A CHANGED WOMAN.

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door sports and exercises.

He was broad-shouldered and nineteen. indicated by a sanguine tempera- received at Brown's. curls all over his finely formed tered by her preference. Charles Peyton, at twenty-one.

that he was somewhat fast at twen- and self-esteem. stationary. His hair was of raven all were equally eager for his smiles. seductive as those of a Spanish Moore, and had no eyes or earsment of a fashionable exquisite.

In spite of his reputation as a Charles and every one else. whenever they required it.

pleasant enough, and one day when . "How can I help it?" said he, with

It was the photograph of a won- is my motto." derously beautiful young girl, of And Frank started gayly off again perhaps eighteen or twenty, with in pursuit of Lottie. an exquisitely oval face. and com- We remained a fortnight with the lets to ber shoulders, which were the breach between Frank and lvory. It was plain to be seen at a parent glance that the original must be At the end of a fortnight we all eyes of Frank Ledyard.

time would alone reveal.

"What divinity is this, Peyton?" ment between them. absorbed by the exquisite likeness ically. before him.

I intend to marry."

tion, won't you, old feilow?" he in- love for Lottie?" I inquired feeling

"Certainly," answered the other, "No." was the sullen rejoinder;

home on the Saco.

Charles Peyton and I had been There was to be a grand reception just what Frank is-about women; college chums for nearly four years. at the Peyton mansion on the even- and offer myself in a straight for-We had entered on the same term of our arrival, under the general di- ward, lover-like way." at Brown's University, and were rection and supervision of Helen He accepted my advice, and now each of us in the graduating and Florence Peyton-Charles' sis- wrote her a long letter, confessing

ior, and as good a fellow as ever noon at the village of B-, situ- intentions of Ledyard being honorabreathed. We had been warm ated on the east bank of the river. ble. A week after he received subfriends from the cutset, and that We found the Peytons a very re-stantially the following reply: friendship so auspiciously begun spectable, well-to-do family, living "Mr. Peyten-Sir:-Your letter had never suffered the least abate- in a large, modern, well-furnished is at hand, but I shall not thank ment during the three and a half house. Col. Peyton was a jovial you for your unwarrantable accusayears or more that we had known representative of the better class tions against Mr. Ledyard. Hopeach other. His father was a pros- of Down East lumbermen, of about ing you will not trouble me with perous lumber dealer in Maine, and fifty, or thereabouts-frank, genial any further correspondence of this and Charles had been born and and affable. Mrs. Peyton was a sort, I remain, as formerly, your brought up on the legendary banks little, meek-eyed, pale-faced woman, friend and well-wisher. of the Saco. He was twenty-one, and the girls were fine specimens and passionately addicted to out of the buxom, country type, of the This cold, cruel epistle drove my respective ages of seventeen and friend almost to the verge of dis

muscular as an athlete He stood Frank became an immense favor- and made but an indifferent show five feet ten and a half in his stock- ite with the ladies in the start. In at the closing examination wher ings, and tipped the scales squarely the evening there was quite a gath- the final degrees were awarded. at one hundred and seventy. His ering of elite of the village, and This was, perhaps, ten or elever features were open and regular, among other young ladies to whom weeks after the reception of Lottie though somewhat after the massive I was introduced, was Charles' Moore's letter. During this time boyine type, so to speak. His com- sweetheart, I ottie Moore, the exqui- Frank Ledvard had absented him plexion was florid, as is usually site original of the picture he had half a dozen times, and generally

ment; eyes of a clear lively blue- I noticed that, like the rest, she one occasion, on his return, he ad of a preceptive, rather than a re- was instantly fascinated by the mitted to me that he had been on a flective cast; nose and mouth prom- marvelous beauty, grace, and ele- flying visit to the Saco, and had inently indicative of character and gance of Frank, and it was plain seen Lottie Moore. firmness. His hair clung in short to be seen that he was equally flat- I asked him if it was his inten-

head, which rested with a command- Charles Peyton tried to do the ing poise upon the squarely devel- agreeable, but if Frank was around, ing look, saying: oped trunk. Such was my chum, she was sure to repel his advances with a mixture of covert disdain such a question. What should I be Frank Ledyard was a particular and coquetish effrontery that was able to do with a wife, and espec friend of ours, though it was hinted especially galling to Charles' pride jally such an unsophisticated dais

