

The Ills of Women Act upon the Nerves like a Firebrand.

The relation of woman's nerves and generative organs is verv close: consequently nine tenths of the nervous prostration, nervous despondency, "the blues," sleeplessness, and nervous irritability of women arise from some derangement of the organism which makes her a woman. Herein we prove conclusively that Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will quickly relieve all this trouble.

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"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM: - I have been ailing from female trouble for the past five years. About a month ago I was taken with nervous prostration, accompanied at certain times before menstruation with fearful headaches. I read one of your books, and finding many testimonials of the beneficial effects of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, experienced by lady sufferers, I commenced its use and am happy to state that after using a few bottles I feel like a new woman, aches and pains all gone.

I am recommending your medicine to many of my friends, and I assure you that you have my hearty thanks for your valuable preparation which has done so much good. I trust all suffering women will use your Vegetable Compound." - Mrs. Minnie Tierz, 620 First Ave., Eau Claire, Wis. (May 28, 1901).

Nothing will relieve this distressing condition so surely as Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound; it soothes, strengthens, heals and tones up the delicate female organism. It is a positive cure for all kinds of female complaints; that bearing down feeling, backache, displacement of the womb, inflammation of the ovaries, and is invaluable during the change of life, all of which may help to cause nervous prostration.

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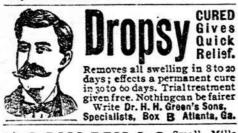
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"Zrunk?" echoed the applicant for admission, who was lavishly and luridly lighted up inside. "Coursh I'm-hic-zrunk! Why-goodgosh'lmighty! -do you s'pose I'd-hic-wanta see your darned old show if I wasn't-hic -zrunk?"-July Smart Set.

Hermann Klein's July chapters of bad backs-The Century's "Modern Musical Cele kidneys go brities" will tell, among other interesting reminiscences of Jean de Reszke's the back befirst appearance in Wagner opera. gins to ache. The production was "Die Meistersing- Cure sick er," given July 13, 1889, at Covent Gar-den, London; and Jean de Reszke sang Walter von Stolging Though Quickly dissang Walter von Stolzing. Though the opera was sung in Italian, it was a gratifying success. Jean de Reszke's first appearance as a German singer in Wagnerian opera took place in New York city during the winter of 1895.

SUBJECT HE LIKED BEST. which you are most interested, the impertinent girl. "And what is that?" said the man,

smelling a compliment. "Yourself," said the impertinent girl, demurely .- New York Press.

TRUE GENEROSITY. Wigg-Say what you will of Bjones, he is generous to a fault. Wagg-Yes, if the fault happens to

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A Glimpse of the Sultan as He Rides

FATHER OF THE FAITHFUL,

If you wish for a glimpse, and that but a momentary one, of the Sultan of Turkey, then drive to Yildiz Kiosk, for the day is Friday and he goes to the Selamilik, as his fathers did before him. He is enveloped in a cloud of nursing ministers and military guards, who are anxious only as they press around, to protect him from the faintest whisper or suspicion of any storm outside his palace walls. Tdoay the sun is distinctly warm, and wakes up all the color sleeping in a red fez, blue tunic or featherlight cloak of a Turkish woman. The clock on the gate strikes half-past 7-the Mohammedan's day begins at sunset-and the pick of their cavalry, infantry and artillery take up positions to right and left of the road. A rattle and rush of heavy wheels, and up the hill come 15 or 20 carts filled with sand, which quickly carpets the dirty road. To see this done with such lightning speed makes one wonder whether the Sultan knows how filthy dirty are the streets of his capital. This is the more unlikely as he only quits his takes place along the route of Stam- village from its usual apathy. boul, where stands the mosque of San

All eyes are now turned toward the y gray horses. They enter the gates of the inclosure in front of the mosque: the horses are taken out and remain there under the charge of a part in the ceremony. Seated in one of the carriages is a fair-haired girl about five years old-the Sultan's only daughter. Just a brief pauce and then the bugle sounds, and a tremendous roar goes up from the thousands of troops and people, for his Highness has left the palace. On top of the minaret of the mosque a prayer, which is answered again by a

We Franks are accommodated in a portion of the palace just opposite the gates, which commands an excellent view of the whole proceedings, as well as the Sultan's yacht, the Izzedin, which lies at anchor in the Bosphorous far below. In solemn state and grandeur the royal procession pass. The Sultan is dressed in plain military frock coat, with fez. His four sons, to all appearance of the same age, mounted on Arab ponies, salute as he passes the gates, the band at the same time striking up the Sultan's march, which has a smart tiptap air about it. Officers and men

