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Tas attainent fell like balm on Marman of conscience. Clementina was a nice a rich and a rich girl. What did it matter a der tather was an igneramus and hild, his thousands by nurshrine? G me was tond of h.m. Ciemenmating t want a weathy husband. She loves to see him in his wig and dush and the diun't care a fig for her special comment. He wasn't desperstep as the with Clementina, but what did lunc ...stier?

"Researcherster?" asked Marmaduke of his minut client-his but and coat stippe up scains: the opposite chair, wanyou make is the i me tone you don't while in the worker, a inwyer, 12081 raili tell you. It is an arrest piece of this, sit, a madity as which this you tamment of and for ways a second forth diament tiltigs, which our are sorry for mirroard. While it inits, you think justifie the cappies, renow on the lace of the carth, and when its gube, what bate you got? A silce of caperiance, mathall. You've has your case and got to pay the custs. Now, if only hot bened yourn would consult a lawyer before starting on a matrimonial career, by Jovel what a harvest we should make.

At that moment a light rap came at the office door, and Marmaduke, with a vision of a wouldny client in a sable coat. and wells a waite a bretanizh below. crew cown his logs hasting, and assimid his best court exprisition, just as the dust spined and Miss Clementina Pute suttred:

"itent" said the young lawyer, with a shace of clampionitment.

"You're surprised to see me," said 2in Polts. "You don't often entertain infies forred

No. unfortunately, my clients have been mostly of the masculine persuaine Marmaco, e. s. ith a husty intre at his hat had cont. "But take a seat. This, I m awardly glad to see you, and you do loose reputet"

Miss Print amore, sha certainly did look remar, ably pretty. Her theels were ples folls usual her robulsh half alesmon sold in the summart, and the Hung inwhor's cars accord strangely reduced. C. menting amonthed her ermine mult and loos on up neterminedly. "I rickin," she said, "I'd best go straight into the matter. There's no sense in brating around the bush when you can a p through it, as pop says. 1 came to say that our engagement is off. and I'm off, too. We sail for New York straight away."

"What?" said Marmaduke, starting back with unfeigned horror. "What for?

course, and perhaps she suffered, tool Poor littis Clementina! How preity she had looked and how generous she had been!

Marmaduke flung the clothes brush at. his wig and gown to express his disgust at the barrister who owned them, and, putting on his hat and coat, strode moodily home.

Arriving there, he took a fiendish delight in acquainting his venerable parent of the collapse of his cherished scheme, but, at the conclusion of his story of Clementina's flight, he found the astonishment was solely to be on his side.

"I'm glad to hear it. Very glad," said his father. "Not that I was afraid you would be mad enough to stick by the engagement, my boy."

"What on earth are you talking about!" said Marmaduke.

"You haven't heard, then," said Mr. Egmont. "The little minx didn't tell you that her father has just been made a bankrupt. Well, I never!"

"Tina's father a bankrupt!"

"Yes," went on Mr. Egmont, testily. "I thought they would come a cropper the rate they were living-balls, parties, theaters galore, to say nothing of diamonds and Paris millinery. The only thing I have to be thankful for is the girl's honesty. Her father would have insisted on the marriage if it hadn't been for her."

For a few minutes Marmaduke sat as if he was stunned. Then his face cleared in a remar, able way. He pulled his hat and coat on again with feverish haste and without returning any answer to his father's questions, ran out of the house He took a cab to the hotel where Mr Potts and his daughter had been staying, and found out the boat they were going by and the time it started and found he had only an hour to ach e white purpose. Taking another cab, he prom-

ised the driver countless wealth if he arrived in time. "Goodness me, Tina, if that isn't that young flame of yours coming along the quay. ' said Mr. Potts, looking over the side of the vessel that was to take them back to their native land. "'Pears as though he's looking for something."

Clementina looked up with a deep flush on her cheek and a wild throbbing at her heart. What had he come for now?

