THE TOP ROUND

of THE LADDER.

(Ortginal.) Camilla Deming was a country girl

who went to the city to join in the lit-

erary scramble. Ambitious and pos-

sessing some means, she intended to

eschew the drudgery of editorial work

and strike at once into authorship. But

one man in her native village was suf-

ficiently intellectual to secure her

friendship, Curtis Forster, a young

physician who had studied his profes-

sion in town and returned to practice

it in the country. He was plodding

of success, that of wife and mother,

with himself for the husband, and when she refused begged her if she

were unsuccessful to consider the offer

She had met with some success by

writing stories for the country papers

and began in her new field with others

more finished, it is true, but the same

simple work that had so pleased her

neighbors. Occasionally she would dis-

pose of one of them to a magazine,

but at the end of a year after figuring

up her net proceeds she had gained

She had brought with her from the

country a bit of editorial work, which

had remained in the bottom of her

consisted of a series of selections from

the most affecting scenes in the works

admirably imitating the author's style.

It was accepted, and the book made

expenditures. Her publisher suggest-

the proceeds derived many times lar-

which from time to time she had sub-

mitted to publishers, then revised and

submitted again, always with the same

result-"Unavailable." Selecting one of a dozen publishers who were now

hounding her for her work, she placed

it in his hands, and it was published

About this time she received a note

on her progress. She replied in a

charming naivete the remark of ber

last publisher. "You will soon be at

the top of the ladder if you don't mar-

ry." Forster replied, "Marry and turn

The novel was a success. Though

not as successful as the two previous

books, still it sold well. Camilla wait-

ed before entering upon any new work

till this fact had been established,

then went to her publisher for a con-

ference. He told her that there was

a demand for a work like her previous

ones and suggested that she take up

Thackeray and extract scenes as she

Somehow the advice fell on Camilla

like a wet blanket. She was at a turn-

ing point in her career. What should

she do? She felt the need of some one

in whom she had confidence to assist

her in seeing the problem in its true

light. Packing her belongings, she took

a train for home. Arriving there, she

sent for Dr. Forster, stated her case

and asked his advice. He took a copy

of each of her three books and prom-

ised to see her when he had carefully

read them. In a few days he called

upon her with his report, which she well knew would be the plain, unvar-

"The sale of your first two books

was based on the genius of another.

Publishers, in order to secure that

which they were sure of selling, so

flattered you that they partly con-

vinced you that your success was

"Camilla," the doctor went on,

what is this you lament-that you

are not pre-eminent in creating imagi-

nary beings who are intended to move

before us like real people, enact their

triumps and weep at their failures?

It is a noble field, I admit, a field in

which there have been but few real

masters, but there is a nobler one. In

ft the characters are real and come

from the great Creator. It is a field

into which I would myself gladly eu-

for if you would consent to enter it

with me. If you will abandon the

fictitious and take up the real, your

characters will be a husband who

of one bitterly disappointed.

the ladder upside down."

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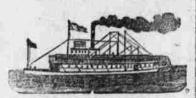
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and practical. He strongly advised her to choose a role offering greater chances The Experiment Fails in Chicago and Investors Lose.

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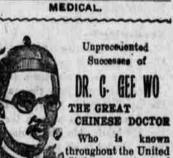
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