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### JOY'S COMING

By MILDRED WHITE,

Big Tom stood gazing absently through the window of his crude office in the wood. His mother had distinguished him by this name, from the frail Tom, who was his father. Now that both were gone, the faithful son awakened bitterly to a sense of his own loneliness. With the cheer; mother awaiting him each evening in the neat cottage home, this busy life among rough lumbermen had seemed neither profitiess nor duil. Big Tom dreaded polgnantly his evenings. He wondered, if he might not arrange to leave the work here, and go to a more companionable field in the city. But whom could be trust to carry on his great interests, which had grown to remarkable success? No, the life which he had been obliged to take up when his father's declining health made work no longer possible, must still be the life which would hold his fretting And as he gazed with somber eyes through the opening between the trees, he beheld an unbelievable thing a girl's figure advancing rapidly to

ward blm. The girl, dropping her suit case be fore the office door, and sounding a tentitive knock answered the question To Tom's astonished stare, she gave a wistful smile, "If you please," asked the wonder-girl, "will you direcme to a hotel-or boarding house? she added at his evident glaves disnany, "I left the train at the is stop, and have walked, searching upon my way. The place is less papalate than I thought." "Come in," said Big Tom, cordially,

Before this girl's diffidence his selfconsciousness vanished.

abruptly.

The girl's crystal clear eyes met his frankly. "I came to hide away from a man," she replied, "and I left the train at the most isolated spot I could find. I hoped,"-Impatiently she brushed the tears from her fringed lids,--"to find work here. Stenogra phy perhaps, and support myself."

Big Tom whistled, "You know your own business of course," he said, "but don't you think you'd better go back. Surely there is some other way-

"This is the only way," the girl answered decidedly.

"If it's the only way," he said briskly, "and you are determined in it, why, you may become my typist, this minate, I'll be almighty relieved to find one. Even in this wilderness I'm a busy And there's my mother's cottage, all ready for you to keep house in. It will be pleasant to think of rou there, sort of keeping things go

'And you?" asked the girl breathlessly, "where will you be?"

"Why, right here," Mr. Tom replied. "I bunk here now half the time,"

So the plan worked out like a happy fairy tale, and the new arrangement of affairs ran smoothly, as affairs were went to run, with Big Tom's planning. The girl bade him call her "Joy;" "Beause she had put her sorrows belitud

His love for her grew to a sort of vence, In Joy, was personified all and truth and parity book women whom Top laid worsent cottage, or over the books in the whin office, grew more and more into the business came out to the forests in wood occur. The nigher the grade ord, And when Rawlings faced Tom's little stenographer be stammered in what he was saying and left the room patently perturbed, Big Tom's troubled eyes noted Joy's sudden paler, and when Rawlings had gone she mme to him with a gesture of resigantion. "I will have to leave you, Big twist out of shape. Tom," she said wearily,

"Rawlings is not the man you are hiding from?" he asked sharply. Joy shook her head, "He will send be other man to find me," she told

Suddenly, she was subbing, "You don't understand. Tom dear,"

she cried. The man I ran away from, are my promised husband."

Instantly his arms retensed her, acingly his eyes held hers, "Listen," the girl went on, "I was

for years secretary to a wealthy womnn who loved and trusted me. Before she died, she begged me to marry her only son, that I might goard her fortime and conven him from recklessness to wisdom. I agreed, only when I thought that he laved me. He was winningly attractive in a young girl's eyes, and I also thought-Oh! Tom how could I ever have thought -that I cared for him; we agreed before offnermen that we should be marsted as some as the requirements of the with were adjusted.

Dutedly Big Tens turned to answer the telephone. When he replaced the receiver, he arring about and held net his press,

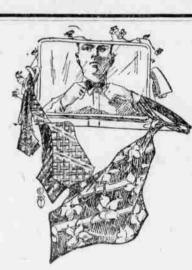
"Noy of my life." cried You exultant ly, "you don't have to go buck, You are not going back, until som go, as my wife. That was Rawlings; be cutted to say that the man you ran way from is married and already he has taken steps to secure life pioth-

PT'S BIDLING." "He suft have it all," said Por

the Tem lengthed, "Streken Pre stock got smough for you honer," he sale asks.

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Varnish, shellac, and other moisthe very spirit of her name. It was ture-resistant finishes merely decrease then that Rawlings of the city end of the rate at which the moisture changes to consult personally with Tom Here- and the more conts applied, the slower will be the moisture enanges.

Unequal contings on opposite surfaces of wooden articles cause un equal rates of change in moisture content and hence unequal shrinkage on the two sides of the plece. The reself is that the wood tends to cup of

Planting Momorial Trees.

Planting of trees in honor of heroe who gave their lives in the late war is becoming a favorite method of perpermiting the memory of these men, In Cleveland, O., May 30, Memorial day will be made memorable by the dedication of Liberty row, which will extend for nine miles and will contain did trees each planted in memory of a gold star here of Cleveland.

The trees will be called Victory taks and each will contain a tablet bearing the name of a soldier, and the date and place of his death

Use for Helgoland.

The Royal Society for the Protec tion of Birds in England and the Permanent Wild Life Protective Fund of the United States join in suggesting that Helgeland be made a reservation for the birds that suigrate along the coast of Europe. The island is less than one fifth of a title square, but I is directly in the path of migratory birds, and when Germany has removed the fortifications and other military establishments the birds will probably use it.

Why Horses Are Diminishing. An authority attributes the diming tion in number of horses to the impossibility of horse prices keeping pure with the prices of wheat, corn pork, beef and mutton, and therefore

the farmer neglects borse breeding for something more profitable, that what are we going to do for work stock five of ten years from now? he

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