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Edith's Engagement Ring.

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Humblethwaite, jewelers and dealers in flue watches, diamonds and precious stones, was in an exceptionally bad hu mor, despite the beauty of the day that gave more than fair promise of a good share of custom.

Mr. Symington walked up and down the store-an immense, elegant place, with rows of plate glass on bronze pedestals. and shelf after staff laden with bijous of statuary and bronzes- a short, portly man. with a sandy beard all around his tult, red face, and a big, bald place at the crown of his head, not the most prepossessing looking man in the world, or as regarded temper, either, as his employees might

"Do you know anything about Sont wood this morning-why he isn't here?" he asked, graffly, of one of Suntwood's

"I don't know sir. He was all right when he went home on Saturday." Mr. Symington east an annihilating

frown on the young man. "I am not aware that I asked for any outside information," he said barshly. "Santwood" condition on Saturday is of

no consequence to me. I want to know where he is this morning."

waiting for him. "Santwood is sick this morning, sir, and will not be here; but has sent his consin to take his place, with your permission. Miss Edith Santwood, is outside here to see you.'

Mr. Symington looked at his book keeper with a frown of surprise.

"Miss Edith Santwood! Miss! What the dence does he mean sending a woman here to do his work ?"

He glared at the unoffending man as though he had been guilty of high treason "Can't say, sir " carelessly. "He cer_ talnly has sent the young lady, and you That's all I know about it."

And, as Mr. Thorn was the one man in Somicgion & Humblewaite's employ whom the senior partner never succeeded in bullying. Mr. Symington went grumblingly away, while Mr. Thorn returned to his books.

not the most reassuring of mortals, as he almost a fearful apprehension in their beautiful depths, with waving, jet black fuir parted over her low, broad forebead, and banded, in exquisitely becoming simplicity under the little, cardinal fined. air of frugality that was almost poverty. Somehow, a barge portion of Mr. Symington's surplus spicen evaporated as he

"So von are Santwood's consin-eh. ma'm? A subsitute, I understand?" Edith bowed, and smiled slightly, show-

ing a distracting dimple. "I am Clande Santwood's cousin Edith. sie. Re boards with mamma and me. and is mable to come, and is very much worried about it-for it is the busy season. he says. Mamma said I might take his place if you would permit it. Claude has explained all the duties to me, and I am

very sure I can perform them." Nobody has ever known crusty Symington to listen to such a lengthy answer before; but he actually did, only he frowned and twisted his beard.

"I never beard of such a thing," he said gruffly. "Santwood's duties are easy enough for that matter, for any woman to do. He has to fiy around lively sometimes. But-why it is ridiculous to send stepped up to her, with a curious look on you here to take his place. What possessed him?"

Not tlat he wanted to know, or cared if he had known.

Edith blushed. "We are poor, sir, and if Claude's wages

should stop-" "Oh, yes, I dare say! Well hang up your shawl and bonnet in the cloak room youder, and I'll see whether or not you amount to anything. Women don't as a general thing, I take notice."

And although Claude had, over and over again, told her how disagreeable Mr. Symington was, neverthless Edith found herself winking to keep back the mortified tears that would come into her lovely

But-Mr. Symington found that there never had been a quicker-footed, neaterhanded, more accurately-perceptive person inside his establishment,

"It won't last-of course it won't last," he said to Thorn gruffly; "but Santwood's down for a day or so yet, she says, and I suppose she's better than pobesty Keep your eye on her though, Thorn; and I've spoken to Mason. She's a stranger, you know, and there's a sight of things ying around hardy."

Thorn langhed, but gave a bulf-disgusted look at the captions old man.

"I'll stake my next ten years' anlary that Miss Santwood is a lady," he said,

stall right, sir. Just be so good as to step this way. Did I understand you-

isness, and rubbed his hands in delightful business like jocularity, as he led the way to his special department over which he Mr. Cyrus Symington, of Symington & always presided-the valuable diamond

Mr. Roscoe Bellair walked leisurely along after him-a bandsome grave-faced gentleman of thirty-five, with tawny hair and moustache, and eyes that were as outooking, and honest, and whole-hearted as a child's-a gentleman whom society had icknowledged one of its choicest favorites. by royal right of his high social position his personal attractions, his immense wealth-just such a man as Mr. Symingon delighted to honor.

Mr. Bellair took a seat beside the ciskets of glittering stones, and ran them over with the eye of a connoisenr.

"I want a solitare. Synington-something A No. 1-with a crown setting. For a harly."