His Blackstonian Circumlocution. "I received, this afternoon," said the bright-eyed, common-sense girl, the attorney, and-"

ejaculated the young dry goods dealer, who had been hanging back because of his timidity and excessive adoration. "He says," proceeded the maiden, reading aloud from the interesting document, "I have carefully and comprehensively analyzed my feelings towards you, and the result is substan. and a daily paper. tially as follows: I respect, admire, adore and love you, and hereby give, grant and convey to you my heart and all my interest, right and title in and to the same, together with all my possessions and emoluments, either won, inherited or in any other manner acquired, gained, anticipated or expected, with full and complete power to use, expend, utilize, give away, bestow or otherwise make use of the same, anything heretofore stated, expressed, implied or understood. in or by my previous condition,

standing, walk, attitude or action, to the contrary notwithstanding; and I his arms. "Miss Brisk-Maud-I love

you! Will you marry me?" "Yes, I will!" promptly answered the lass, as she contentedly snuggled up in his encircling embrace. "And I'll reply to the ponderous appeal of that pedantic procrastinator with one expressive slangism, 'Nit!' I am

yours. Clarence."-June Smart Set. Ancient Stone Plough Found. A very ancient stone plow, supposed to have belonged to the mound builders, was unearthed recently near Princeton, Ill. It was found by a farmer digging a well several feet below the surface and just above a vein of coal. The plough was of reddish stone, was triangular in shape, measuring thirteen inches each way.

IN EVERY WALK OF LIFE. People in every walk of life have appears. Read this testimony and learn how it can be

A. A. Boyce, a farmer, living three and a half miles from Trenton, Mo., says: "A severe cold settled in my kidneys and developed so quickly that I was obliged to lay off work on account of the aching in my back and sides. For a time I was unable to walk at all, and every makeshift I tried and all the horse that seemed to take a sudden medicine I took had not the slightest effect: My back continued to grow eral. Then Jim Robinson sprained his ately; "we must go and call on Joe weaker until I was unfit for anything. Wrist, which rendered his attention to Mrs. Boyce noticed Doan's Kidney work, which was of a manual nature Pills advertised as a sure cure for just absolutely impossible. From these it such conditions, and one day when in spread yet farther, the pain attendant patient, Mrs. Willet left him to the Anielia Roberts, a domestic servant, as Trenton she brought a box home from on the several accidents rendering a comparionship of his own thoughts Chas. A. Foster's drug store. I followed the directions carefully when the maintenance of the sufferers' bod- few necessaries known to housekeeptaking them and I must say I was more than surprised and much more gratified to notice the back ache dis- patients progressed very slowly, and ery; but ideas did not come as he proceeds of which is given to some poor appearing gradually until it finally

stopped." A FREE TRIAL of this great kidney medicine which cured Mr. Boyce will of the United States. Address Fosterby all druggists, price 50 cents per box.

THE FOOL'S WAY. The Barber-The fools are not all

dead yet. The Broker-No, but there are a lot who dye every day, aren't there?-Yonkers Statesman.

A CHANGE OF REMEDY.

HE announcement that Miss | foot again?" she asked, as she removed Jane Prior, of London, was her bonnet. in general threw the these favored individuals. Notices calling attention to these facts were his wife, looking at him. "Look at the posted in favorable spots about the nourishment you've 'ad; besides, everyvillage, and the congregation was ap- body says you're lookin' so well. 'Ow

of the parish church. If Miss Prior excluded the male among the neglected members of the dition a little longer. Foxdale population. The nightly discussions at the Pig and Whistle centred ried and obscure. Foxdale had never too late now." had its peace disturbed by anything more intellectual than an occasional palaco twice a year, and on both coca- traveling circus, so that the prospect anxious. sions this dust-throwing performance of Miss Prior's advent awoke the quiet

The lectures proving a great success so far as the attendance was concerned, Miss Prior announced that, nothing else to say about it, he recalace, for the ladies of the harem are providing a sufficient number came marked that it felt hot. pproaching in close carriages drawn forward, the institution she represented in London would be pleased to conduct classes in the same subject during | fed up too well in your low state. I'll the ensuing months. This finding favor, Foxdale teemed with embryo coal black eunnuch, taking no further nurses, thirsting for opportunities to test their newly-acquired knowledge der his tongue and not to speak until and to put it to practical use. Broken bones not being an every-day occurrence, they turned their attentions to sound ones; many hours that might have been spent much more congenially at the Pig and Whistle being passed by long-suffering husbands in submitting various parts of their anatpriest leans over and shouts down a omy to be bandaged and put in splints. to give their better halves the necessary practice.

