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The Long Reach.

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ENORA PANCHITA, you are an angel?" exclaimed Minnie Surret as the sense to handed her the beautiful lace mantilla to wear at a fancy dress ball where she was to appear as a lady from Cadiz. Three other girls who were there joined in the assertion that the senora was an angel, with hopes for their own special needs.

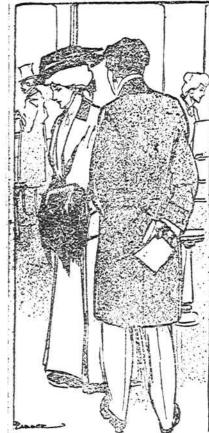
Ida Lovejoy, one of the four girls, opened her lips to say some flattering word, but the words were suddenly checked as her fareignted eyes fell upon a superb solitaire diamond ring which the senera severally were in memory of the departed General Val-

The senora had many other jewels, but she loved this ring best. While the four young ; irls, boarders in the same house, had been there she had fancied that she curlit to have the jeweler look to the safety of the diamend in its setting and so took the ring from her hard and put it on her little ring tree which stood on her dressing table near the window. Its fire and luster dazzled the longing eys of Ida, and she caught her breath. She had often even it on the plump hand of the sen ra, but never had it seemed so beautiful as now. She felt a great derire to ask the find Spanish lady to loan it to her to wear to the ball as she had baned her valuable h a ring perhaps the floorralker, Charlie Edwards, might take

Ida was poor, very poor, and worked in the store where the other girls were employed. She, like all the employees of the store, was expected to be at this ball. The big store gave a ball every winter and an excursion every summer for its employees. Ida had never been able to advance herself somehow, and after three years she was still among the learners. Her going to get a veil of spangled tuil salary was scarcely enough to pay her board. And she leved beautiful dark hair and call her costume

half sigh for the pungent cookery of her own land Senora Valdez locked to be made? She must hide it until The supper bell rang, and with a her door and tried it to be sure and followed the four girls down to the

dining room. Ida kept thinking of the beautiful ring upstairs and wished she might be able to have a lovely costume to wear. She could not eat. Some friends called on the senora, and the other girls event out, so that Ida was more than ever cut off from companionship, and she went up to her room, descending almost at once to the bathroom, where she was going to wash out a few pieces. Her tall, lank figure looked singularly ungraceful and loosely jointed as she came down to the second story. She turned the water on and,



"MISS LOVEJOY, ARE YOU ILL ?"

letting it fill the tub, went to the window and looked out. There was a

light burning in the senora's room. All her life long Ida had been noted for the length of her arms and a petuliar faculty of loosening her shoulders and stretching them out to an astonishing length. She knew well that by leaning out of the bathroom window she could easily reach that little ring tree. A sudden temptation came over her too strong to resist. The window was open.

She argued swiftly with herself that the Spanish lady had plenty other jewels; that this could not matter so much to any one as to her. She was so tired | abrupt, but would you care for a home of the toil and privation. Charlie might love her if he could see her | watched you a long time. You are not dressed as she ought to be.

' Visions of a little home of her own that she could care for and beautify passed before her eyes. She hated the than you know. I should not have work in the store and longed for a | dared to speak, but I cannot bear that

and it meant so much to her. She home, and you shall be its queen. Will listened; no sound. In another minute | you be my wife-my dear wife?" she had leaned cut. Her hand crept | Ida gasped for breath, and for one

along the wall until it touched the blissful moment she looked at him swinging mirror and then the ring tree with ineffable lave and joy, and then with its sparkling burden.

had never stolen anything before, and and proper to him. He was sin easily it was so terrible a thing that she was in love with her and would make her faint and trembled like a leaf. She a good husband.

then I'll see."

rise and drag herself to the store. Her daily with flowers and fruit. eyes were heavy and her head ached. floorwalker to win whose admiration she had stolen stopped and said:

"Miss Lovejoy, are you ill?" And he looked so sympathetic that Ida's chin quivered and her eyes filled as she replied:

"Just a little headache; that is all." "You won't be able to dance tonight. Hadn't I better got you excused today? I will if you wish."

"If you please," she said weakly while she thought, "What if he knew?" She looked very ill. The diamone that was wrapped in a handkerchief in her bosom seemed to weigh a to and to burn like redbot iron. Sha leaned against the shelves with pinched features until he returned with the desired permission.

"Shall I get a cab for you?" he asked

"I-think-I will walk. The air may do me good. It is so warm in here. Thank you very much."