Mr. Symington smiled very knowingly "All right. If you can't suit yourself here, you won't this side of the Atlantic I've a specially choice lot of unset solitaires Mr. Bellair, that I am reserving for just such orders, particularly suited for ladie's rings-engagement rings, and the like. Just let me show them to you "

'He trotted off to the sate a few yards away, and Mr. Bellair tried on ring after ring, then leaned back in his chair, and took a leisurely look around him, to see He went fuming along to his private at the next show-case, the very leveliest office, where the head book-keeper was girl he had ever seen in his life, showing silver thlobles to a shy half-grown miss.

Then Symington came, bustling back, red in the face, but beaming all over. "Here they are, Mr. Bellair-perfect beauties, that will make a lady's eyes sline to look at. What do you think of

that, sir!" Mr. Bellair thought enough to select a magnificent stone, and the style of sett-

"And what size?" Mr. Symington wanted to know, survely. Bellair laughed

"Upon my word I don't know how we'll manage it. The ring is to be a surprise. will find her walting to see you outside. I think the young lady over youder wears about the same size as the lady who will wear the ring.

He indicated Edith, still showing the silver thimbles.

"Very good!" Mr. Symington said, "Buon, relieve Miss Santwood, Miss Santwood this way a moment. Just let The trate old gentleman certainly was me see your hand-hold it up."

and almost before Edith knew what she went down the aisle toward Edith Sant- was wanted for, she found herself inside wood standing beside the end of a bronze the little sacred place of diamonds, with and plate-glass show-case-a girl fair as a Roscoe Bellair's natal-some blue eyes look-Hly-white ro-cleaf, shining black eyes, lng at her fair face, and Mr. Symington fitting a ring on her tapering forefinger. "I suppose that's the finger, sir," he

said knowingly. Beliair laughed,

"Go ahead. Symington: I hope you won't be far out of the way. Yes, that's cottage straw hat-a lady refined and a perfect fit, and very handsome," he delicate, but wearing the unmistakable said, as, in his courteons, grave way, he looked at the fair, aristocratic hand, with its slender fingers, pink units, and dimploil wrist.

he removed the costly ring from Edith's hand, "you may go back.

As she passed with her eyes bent down Mr. Bellair spoke to her, in a tone that nade her lift them suddenly, flashing all their grory full moon him.

"Allow me to thank you very much A faint, gratified little flu-b-a little smile, that just suggested the white teeth and the bewitching dimple-then she passed out, and back to the silver thimble buyer, with a strange flettering of the heart that she bad never experienced before, and an impression left upon her of he handsomest face, the kindlest eye she ever had seen in her quiet home life-a sensation and an Impression that were strongly upon her, when, as she stood outling on her gloves as she was about to go home in the evening. Mr. Symington his face, that sent her vaguely delicious

sensations instantly adrift. "Where is the cluster diamond ring you stole from the tray while you were in my department to-day."

She looked at him as if she considered him suddenly bereft of his senses. "The ring I stole-I-from you ?"

"Just so. If you'll hand it over I'll say othing about it, only you acedn't come nack to-morrow. Your best policy is to idmit the theft and give it up." The color began to wane in her until she was ghastly nale.

"Mr. Symington, you don't mean that stole a diamond ring ?" Her voice was indescribably horror stricken and pathetic.

"I certainly mean exactly that. And don't propose to waste many more word about it. Just step inside the private office, and unless you at once give it up I will have you searched."

She drew herself up haughtily at that, "Sir, you insult me ! I have not taken your diamend ring. Your accusation is as cruel as it is unfounded."

Her dark eyes flashed with proud consciousness of right, but her lovely face was awfully pale, and her lips quivered with womanly shame and pain. Mr. Symington sneered.

"Oh, well, if you're going into hysterics, go ahead! Thorn, telegraph for a police man and a woman from the station. We'll search the young thief."

A cry came from Edith's lins at the

ing or antique?"

"Oh, don't say such a thing of me—of mends himself to God, ington was all smiles and graci- me: Why I must be dreaming! It must mends himself to God,

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be some awful nightmare. I am suffering ! They accuse me-me, mother's little Edith-of stealing a diamond ring?"

And just as she fell in a merciful swoon on the office floor, Mr. Bellair came warking through the store into the private "Look here, Symington-the result of

an attack of absense of mind! I actually wore off one of your cluster-Why what's the matter?" For as he walked Into the room, talk

ing and laughingly removing a magnificent cluster-ring from his finger-the ring for which Edith Santwood lay white and deathless like a perfect stame of ivory-he saw her on the sofa, where Mr. Thorn had laid her.