> Old Sam Willet was the first to become a genuine patient, and he limped home early one afternoon with a sprained ankle. Mrs. Willet was the most earnest devotee in the new cause, and received her husband figuratively with open arms and welcomed him with fervor, stimulated by the advent of the first case of necessity for the trial of her skill.

With the wounded ankle carefully bandaged Mr. Willet was assisted into the front garden, where, reclining in a comfortable chair, his injured foot resting on a hassock, he served the double purpose of advertising his wife's skill and creating jealousy among the other amateur nurses in the

He was inclined to grumble at his enforced confinement at first; but the kind and increasing attentions of his wife caused him to-feel more contented while a slight blush of maidenly coy with his lot, and to look upon his acciness tinted her pink-hued cheeks, "3 dent as a fortunate occurrence. It written proposal of marriage from being the period of the year during Horace J. Pokelong, the rising young which the evenings were long and balmy, Mr. Willet sat in the garden. "Huh! that petrified dub!" jealously and held receptions of numerous friends coming to inquire after his burt and to cheer his loneliness.

"It must be tryin' for you to 'ave to sit so quiet all day, Sam," said Joe gently ignoring the interruption, and Rogers, who living next door to Mr. Willet, had had his feelings somewhat severely tried at the sight of that personage enjoying an early morning pipe

"You get used to it," answered Sam. "I did feel it 'ard at first, but the rest's nice, after the 'ard work I've done: but it pulls you down a bit." "You're lookin' well," remarked an-

"Look at the nursing I've 'ad," responded Sam. "Why, I couldn't 'ave had been better looked after if I'd been in a 'ospital." Mrs. Willet smiled proudly, and

glanced with an expression of triumph at the faces of several of her rivals who were present. "I'll get you your tonic," she said, solicitiously. "You mustn't talk too

"I-I-!" fairly shouted the listener. much, or we shall 'ave you goin' back springing to his feet, and extending again, and you're gettin' on nicely "I 'as this three times a day," said

Willett, beamingly, as his wife returned. "It's to keep strength up; it's you all in a glow," he added, as he advent of anxious inquirers. Mrs. Wil took a draught and put the tumbler let ushered them upstairs, but Mr. Wil down empty.

Sam?" inquired Joe, whose face during the above incident had been a study. "I don't know," replied that worthy, gingerly moving his injured foot on the cushion. "It doesn't do to 'urry these things: there's nothin' like gettin' properly cured while you're about it. Sprains is awkward things."

Mrs. Willet interposed at this point and insisted on the invalid returning indoors, so the party broke up, Joe Rogers and others adjourning to the Pig and Whistle to discuss the advantages of a wife who understands and takes a practical interest in the gentle art of nursing. Two days later Joe Rogers fell a victim, his right knee giving away altogether, rendering walking evidently a painful and dangerous undertaking. Mrs. Rogers, full of the new responsibility now resting upon her, sought an interview with Mrs. Willet, and the two went off together to hold a consultation over the injured and apparently suffering Joe. the new invalid, the two conversed amiably over the hedge that divided the gardens, comparing symptoms, and receiving in state numerous interested

friends during the evening. Misfortunes never come singly, and had the invalids suffered from scarlet fever infection could not have spread more quickly. William Jones was the which was not far from the truth, poles. next to fall a victim; and he broke his though it sprang from suppressed anarm in an attempt to quiet a restive ger more than impaired health. antipathy to harness and work in genfree use of stimulants a necessity for ily health.

In spite of such careful attention the planning an excuse for a rapid recovafter the first burst of enthusiasm was wished. He was in the midst of these girl or girls unable to get married for over the several nurses grew somewhat dissatisfied with the result of their door open below, and a wed-known who was left an orphan in infancy, treatment. A visit from their in- voice calling his name broke his medi- will, after her marriage, attend the be mailed on application to any part structor, who condescended to per- tations. sonally examine their patients, only Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y. For sale | added to this dissatisfaction, and they Willet was not feeling so well when owner of both entered the room. his wife returned after this discussion: there was a look in her eye that warned him to be careful if he desired bed. 'Ow's the knee?" to keep things pleasant.

"Why don't you get up?" he -London Chronicle.

