By Murtha McCulloch-Williams

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WOMAN sighs, 'I wish.' man should say, 'I will.'" with a little laugh: "Lord, how this generation discounts that fine piece of Bulwer's sentimentality! Women now-Instead they say things, and, behold, the things are done."

der at it," he went on. "You were so ing it. immortally certain Baby Curran would make ducks and drakes of her venture, when, lo, she's succeeded in a way to astonish everybody.

"Wrong, as usual," Norris commented. Marvin shook his head, with a glad Daddy Curran left nothing but debts and a livery stable to his flock of children. There was nothing for Baby to do except keep on with the business"-

"There was. She might have married me," Norris Interrupted. "She knew I'd look out for her stepmother and the kids"-

"No doubt," Marvin broke in, "but that isn't Baby's way. Don't you remember how at school she wouldn't be told in class or have her sums done for her? Honest independence is her ruling passion-so much so, indeed, I feared to have her go into this. Daddy Curran never thought of doubting anybody's word until he had to. I thought Baby was off the same piece. So she is, but she's got something else in her. Her spot cash conscience, she calls it. I heard her explaining to old Major Axtun that the way to avoid bad debts was to have no debts at all and let the bank do all the bookkeep-

Norris drummed hard on the table. "I'm a fool to keep on caring!" he burst out. "She puts me aside like a last year's bonnet; won't hear to marrying me until the debts are paid and Benny boy through school and ready to step into her shoes. That means four years at least. Meantime there's the devil to pay with my people. They're it; had promised the dealer the best not purse proud, but who can blame horse to be found and, having found them if they don't want to welcome as a daughter a headstrong young woman him have it. who has made herself the talk of the county, not even though she did it with sharp at bargaining with half the horse buy saddle stock"-

"I don't know anybody with a betthan the most of us," Marvin interposed. "And, all things considered, it is a good thing. She has her market ready made, as it were. Those city folks take everything of class she can find them and pay her a handsome profit."

"You seem to hold a brief for her," Norris said sulkily, a gleam of suspicion in his eyes. "It might be well for you to join hands with her. You might make more at horse dealing than you ever did at the law."

"Very likely-if I had Baby's chance. But certainly I shan't scheme to take it from her," Marvin said steadily; then, flushing a little, he added: "I would be only too glad to join hands with her in anything-and for life. But she has let me know that's out of the question. When she set you free she left herself bound, little as you deserve

The last word was flung over his shoulder. He had risen and was striding toward the door. Norris looked after him, half angrily, half shamedly, then glanced about the handsomely/appointed office with a scowling sneer. His grandfather had been governor, his father was a senator, his mother led society in Allingham. Naturally she looked high for her only son, much higher than a bankrupt's daughter, who had taken upon ber shoulders an unwomanly burden. Still she had not set herself openly against her son's choice. She had even approved, though mildly, his intention of constancy. How, then, should he suspect that she was plan-

ning to upset that intention; the hinge of the plan was Miss Althea Roscould have overlooked her nose. Unfortunately it stood out so boldly overlooking it was impossible, even in the effulgence of her many dollars. It was the nose as much as anything else that had made Granville Norris feel so much at ease with her. She had come for a long visit, and Allingham was making much of her, yet somehow she had not been brought face to face with Baby, who had nowadays little time and less money for ruffling it in Norris read from an old the town gayeties. Norris himself saw commonplace book, adding, her but in little snatches. She went and came so uncertainly and at such calls were out of the question. The litadays have got past sighing anything. tie new home was so crowded it was impossible to say anything there without having it reach all ears. Norris "Which means, if anything, that felt that there was much which ought you're dead sore," Marvin retorted, to be said, but somehow had not yet pulling hard at his pipe. "I don't won- brought himself to the pitch of say-

Althea snug beside her. He rushed out City. to greet them and almost dragged them inside. Very shortly thereafter he went lazy laugh, saying: "George, but I'm away with the a-upon an errand he in southern Oregon. did not in the least relish. Miss Althea had heard of Baby Curran's venture, further, she had lost her heart to a fine saddle mare Baby had just bought and sent out to exercise. She meant to virtue of Foley's Kidney Cure, they have the creature at almost any price, need only to refer to Mr. Alvin H. have the creature at almost any price, so Norris, perforce, went along to see Stimpson, of Willimantie, Conn., who the bargaining. He did not go quite blindly. Though he had never let him-dies, finally tried Foley's Kidney Cure, self acknowledge it, he was not insen- which he says was "just the thing" for sible to what he would gain if he could him, as four bottles cured him com-If he meant ever to do that, it was from all the suffering incident to acute well not to set the new fancy beside kidney trouble. Belt & Cherrington the old. He writhed at the thought, Dallas; M. L. Thompson, Falls City. hoping against hope for some miraculous chance to take Baby away. But. most inconsistently, he felt a flooding paper. gladness at sight of her, smiling a welcome from the door of the neat dingy

> streets. Yes, she had got a fine commission. No, Miss Roswell could not have the mare by doubling, trebling, quadrupling it-not for anything at all. | coyote pups. She (Baby) was sorry to seem disobliging, but she could do nothing else. She had given her word and must keep

the outset. Finding herself thus with- Thompson, Falls City. the best intentions in the world? My stood for the sake of what seemed to mother was at me yesterday, asking her a fine spun scruple, she showed a me if I wanted a wife who had grown | temper as high as her nose and flounc- three lumber mills. ed across the stall front, saying to dealers and teamsters in the country- Mrs. Norris in pretended aside: "Isn't side. It seems Baby is setting up to it lucky? I didn't really want the ter right. She knows horses better looking either. You might take her to thumb. He says: "The doctor wanted be quite respectable-unless you knew better."

Baby heard every word, as Miss Roswell meant she should. She stepped Druggist. back a pace, going white, then red, her hands hanging helplessly at her sides. Norris likewise heard; he flushed darkly and made as if to stand by his sweetheart. But his mother was calling him, likewise his duty as a courteous host. With a look half angry, half apologetic, he followed the two retreating figures toward their car-riage. Halfway to it he stopped and Pa. "Two of our home doctors said the half turned about, to see Marvin case was hopeless, his lungs being affected. We then employed other docstanding with Baby's hand in his, her tors but no benefit resulted. By chance face raised to his and her eyes wet, we read about Electric Bitters; bought Instantly he flung back to them, but Baby waved him away. When he had gone and the carriage was out of hearing, she said to Marvin, with a little hard breath: "Poor Granville! I ought not to blame him. He has maybe eaught my faith in spot cash."

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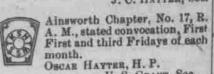
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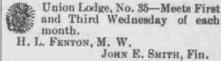
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