A livid sort of paleness spread over Mr. Symington's face, and be uttered a little unintelligible exclamation that Beliair instantly correctly translated.

"Good gracious! you don't tell me you suspected her? I harried back with the ring I so unconsciously carried off, but i The It is an outrage, Symington, couldn't

Symington, I wouldn't have thought this His voice was sharp and cold, and he bent to feel the faintly returning pulse in

Edith's round white wrist. "How did I know ? She's a strange "That is no excuse; I wouldn't have elieved it of von. Miss Edith : " and he bowed almost reverently as she opened better I think? My carriage is at t'e door. You will allow me to take you

home ? My name is Roscoe Bellair." She rose, almost staggeringly, a wild horror coming back to her eyes as she re-

"He thinks I took the ring. Oh, tell him I am not a thiet! You believe medon't you, sir ?"

Bellair sent Symington an indignant

your word, even if I did not have ample evidences of the truth of it. I am the sloner. Miss Edith, I wore the ring away, inadvertently, and have just return-

erving such blin I, relieving tears, that, it ever Mr. Symington felt uncomfortable in

Six months afterward Edith Santwood showed a lovely cluster-diamond ring to her gentle little mother, with her dark eves full of happy tears, her lovely cheeks flushing like a wild rose.

'Roscoe insited upon having the identical ring, mamma-that is, the same stonesreset to fit me. He says nothing is too good for our engagement ring. Oh,

namma, I am so happy !" And, although it was a terrible experience, yet Roscoe Bellair's bethrothed never regretted the episode of the diamond

A gray iron mare, the property Col. John E. Ross, is undoubtedly the most extensive piece of horseflesh in Jackson county. In weight the young mare is upward of 1800 pounds, in height 184 hands, and five years old. When she gets her growth she will be a proper subject for Barnum's traveling menagerie,-Jacksonville Sentinel.

He that is master of himself will soon be master of others. Emulation is lively and generous,

envy base and malicious. A sweet and innocent compliance is the cement of love.

A covetous man does nothing that he should do till he dies. He that after sinning mends, recom-

POLITICAL.

"What Would They Do?" "Think what would Lee and Stonewall Jack-

were they alive!"
Thus Hampton fired the Robel-hearted crew
Who still survive. Then rose the rebel yell from every threat;
And from the month

Of every veteran Grayback cont "Secode the South!" Freemen, referee the twenty years past o'er And face the dead Who for the Union died They leave, once more Their gory bed.

What do they say?-their arms raised toward Those martyr'd just : "Let not that giorious banner ever drag Low in the dust.

"Freemen, arouse! and form a solid front Of which these dead once bore the horrid brunt Stand like the rock!

"The Robel scake was bruned.

This fed from hell.

This time not arms but ballots you must try—
All may be well."

- Cleveland Leader.

The election next month will hand over you see the girl was a perfect lady? the administration and legislation of the Nution to the Democratic party, or will continue it in the hands of the Republicans. Let us try to understand just what this means, and what would come of the one

The Republican party is in power in the Federal Administration, the Democratic in the Federal Legislature. A Republican President has been an obstacle in the way legislation and repeal, in some things at fend and appland such outrages. least, and the general policy of the Government, under the laws, is that which has it will be their own fault if the Republican been fixed by the Republican party in of Indiana allow the colonists from Ken twenty years of rule. What has that pol- tucky to vote in October and beat them icy been? It won't take long to state it. First-The suppression of the great re-

structible, and that no State has the right to secede when dissatisfied with the Nation-

Third-The abolition of slavery. Fourth-The giving the right to vote to the freedmen, and their protection in their

Fifth-The recognition of the sacredness of the National obligation in regard to the

National debt. Sixth--A total and final refusal to recognize Southern war claims of whatever

I believe we may say that in all those things the policy of the Republican party has been triumphant, and that what has Nation and of man had been brought nearly if not quite to its close, and the results are beyond the reach of counter revolution. To quite finish the last measure which I have named, the resumption of specie payments, we have yet to drop the legal tender quality of our Treas North, ury notes; but that is only a question of a little time, for it is logically included in the steps already taken in our National fluance. The expiring struggles of the would be Greenback party demonstrate by their feebleness that the practical sense of the people has divided the question and is so well pleased with the existing prosperity which is based on solid values, that no efforts to disturb it by unsetting the currency will be tolerated.