In a few minutes he was beside her. "Tina," he whispered, "I know all

My own brave little girl! Have I found too late that it was you I wanted-you and not your wretched money?" "I gumes that's the sweetest bit of

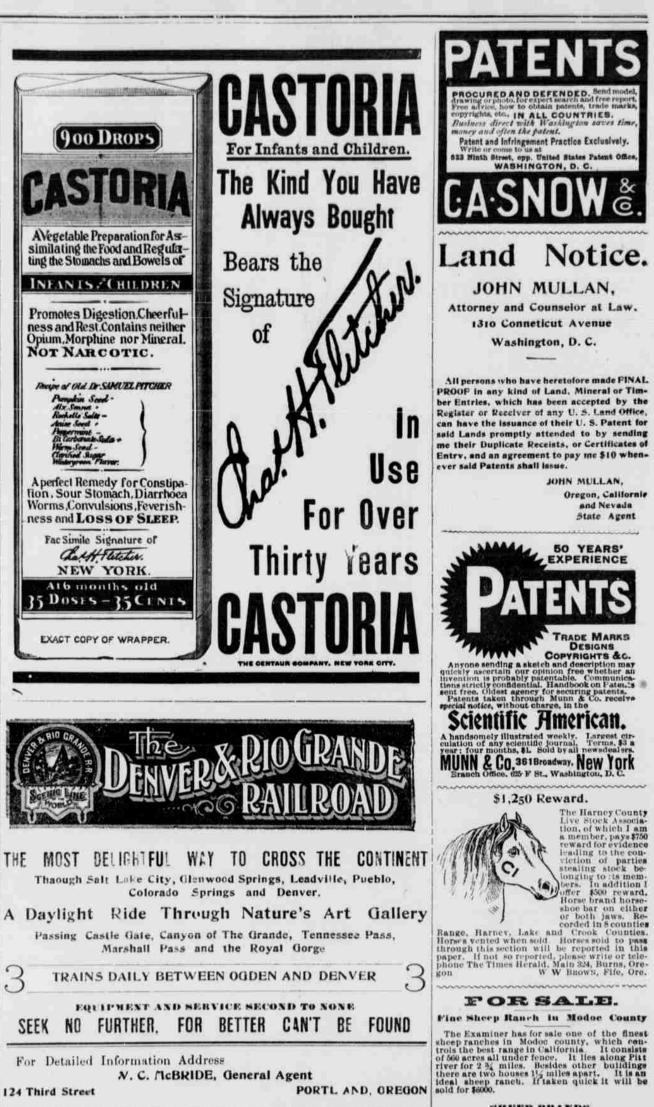
music I've ever heard," said Tina, looking up with the tears shining in her eyes. "But this boat starts in about two minutes.

"lina, I cannot let you go," cried Marmadule, desperately, "I'm so poor, I've only got about \$1,000 a year coming in, and I haven't had as much as a brief yet, but if you only loved me enough to-

"You really want to marry me, now pop's poor!" burst out Clementina, in a tremor of excitement. "Yes. yes!"

"Well, I guess, pop, you'll have to go this tr.p by yourself, said Clementina, promptly. "Duke, take my luggage up. Here's your ticket, pop, and take care of your bieased self. Write as soon as you can, and don't forget to address the letter to

"Mrs. Egmont!" screamed Marma- 124 Third Street duke, as they ran up the gangway. here was a farewell shrick from



I think that is my business," said Clementina, quietly. "Anyhow, you've been good to me, Duke, and I'm sorry to leave you. But you'll soon find somebody to fill my place."

"But that's all nonsense!" said Marmaduke, seizing the little white gloved hand. "I'm not going to be turned off like this. Don't you care enough for me? is that it?"

For a moment Clementina's blue eyes sparkled with indignation; then she laughed awkwardly and turned away. I like you as well as most." she said but I reckon I can get along without any of you. Anyway, I'm off."

"But don't you see you are treating mebadly. Clementina?" argued the lawrer. "I have a right to know the reason you are jilting me. It isn't fair to me." "I guess it's fairer than if I married " said Clementina, with a little shake in her voice. "But when we American girls make up our minds, there's authing more to be said. We'd better my good-by here. Pop's waiting for me at the station, and I've got two or three more visits to make. Say, you've sever kissed me before, and we've been shgaged for a long time. You can just once now, if you want to."

Miss Potts lifted a slightly blushing cheek, and, as Marmaduke accepted the invitation it struck him as a curious coincidence that he had never been tempted to kiss those pretty, pouting lipibefore. He realized then what a falsehearted knave he had been. Clementing's tremulous kiss sent a thrill to his heart, which swept over the pangs of conscience. For a moment he was in paradine, and when he returned to earth Clementina had gone

Then he called himself all the names he could think of. He was a brute, a sordid wretch, a paitry fortune hunter, and deserved little short of hanging. Clumentina had found out in time he was only marrying her for her money, and had gone without a reproach-unless it was her kiss-on her lips. And nothing could be done. She completed him, of

engines, a despairing throbbing, and poor Mr. Potts was left clipping to the rail of the Seagull, in a state bordering on collapse, alone.-Chicago Tribune.

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