BAXTER THOMPSON.

going to lecture on first aid "I'd like to use it now, if it wasn't for the wounded and sick so painful. I don't understand 'ow it is it doesn't get on quicker. I s'pose village of Foxdale into an unusual I'm weak, that's what it is," he anstate of excitement. That these lcc- swered resignedly, looking anxiously tures were to be for ladies only added out of the corners of his eyes at his a mystery that merely increased the wife, who was doing a rough and ready interest manifested in the minds of tollet in front of the parlor mirror. "You can't be very weak," answered

prised of the same from the pulpit do you feel now?" Mr. Willet inwardly wished every body would pay less attention to his community from her attentions, she personal appearance. He had been herself was not disregarded, but quietly enjoying the last few days, and formed the subject of much criticism | would like to continue in the same con-

"I've felt a bit faint while you've been out," he said, feebly. "I'd 'ave round these proceedings, the knowl- 'ad a little tonic only I couldn't edge respecting the subject being va- move out of my chair; p'r'aps it's not Mrs. Willet murmured something

her husband did not catch, and looked "And 'ow's the foot?" she inquired. Mr. Willet looked down upon it, and as it was swathed with many thicknesses of bandages, and there being

"I've been treatin' you wrong, I'm afraid," replied his wife. "You've been take your temperature."

Bringing out a small glass tube, Mr Willet was commanded to place it unit was removed. It being an impossibility to do otherwise than obey, Mr. Willet remained silent for the longest four minutes he could remember. Mrs. Willet then removed the instrument of terture, took it to the light, and examined it long and closely; finally she shut it up in its case and returned it to her pocket. "I'll go and get your bed ready," she

remarked seriously. "You want to be kept quiet; you'll be better up there." Mr. Willet, anxiously. "I'm very comfortable down here."

"You'll go where it's best for you," better be gettin' courself ready now; somewhat after this in Foxdale; and I shan't be more than a few moments if afterwards it was necessary for any In a very unwilling state of mind ment, the person concerned was care-

Mr. Willet was undressed, and placed ful not to preseribe for her patient in safely in bed at the unusual and, to public.-Tit-Bits. him, unpleasant hour of six o'clock, and a summer evening into the bargain. Being left to himself he found it a dreary time, and in the morning he screwed up his courage to inquire after the other invalids.

"They've all been treated wrong." said Mrs. Willet. "Like you, they ain't so well, so they're restin' quietly.' "In bed?" queried Mr. Willet, anx-"Same as you," responded his wife.

"You'll 'ave some friends in to-night

that'll cheer you up a bit." "I'll come down and see 'em," said "You'll do nothing of the kind; you lie where you are and get well. I

don't want all my nursing to go for nothing. Mr. Willet's remarks on nursing fortunately were not heard-they were not complimentary. Mrs. Willet smoothed his pillows, arranged the clothes and said she'd bring him some

gruel later on. "I don't want any," said the patient shortly.

"Ah, you're losing your appetite, are von? It's a good thing you've got some one to look after you and see as you ave your food regular." other, in a cheery voice. "Gettin' quite

Mr. Willet said nothing-argument was useless; he lay and looked at the limited view of the world that was permitted from the small window of his bedroom. The sun was shining brilliantly; he could hear coming faint ly from the fields familiar sounds proving that the work was going forward where he ought to be assisting. What a fool he was! Why had he not gone back to work when he was able instead of laying himself open to this self-imposed confinement? Even the knowledge that his fellow-sufferers were in a like position failed to bring

him consolation. Evening had barely set in on one o the most dismal days he could rememwonderful 'ow it sustains one. Puts ber when voices below signalled the let did not seem hospitably inclined "When shall you be about again, and the look that greeted the good Samaritans that entered could hardly have been interpreted into one of wel-

"Sorry to hear you ain't so well Sam," said one of them; "we all thought you was a-pickin' up wonder-

"It's surprisin' 'ow these things turn," said another. "I 'ad a brother who sprained 'is ankle once, an' 'e was in bed three weeks."

Mr. Willet glared at the last speaker and had he been anywhere else but in bed his look might have instilled the recipient with a fear of worse to fol-

"Make yourselves comfortable," interpoaed Mrs. Willet. "There's a little cordial down stairs I've been givin' to Sam; 'e don't take it now, an' it's a pity to waste it. I'll bring it up." The conversation was very one-sided Sam being treated to graphic descriptions of some interesting evenings at the Pig and Whistle from which he Similar treatment being meted out to had been debarred, the details of which and six-tenths miles of water pipe conwere bitter-sweet to the hearer.

"Sam's not very lively to-night," said one, with a commiserating glance at the ruddy face, showing like an angry sunset against a white cloud of bedclothes. "I suppose it's not to be wondered at, though."