Ida had beautiful eyes. The floor walker had often noticed this tall silent girl with her heavy braids plainly of her own hair. He was tired of the ridiculeus pompadours of the other girls. Her voice was low and sweet, and now it quivered with the emotion that shook her very seul.

She dared not look into his eyes fo fear he would know she was a thief She had not realized what she had done fully until now, but now, know ing it, she trembled.

No thought of the ball entered her mind. If she could only restore the

She crept back to her boarding house and to her room. She heard the girl come home and heard their gay chat ter as they were preparing for th

Dimly she remembered that she has intended to pawn that ring and bur gown she had seen, all silver, lil: moonlight on still water, and she wa and a tinsel crown, let down her long "Night." All was over now, and she was a thief.

she could replace it. The window was closed now. Then the supper bell rang. She remembered that she had eaten nothing all that day and went tremblingly down. To her joy the senora was not there, and the other girls were all so full of the ball that her silence passed without comment.

At last all the other girls left the house in gay spirits, leaving Ida alone in her fear, shame and horror of her-

The night the ring had been stolen Senora Valdez had sought for it everywhere in her room. She knew where she had left it. Nothing else had been taken. She knew that she had put it on the tree and that it was there when she left, for all four of the girls had preceded her, and she had locked and tried the door. She was always very methodical.

"Some one must have a key that fits my door and came in while I was downstairs," she thought.

The senora did as the most of us do and took all her other valuables to the safe deposit vault, but she said no word to any one of her loss.

"If I call the police," she thought. "and have a search made all the innocent will hate me, and I may never find it. If I keep absolute silence and watch some day the one who took it will say some word or do something which will betray him and show me the thief. I wish that it had been any other jewel."

So the senora went to sleep. The next day brought no proof. That any one could have reached the ring tree from the bathroom window never en-

tered her head. Scarcely had the merry party gone to the ball when there was a ring and a visitor for Miss Lovejoy. She felt as though she must die then as the handsome floorwalker came in.

"I heard you were not going to the ball, so I thought I would come in and see-if you-are better."

"Yes, but I don't care very much for parties or balls." All this while she was wondering why he had come. "No more do I," said he. "I like quiet better. I think I was cut out for

a home lover." "I think I am, too," said Ida, with a half sob as the memory of her crime surged up in her mind, closing the door of any home for her.

"It seems to me that things were better when women didn't have to go from home to work, and the men did it all, and the women kept the homes."

"Yes," she replied weakly. "It seems as if a home of one's own, no matter how small or poor, should be like

"Miss Lovejoy, forgive me if I seem with me? Don't speak yet. I have like the other girls, silly and frivolous. They think of nothing but dress and nonsense. I have loved you longer quiet home where she could be at you should remain any longer in that store. It was-is killing you. It is not That ring would scarcely be missed, the life for you. We will have a little

she sank fainting to the floor.

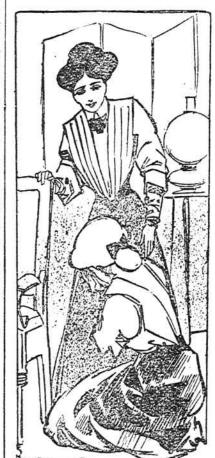
In another minute she had flown to | Charlie went away elated. This her room with her wet handkerchiefs very fainting at from encess of joy and the ring. It had been easy. She over his proposal seemed very right

For three long days Ida kept her "I'll feel better in the morning, and bed. She was on the verge of nervous collapse, the doctor said, but at last But no sleep came to her, and in the she was able to creep downstairs to morning it was all she could do to the parlor to see Charlie, who came The other girls quickly understood

She was pale and wan. The very the matter and were affected differently. Not one of the girls in that store but would have been glad of his attention. "Oh, but ain't she the sly puss?" said

Minnie, while Adeline replied: "And she ain't pretty either. I don't see what he finds in her." At that moment the senora came in

just in time to hear Minnie say: "I think what must have attracted him is her long reach. She can stand



flat foot and hand her parcels clear over the partition. I never saw such

a long reach, did you?" "No; and one day I saw her reach clear around a standard of plumes and take a rose spray and never touch a feather. Her shoulder just seems to stretch like it was rubber. Oh, senora! In the corn belt. Good evening. Take this chair." The Spanish lady smiled a little per-

functorily and sat down rather heavily. A flood of light seemed to pour Into her brain, but with the long habit of repression common to Spanish women she said nothing. After awhile she went to her room to think it out. During these three wretched days

Ida thought she should lose her mind and divulge her terrible secret. She knew that happiness was not for hera thief—and she must tell him so, but not with all these chattering girls In consideration for her pale face

and sunken eyes Charlie remained but a few minutes and left, accepting her appointment for the next evening. She would tell him then, and it would be all over.