ty. He was the only son of a It struck me that it would have governor has other plans concernwealthy Wall street broker, and by looked better if Frank had paid ing me." far the handsomest young fellow in more attention to the other young the university. In complexion he ladies present, and less to her, c.resembled a exquisite piece of wax pecially when it was evident that

blackness, with eyes of a correspond- But, from the first, he seemed to ing color-large, languishing, and be perfectly fascinated with Lottie Creole. He was slightly effemir. further than the merest politeness ate, though in form, feature and required-for any one else. He dress, he was the perfect embodi- danced and promenaded with her all the evening, to the exclusion of

roue, Ledyard was the most popu- I saw, by my chum's look, that lar man in the university. He if his rival had been any one else scattered money as freely as water, but an invited guest, the affair and never hesitated to accommo- would not have passed off so quiet date his fellow-students with a loan ly. As it was, I could see his eyes occasionally snap with chagrin and Charles and I had spent one of vexation, whenever it became too the short vacations with Frank at evident that they were knowingly Bank Now his father's imposing residence on imposing upon the rights of hospithe Hudson, and it was now settled tality. Once when I saw too palby special invitation from the sen- pable a slight offered to my friend to Prospectus VO-apr El ONCE for Peyton that Frank and I should by Lottie, I indignantly drew spend the ensuing vacation with Frank aside, and remonstrated with Charles on the Saco. This was all him upon the tolly of his behavior.

we were discussing the matter, and a gesture of annovance. "She takes considering the possibility of ex- to me as naturally as a duck to water ploring the river in question to its Besides, she is intoxicating, charmsource, during our stay, Charles re- ing, divine! How could you expect ceived his mail. We both knew a fellow of my temperament to resist that he had a sweetheart, and when the chances of such a conquest? we saw him kiss one of the dainty Besides, I have already talked to envelopes, we were satisfied it was her about Peyton, and she says she from the object of his love. Accome is under no obligations whatever panying this letter was a thin ob to him. It is a mere matter of prelong package, which he proceeded ference or fancy on his part, as it is to undo after he had perused the on mine. The same field is open to both of us. Let him win who can.

plexion as clear as porcelain. Her Peytons, and every day Frank and eyes were large and luminous, and Lottie became more and more abher dark bair fell in clustering ring: sorbed in each other, and every day bare and dimpled, and as white as Charles became wider and more ap-

superbly beautiful. I could not three started on our return trip to help noticing the eager look of ad- the university, Frank gay and exmiration that played and flashed ultant, Charles moody and silent, like sommer lightning in the dark and I, as a general thing, well pleased with my visit.

It was plain that the picture had As Charles and I paced the promwrought a powerful influence upon enade deck, our conversation turned him. Whether for good or evil, upon Lottie, and the part that Frank had played ineffecting the estrange-

inquired Ledyard, with eager inter- "And do you really love her so est, all of his faculties seemingly much, Charles?" said I, sympathet

"Love her?" reiterated Peyton. "That," said Charle, with proud "Ay! better than my own soul! gatisfaction in his tone, "is the girl What is Ledyard's passion compared to my love-I ask you?"

"You will give us an introduc- "Have you ever confessed your quired, suddenly resuming his hab-itual poise of easy indifference. friend's troubles.

gaily, "when you come with me at "but she knows my preference, and it was tacitly understood by both "All right," said Frank, lighting families that I looked upon Lottie unt

a eigar, in his usual carelses man- as my future bride. I know she never would have dreamed of scorn-And so the topic was discon- ing my love, had it not been for the invitation extended to Ledyard."

A fornight later, and all three of "I am sorry, Charley," said I, us were on our way to Peyton's sympathetically, "but if I were you I would write to Lottie and tell her

his own earnest, undying love, and Peyton was two years my sen- We arrived early in the after- repudiating the probability of the

traction. He neglected his studies.

four or five day at a time; and on

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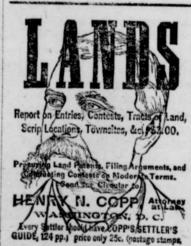


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