The leaders of the Demogracy seem to make haste to meet us here, and say they admit that these things are settled, and that it is because they are settled that the work of the Republican party Is done and it should yield power and place to its opponent. Not quite so fast, if you please ! from 10,000 to 15,000, it is believed South will be President. And for Vice. The doing a great work well is commonly that the Republicans will be assisted by President we shall have fiat fanaticist thought a reason for trusting a political rganization with a continuing lease of power, not for turning it out. The sym- a fair count on the part of the State the Democratic party pathy with the progress of the age and of election board. Wouldn't it be tunny He hath a good judgment that re-humanity which could carry a great or- to have a hole dug in the solid South? lieth not wholly upon his own.

ganization through so terrible a struggl as that of the final acts of the anti-slavery movement, even at the terrible cost of life and treasure, argues that the body of men who did it are capable of understanding their era.

We may at least look to find among them the intelligence and the spirit to do what else the times and the country may need. On the other hand, the tack of sympathy with human progress, and the utter blindness to the judgment of all christendom which could make it possible that another great organization, in free and enlightened States, should attempt to bolster up and maintain bunnan slavery at the cost of rebellion, of war, of gigantic and long enduring public debt, refusing to recognize the finger of God or of tate, predicting suc- est administration of this Government gloomy faces of mourners when the right was at last victorious, whatever else it may

Political Points.

The Memphis (Tenn.) Appeal of September 17 calls the Northern people "canting hypocrites" whose "impudence" is

The unsophisticated Boston Transcripe is astonished to find that prominent lately visited that city, so far from denying the use of tissue ballots to defraud Southern Republicans of their rights. de- the opportunity so long and anxiously

The Clacinnati Commercial believes the out of a victory. They have been abunduntly warned of the movement across the river and the distribution of the Hessians at points where their votes will do the

The New York Times says : What would become of national election laws Government, would there be any hesiand of the statutes intended to execute tancy in carrying through every "rethe guaranty of the Fourteenth Amendment that no State shall "deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process or law," or "deny to any person within its jurisdiction the equal protection of the laws," if the Supreme Court were controlled by the party which tought of Hancock would be but the signal tor after, and will be provided for by inagainst the adoption of the amendment and has been trying to prevent its enforcement ever since ?

Says the Boston Advertiser: All who lived through the war know how dangerous the Circle worked. The Tammany naturalization frands of 1868 show what been done can not be undone. A great the North to stiffle the true voice of the people. Still later, the conspiracy in the Council of Governor Garcelon in Maine shows that no immorality in political dealing shocks the desperate appetite for power. The only safety is in sleepless vigilance. The oppositon will be no more scrupulous about means of dividing the

The Democrats take each fresh enistle from Hancock with worse grimaces of disgust. These letters are full of assurances that the party, though bad, will be under his perfect control. It is singular that this point should need so much iteration.

It is positively asserted that the methods" which have beretofore made the South solid for the Democrats, and which are to be repeated in November, will be resisted to the bitter end in Florids, North Carolina and West Virginia. In Florida especially, where the Republicans have a majority of

Southern Orntory Down Engl There is no disguising the fact that The New York Herald has the "colid South" is the Democratic been persistent in its counsels party, and this being the case the poli- Democratic managers to send cies of the South will be the policies of tinguished Southern orators inte the Democratic party. That the Deni- Northern States to "disabuse the ocratic party has not changed in any did Republicans of their pre judices." important particular in the last 20 years This plan has already been partially is proven by the utterances of the jour- adopted, but thus far it does not appear nals and speakers of the "solid South." to have worked well. Colonel Martin, What are these utterances? There is of Mississippi, an ex-Confederate officer, no disguise down South; orators and stumped Vermont for the Democrate journals all agree there, and they and during the canvase that preceded the nounce in no numistakable language recent election. The Colonel seems to that "the principles of the Democratic have been an honest, frank, outspokenparty are the same that Lee and Jack- man, and he told the truth in regard to son fought for during the four years of politics at the South with such indisthe rebellion." You have the declara- creet sincerity as to overwhelm bis tion of Wade Hampton, a great leader Democratic heaters with confusion and in the "solid South," that the same dismay. It would be well worth the principles that actuated the rebel Gen- while of Republican managers to pay erals during the rebellion actuate the the campaign expenses of a score or two Democracy now. The declaration has of this sty'e of Southern orators in been made time and again, in Congress stumping the doubtful States in behalf and out of Congress, that the Demo- of Hancock and English. "We are eratic party (the "solid South") pro- charged," said the gallant and ingenious posed to continue the fight until all the Colonel, "with stealing the negro vote. Constitutional amendments, and all Well are we to blame for it ?" And laws enacted for their enforcement, by then he goes on to admit the stealing the Republican party are repealed and lay the blame upon those who The Democratic party, led, managed "gave the negro the right to vote," and controlled by the 'solid South," that is, the Republicans. Says the orapropose to "rule or ruin." The bitter tor: ate engendered by the war, instead of being healed by time and the kindness exhibited by the North to so bitter a toe, in pouring out money and supplies votes and torty-six additional members when the South was so deeply afflicted and lay helpless with disease, seems only to have increased and made more intense that feeling of hatred to the "Yankees," the "mudsills of the North." Running over with chagrin because of their failure to "count their roll of slaves on Bunker Hill" as they had so arrogautly boasted, with an increasing hate tor the North that prevented such a consummation, would it be reasonable to expect a righteous, equitable and honcess for the wrong when it was in the act at their hands? Is it in the bounds of Green Mountain State. "Nasby" re-

