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Ideal and Real.

By Martha McCulloch-Williams.

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"I'll tell you it's the only way! Un-
less you agree to run away with Jessy
you'll never get her." Grandmother
Lewis said energetically as she smoothed
her silk apron. Millard, who was
thin and every way of the correct form,
groaned. "Run away! What for?
And why?" he demanded. "Do you
does anybody object to me? I'm sure
Major Lewis does not, and as for Jessy
herself—"

"Jessy is a dear, sweet little, ador-
able young fool," the grandmother in-
terrupted. "She has her head stuffed
full of romance from the plays she
sees and the novels she reads at that
tony school in the city. She was only
a parlor boarder, you know, and my
son John had no more sense than to go
telling the head of it his girl must have
whatever she wanted. She got it too.
Such a bill of extras as John had no-
body ever saw or paid before. I'm tell-
ing you so you may be prepared. The
Jessy you'll see shortly is not a bit like
the nice girl I sent away. She
tells me flat, to my very face, that it's
wicked to be contented with the state
of life wherein you find yourself. She
also sighs and repeats poetry under her
breath and has signed actor photo-
graphs all over her dressing table.
Says money is vulgar and respectabil-
ity stupid; also that she simply wouldn't
love a man that everybody belonging
to her approved."

"Pretty bad for you, boy. I've brought
you up pretty much on purpose for
my little girl, and even yet I don't de-
spair of getting you. You also have
been away. Can't you help us discover
something that will justify us in for-
bidding you the house?"

Millard groaned again, shaking his
head. He was a serious person, with
only here and there odd grains of hu-
mor.

"Possibly one of the grains came
on top just then. He sprang up as
though galvanised, caught grandmoth-
er's hands and said: "The trouble with
raking up a past, even a manufactured
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