal rather than muscular. He led his class in college, while his elder broth er. Tom Atherton, led the football team. Johnny was a demure littlechap. Everybody liked him, and no body ever thought of calling him any thing but Johnny, while his brother was spoken of as Tom Atherton, with a resonance denoting respect for his buildog strength.

Mildred Twining met Johnny away from his home and conceived a great liking for him. Johnny fell deeply it love with her and proposed to her. But there was one thing wanting in him that Mildred wished in a hus band, and on this account his case hung fire. She wanted a man with Johnny's Intellect and delectable gen tleness, but with a intent strength that might be aroused on occasion. Johnny begged hard for a favorable answer to his suit, but could not induce the girl to give it to him. How ever, she had a friend in the town where he lived whom she had promised to visit and told Johnny that when she arrived he might come to

see her. This gave him a faint hope that she might relent.

But when Mildred appeared and Johnny renewed his pleadings he received the same reply, and she told him frankly that he was everything she required save that courage and strength that a woman craves in her protector. Johnny went home and poured his disappointment into his brother's sympathetic ear. Tom, who did not at all value his vigor and would have gladly exchanged it for his brother's intellectual and winning qualifications, sympathized with him deeply. The two talked the matter over, and Tom wished he could transfer enough of his blacksmithlan traits

to Johnny to enable him to win the prize he coveted. However, he said something to the latter that put an idea into his head.

One morning Johnny and Mildred were strolling idly together through the suburban town in which the former fived, Johnny pleading, Mildred putting him off for the same reason as

putting him off for the same reason as before. Approaching a house where a man sat enoking and looking out through an open window, he glanced at the coming couple, arose from his chair and emerged from the front door in time to meet them. As he passed he looked impudently at Mildred and said:

chair and emerged from the front door in time to meet them. As he passed he looked impudently at Mildred and said: "You're a beaut, but you've got a measty chap for a feller."

The blood rushed into Mildred's cheeks. But before she could show any further resentment Johnny jumped for the insulier and landed a blow on his chin. The man who received it was large and strong, but he cowered before Johnny.

"A man who will insult a lady," said

"A man who will insuit a lady," sald Johnny with a ring of courage in his voice that had never been heard there before, "is a coward, and if 1 am a measly chap I can while even as big a

With that Johnny went at the fellow like a fury. His enemy seemed to lose all sense of advantage of his steel muscles and was so slow in his nevements that Johnny get in three blows to his one. And whenever he almed one that would have fluished Johnny the latter sprang minbly aside. Mildred looked on this singular encounter assonished. As she gazed Johnny planted a blow on her hautter's Jaw that sent him sprawling Johnny jumped on him and held him down glaring at him like a denon.

down glaring at him like a demon. "Hand me that stone, please." Johnuy said to Mildred, "and I'll mash his head to a felly."

"I'll do no such thing," was the reply, "Do you want to be hanged for murder!"

"Murder! Is it murder to kill a dog? I'm going to gouge his eyes out." And Johnny put his thumbs to the sides of his enemy's eyes. The man seemed to have lost all power to save himself and looked up at his little enemy in terror. Mildred, dreading to see his eyes gouged out and to save her lover from such a horrid crime, took him by the collar and dragged him off his enemy. The craven slunk away, Johnny calling after him:

"You keep out of my way after this if you don't want to get killed. The next time I run across you I'm going to flaish the job. I'd do it now if it weren't for the intercession of the young lady you insuited."

The man said nothing, apparently destrous of putting distance between him and his herce little enemy as quickly as possible.

The episode made Johnny Atherton a perfect man in the eyes of Mildred Twining, and within two hours after it occurred the two were engaged, but ruly after Johnny's solemn promise that if he again that the fellow who had given the losult he would let him

When preparations were being made for the wedding. Johnny made an appointment to bring his best than to call upon his flance. The friend was a big, burly man, strong as an ex, and Mildred was astonished to recognize

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