Then she crept feebly upstairs, but as she reached the first landing the senera was there smiling and saying: "Come in and rest, dear. You must not go up another stair without rest."

"Thank you," whispered Ida, and she staggered in, looking for some way to drop the ring which she had in her

She sat a few seconds in silence; then, impelled by a force she could not resist, she stammered: "Have you found your ring?"

"Yes, dear Ida; I have found it. You may give it now." Ida Lurst into a passion of tears and sobs and sank to the ground in utter abasement while she gave back the

"I-I-oh, senora, forgive me!" "Tell me all about it-why for you

Brokenly Ida told the whole miserable story, and the senora wept with her, for the Spanish women are muy sympatica. Then she kissed the repentant girl, saying:

"I see; I see. It is all right. I have my dear husband's ring. You have your home-your good husband"-"Oh, senora, I cannot marry. I must

tell him, and he will cast me off." "No, no. You have tell me. You have give back. You have repent. You will never do such thing again. Ah, my dear, we all do wrong sometimes. Now, this is my secret, no longer yours. No one else must know. I know, and I love you. But mans are not made to know everything. It is not necessary; you have no longer a secret to tell him. See?"

And Ida dried her eyes and smiled

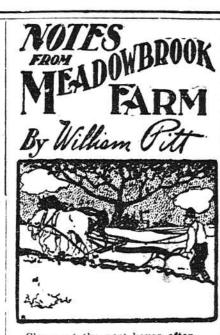
Not at Home. "Is Mrs. Brown at home?" inquired

the caller. "No, ma'am, she isn't," replied the

"Then it was you who was singing so dreadfully out of tune when I turned the corner," said the caller. "No, indeed, ma'am!" cried the indignant maid. "That was missus."-Cleveland Plain Dealer.

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"Loan shark, is he?" "I should say not! There are whole York Press.



Teach the calves to drink from the pail from the start. Careless, shiftless methods nevel;

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more than bran as feed for cows. Loosen up the mulch on the straw berry vines, if it has become packed

Variety of feed is essential to vigorous growth in sheep or other farm animal, for that matter.

Know exactly what it is that you want of the hired man and then be sure that he gets your idea.

As a rule, make it to the boy's inter est to stay on the farm and he will stick. Of course there are exceptions

A fourth of an acre of good land planted with a variety of small fruits will keep a large family supplied throughout the season.

The dirty stable, the dirty cow and the dirty milker is a triple combina tion of filth which is sure to tell on the quality of the milk.

Does your soil need any special fer tilizer? Be sure the commercial fer tilizer you contemplate buying con tains elements which your soil lacks.

ing corn out to pigs is too prevalent

Don't let the low prices of hogs discourage you. There will come the swing in the circuit and again they will bring better prices. You cannot keep a good thing down.

Of course you have not forgotten that you promised yourself a garden for this year. Have a good generous variety of the vegetables you like. My, how good they will taste when the time comes.

It does seem as though it was impossible to get time to drag that road when the other work is pressing so hard at this season of the year, but if you will only take the time, before the summer is over you will feel that

You are paying a good round price now for having let the cows run down during the winter. It's a question in your mind after all whether the economy in feed is not more than offset by the run-down condition of the stock, now isn't it?

Moldy corn is dangerous feed if used very freely, especially with horses. There is lots of corn of this character this year, and the temptation is great to feed it up, but do not attempt to save it at the expense of some valuable horse or other animal.

As a rule farm tenantry works ill to the country school. The renter cares little or nothing about local improve ments and the land owner takes ad vantage of the town school and to lessen taxes is disposed to have the country school run as cheaply as pos-

Be careful and not lay out more work for the spring than you can successfully do. This does not mean that you should cut out the garden which your wife has been asking you for these many years. Stick to your promise and give her a good one. You will enjoy it as much as she will when the time of harvest comes.

When a boy labors on the farm all through his minority and comes to manhood's estate and feels that he has nothing that he can really call his own it is no wonder that he has a yearning to get out into the world and shift for himself where he has the chance to work for himself and has the chance to know how money of his very own

Soil that because of its nature and location can be used for but little else than pasturage land can be improved by the sowing of blue grass and red clover seed. Even if the land is scattered among rocks and stumps it can be improved by dragging a harrow over the thin spots and scattering on chemical fertilizers and seeds of mixed grasses. The permanent pasture is the most neglected part of our improvement.

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