reason to expect a "square deal" from watching and scheming, and imbruing its hands in human gore, and false swearing, ballot-box stuffing, and the commitment of crime innumerable, to obtain the desired end-control of the Government-for the oft declared and reiterated purpose of wreaking its dire revenge for being deleated in its purpose of destroying the Governmentwe ask, is it possible for human nature to forego that purpose of revence when looked for arrives? If the Democratic party-the solid South-should through the election of Hancock, gain possession of the Executive and Legislative brauches of the Government, would she not carry out her purpose of securing the ing full and complete control of the form" so long threatened ? From the record of the Democratic party of the revenge? No-never. The election heaping every indignity that human ingenuity could contrive upon those

armed rebellion. put up with such indignities? And if lawless societies are capable of doing in the North once more proceeded to com- them out, will be declared unconstitue pel the observance of the violated Constitution and laws, where would the

> An Illinois jury in a murder case, being divided in opinion, played a game of "high-low" to see whether the prisoner should be let off or not, and the every hand, confusion and utter demorman was convicted; but his lawyer got a new trial granted, worked in three that headed the rebellion are again in the next time the man was triumphantly acquitted.

> are rapidly monopolizing the business of manufacturing brooms. One by one order of things, slavery and all, or desthey are seizing upon odds and ends of troy the entire fabric of Union. That business and making them their own, these are solemn traths, every man that and foreing idleness upon white men and women.

It Gev. Hancock is elected the solid the bester class of Democrats to insure These two are the controlling forces in

They gave the right to vote to the negro. By so doing they gave to the South forty-six additional electoral of Congress. Now we determined to get those electoral votes and the members of Congress, and we got then Are we to blame for it ? The Republicans tempted us, and we fell. Now that we have them we propose to keep

We do not know how many speeches of this sort were made in Vermont, but it Colonel Martin was tolerably active in prosecuting his mission, and the papers took proper pains in giving his efforts the circulation their highly original tone deserved, we can understand the falling off in the Democratic vote of the commends Democratic orators to equip such a source? Is it possible for hu-themselves with two speeches, one for argue, does not argue the capacity to comaudiences. Heretofore the explanation given at the North of the prodigious Democratic majorities in States where half the population consists of freedmen has been that the negroes have been converted, and vote the Democratio ticket. If Colonel Martin was supplied with two speeches, as recommended by "Nasby,"it is evide: t that he got them badly mixed, or spoke the wrong one when he delivered himself as above reported.

> The rebel claims on file, the payment of which is not prohibited by constitutional amendment, amount to \$2,523, 500,000-a sum in excess of the national debt. This is in the programme of Judicial, by increasing the membership the "solid South." And does anyone of the Supreme Court ? and then. hav- doubt that Hancock, if elected, will retuse to carry out the behests of the section that secured his election? Without the "solid South", there is no poesibility of his election, and whatever is demanded, therefore, by the "solid South" past, can any man believe that it will is certain to be granted. The provision forego any portion of its long sought in the Constitution prohibiting the payment of these claims has been looked creasing the number of Supreme Judges, all of whom will be selected from who aided assisted in putting down the "solid South," which will give the Democracy a majority in that body. How long would the mighty North Then the amendments to the Constitution and all acts of Congress to carry tional and void. And then there will be high revel at the capital! The treasury vaults will be depleted, the credit of the country destroyed, and instead of the present prosperity and active business enterprise witnessed on alization will reign. The same men sharpers from Chicago on the jury, and front occupying places of power, and now as then they will stop at rothing to attain their ends. Every word and act of theirs during all these years The Chinese have entered into and proves their hate for the Union, and they are determined to reinstate the oldreads and observes current events is surely convinced.

> > The first printing office in Paris was pened in 1469 by a French publish who obtained his printers fro

He that shows a pass emy where he may be hit