## My Husband Was Unemployed X And I Needed Things, So-

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We Leave for New York

"Mary, I don't want to go to New York and I'm not go-ing!" That's what my husband Henry said when I broach-ed the subject for the tenth time one evening last summer." We had been married for a year and were living with his mother and father. I hated our little town and father. I hated our little town and father. I hated our little town and my dreams, to Harlem: but Henry couldn't see it. "No Leave for New York and I'm not go-hie section to be-lars left, winter was coming on and we, especially I, needed many new things. Already I had had to sew up several holes and runs in some of my best stockings. Something had to be done and immediately, so, affords. "No Leave for New York "Ne Leave for New York and I'm not go-said the subject for the tenth time one evening last summer." We had been married for a year and were living with his mother and father. I hated our little town and fa

Attorney Matthew Dreazen, one of the leading Negro lawyers in the great fairly good job here, I know the town, smail as it is, and we can get along well here. Moreover, this is no time me and always yields to my every lower Broadway, became my employ-

No," he explained, "I have a fairly good job here; I know the town, small as it is, and we can get along well here. Moreover, this is no time to be seeking new business fields in the midst of all the business depresion and unemployment. For the Lord's sake, Mary, be reasonable." BUT I COULDN'T BE REASONABLE.

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Mary, be reasonable." BUT I COULDEN I the distance of the gassing new fields in the midst able. A pretty, eighteen-year-old girl with the quick, fresh blood of unemployment. For the Lord's sake, desire. Some of the gassing in our little town whispered that he was a infatuated with me because I am as soon as I reached his business as soon as I reached his business. cause I am very pretty and vivacious while he is very plain and slow, but I know why my husband is so wild about me and, of course, I'm not telling that.

Well, to make a long story short, we came to New York City. It cost us quite a bit of money to make the change and it meant the sacrifice of Henry's job but he was willing to do anything to please me and he felt confident that he could get a job pay-ing quite as well or better in a short despite the wave of unemployment

How thrilled I was when apped from the train into the vast many obvious mistakes. Pennsylvania Station! What massiveness! What splendor! Here, in-deed, was the city of my dreams!

hired me as soon as I reached his

To my great surprise, I was given twenty-five dollars at the end of my first week. The employment secrefirst week. The employment secre-tary at the Y.W.C.A. had said that the salary would be eighteen dollars. Why this sudden raise? Had my work been so satisfactory? How could it have been when for the first two or three days I had made so

gave me several letters and dictated brief or two without seeming to notice my presence.

His manner piqued my curicalty. I knew he was no puritan because he always kept a big box of cigars on his desk and smoked frequently, and many times I detected the odor of strong drink in his office, especially when some well-known politician or wealthy client had been to visit him. The other girls said he wasn't mar-ried and that made me wonder more On several occasions very fashionably dressed women entered his office and we would hear sounds of laughter and the click of glasses, but to us girls he was always the gravely courteous employer. I had heard so much about the

overtures made by big New York business men to their stenographen and secretaries that I was somewhat nonplussed by Attorney Dreazen's be-

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But a hand was quickly clapped over her mouth

nah, returned. At the slight noise the thum,

Everyone in the littham, ceased. Everyone in the in-tle group held his breath. Chenah loosened the knife in his

John Northington fingered the belt. small sutomatic in his hand. But after a long anxious minute the steps continued.

### The Signal of Danger

The Signal of Danger "He will go to the end of the first sentry-go which is some hundred feet beyond the turn," whispered ...benah. "I have held the watch here before. We must cross the trail at this point, and strike out by the long path. It is safer. It will take us honce her an antike it.

bath. It is safer. It will take us longer but we can make it. "Dolores get thou ahead and wait beyond the trail at the first fallen tree. We will follow with the litter. If there is any sound of returning steps, whistle thrice as the night bird cries and we will pause and wait

Obediently the girl went into the hadows. They waited. But there shadows.

Carefully then, the two men lifted the litter and stepped boldly out in-to the path. With stealthy care they crossed the clearer space and they croased the clearer space and entered the shadows beyond. Just as they were about to go deeper they heard the cry of a night bird. Three times it sounded. Chenah gave a low word of com-mand. The litter was lowered. Just as a life their bands another. Theure

as it left their hands, another figure loomed out of the darkness. Chenah did not wait. With a audden panther-like spring, he was upon the looming shadow. With a gurgling cry the man sank to the earth beneath the onslaught. The long keen hunting knife of the novice was buried to the

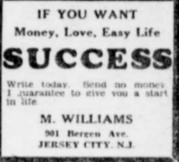
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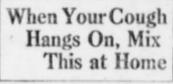
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apt in learning the work and so it was not long before I was fairly efficient.

I did not communicate my sur prise to Henry. He was much too blue for me to start him speculating.



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thum, ceased.

# The startling apparition was Che-