

A BALLAD OF YOUTH.

Adown the road the red rose bushes
Are budding and blooming here and there.

MARK ANTONY'S WIDOW.

"Mark Antony's widow," said Mrs.
Methorpe, sharply. "Again! Didn't I

"Hycinth Methorpe hesitated. She
was a tall, angular girl of 15, with feet

"Mamma," she ventured, "won't you
see her? She is very pretty and young,

"No, I won't," said Mrs. Methorpe,
standing with a little Dresden statuette

"Oh, mamma, hush! She will hear
you!"

"Let her hear me. The truth never
yet did anybody any harm. Mark

"Mamma, she is your brother's
widow."

Mrs. Methorpe fixed upon her young-
est born a Gorgon glance which nearly

"Besident, miss!" said she. "Is it for
a slip of a thing like you to contradict

"At this moment, however, Hycinth
was reinforced by a slight, fair haired

"Do not blame Hycinth, Mrs. Mel-
thorpe," said she. "I called to see you

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"She is pretty, in a wax doll sort of
fashion," thought Norine, who herself

"Yes," said Mrs. Methorpe. "But if
you will allow me to mention it, Mrs.

"His wife was Mark Antony's sister,"
"Humph!" said Mrs. Methorpe. "If

"If you expect, madame, to be adopted
by all Mark Antony's relations, you will

Mrs. Mark Antony withdrew silently.
Norine Methorpe tossed her head; Hyc-

"Gooey," cried Norine, "what are
you sobbing about?"

"Oh, it was too cruel," faltered Hyc-
inth. "You might at least have offered

"Nonsense," said Norine. "The woman
has got to be taught to know her

"But she never was brought up to do
anything. She was rich when Uncle

"She might have had a few thousand
dollars—noting to what Prudentia

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was delicate, and Hycinth, sweet child,
was growing a great deal too fast, still

"And I wonder," thought indignant
Hycinth, "what mamma calls that but

The Methorpes went down by train
the next week but one, leaving the pack-

"Albert Harper is as rich as Croesus,"
thought the manuevering mother, "and

She had not seen much of the Harpers,
of Harper Castle, of late years, because

"If I had supposed," reasoned Mrs.
Methorpe, "that Artemis was going to

But Methorpe said there was no reason she
shouldn't earn her living and save us the

The elegant open landau with its deep
bay horses glittering with gold plated

Norine entered it, more like royal Juno
than ever. Mrs. Methorpe bustled after

"This is something like," said Norine,
languidly exultant. "Mamma, we've

been grubs all our lives, now we are com-
mencing to be butterflies. I must say, I

and Hycinth was silent.

Col. Harper met them at the door—a
superb arched portal beneath a row of

Norine kissed him effusively. Mrs. Mel-
thorpe squeezed his hand. Hycinth

"Pray walk in," said the colonel. "I
was just considering the propriety of

"My dear Albert! Of writing to us?"
"Yes," said Col. Harper, ushering

"I do not know that my affairs particu-
larly affect the rest of the family, but I

Mrs. Methorpe gave a gasp. Norine
looked appalled. No thunderbolt could

"Artemis has been dead a year now,"
went on the colonel, in cool, business

"The lady who has honored me by
intrusting her future to my care is a

Among the shadows of the bay window
draped— "I wish to introduce you to

Mrs. Methorpe—young ladies—this is
Mrs. Harper."

"Why!" cried out Hycinth, in her im-
pulsive fashion, "it is Uncle Mark An-

Mrs. Methorpe had reddened as if boil-
ing carbolic acid had been poured

"I tried to tell you about it that day in
the city," said she. "I should have

"I should have liked to ask you to our
quiet wedding; but you declined to

"You desired me to read the newspapers,
or to buy a typewriter, or something of

"I could not get a chance to explain
to you that Col. Harper was a friend

Mrs. Methorpe and Miss Norine re-
turned to New York in the evening train.

After all that was come and gone they
deemed it best speedily to retire from

"She was the only one who spoke kind-
ly to me," said she. "Without intend-

"If mamma does not object," said Hyc-
inth, secretly wondering if the world

"Mamma" did not object in the least.
It was something to have that tall, awk-

"But what Col. Harper could have
seen to fancy in Mark Antony's widow,"

"Perhaps all this was a lesson to Mrs.
Methorpe; perhaps not. There are

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