"I've got a 'eadache," said Sam, "Ah, well, we won't keep you talkin' any longer," said another, compassion-

Rogers and the other pore sick folk." Next morning, after extending her professional care to the needs of her Town Council has celected Sarah

"Sam! Sam!" called the speaker. "Can I come up?" Apparently thinkmet together to consult as to the ad- ing his question needed no answer, visability of a change of remedy. Mr. footsteps followed the voice, and the "Why, Joe!" exclaimed Sam, in a

continued, leaning over the end of the bed and looking at Sam. "Foot still

"No worse than you knee, I suppose," Mr. Willet growled in response. "'Ow can I get up? The wife won't let

"No more will mine, but I've done it. She's gone out shoppin'. I'm sick of "'Ow can I get up without making

an ass of myself?" returned Sam, bitterly. "I don't want the wife to know as I've been playin' the fool." Joe gasped and looked at Sam with

an ignorance of the situation. "Well, bless me," he said. don't mean to tell me you think she doesn't know it. Wot do you take ner for? I thought you'd have guessed after last night."

Any doubts as to Mr. Willet's condition would have been at once dispelled had those who questioned it been present after this remark. Throwing the bedclothes violently off the bed, and regardless of sprains and bandages, he sprang to his feet.

"What do you mean?" he asked. "Only that we've been made fools of," answered Joe, with a laugh. "Puttin' us to bed and orl that rot; and last night, too. Regular put-up job to make

Mr. Willet was a reserved man as a rule, but his language was of a forcible nature as these facts dawned upon him in all their fullness.

"Help me to take off these infernal bandages," he said, when he had finished his criticism of the whole proceeding. "'Ow did you find out?" "Guessed it partly," said Joe, as he

issisted Sam out of an entanglement he was getting hopelessly involved in. "Bill Morgan told me the rest. 'E always did give secrets away when 'e'd a drink or two. I don't think they'll be as keen on first aid, though, after There was consolation in

thought, and having no fear of disillu-

sioning his wife as to the deceitfulness of his character, Mr. Willet dressed with celerity and sallied out once more and lakes, in the midst of which its into the sunshine, his movements in action goes forward. If there were no way affected by his recent accident. quarters, and the late cripples joined "I don't want to go to bed," said forces in restoring the fallen spirits once more in the congenial surroundings of the Pig and Whistle. The glamor surrounding the duties and answered his wife sharply. "You'd pleasure of nursing was destroyed

> CYSTER SHELL "CULM HEAP." Great Banks Find Ready Sale For Sev-

to indulge in that particular employ-

The average citizen may not know that oysters are planted, cultivated bill every month.-Baltimore Amerind harvested like any other crop, a person who engages in this industry being known as an oyster planter. Thousands of acres of oysters are under cultivation in Hampton Roads, which, during the harvesting season, is often literally alive with the reaping machines of the oystermen.

When the oysters are from one and half to two years old they are usually large enough to be sold, and, as a rule, part of them are sold at this age and the balance in the third or fourth year. after which time the ground is allowed to rest, a year before being planted again. Great care must be exercised in the selection of bottoms for oyster planting, if the planter would be financially successful.

The largest packer in Hampton opens from 100,000 to 200,000 bushels of oysters in a year. In this house, as the men open the oysters, they drop the shells on an inclined plane from which they slide into a trough and are carried along by scrapers attached to an endless chain called a "shell conveyer," which takes them without further labor to the shell pile in the yard. When a shucker has filled his gallon measure he carries it to the strainer, where the oysters are strained and measured. They are then emptied into large casks kept full of fresh water, by means of which any loose shell or grit is washed out. From these casks the oysters are dipped into a second strainer, and when separated from the water are again

measured and packed. The shells are sold for from one to three cents a bushel, and are used extensively by oyster planters for the propagation of oysters. They are placed in small piles on grounds found suitable for the purpose, where the spat or small oyster will attach itself to the shells. They are also used for making shell lime and for building the excellent shell roads found in some parts of the Virginia peninsula.-Philalelphia North American.

Size of Philadelphia.

Some idea of the great size of Philalelphia may be gathered from the figures in the department reports just printed. There are in the city 1147.71 miles of paved street, besides 412.29 miles of unpaved roads in the suburbs. All but a small percentage of these streets have modern "improved" pavements, of asphalt, granite block cr brick. The paved surface would make continuous driveway thirty feet wide from here to the Mississippi.

There are beneath these streets 951 miles of sewers. They would form a continuous water course as long as the The streets, with 318 city bridges, are lighted by 9426 electric arc lights and

33,409 gas and gasoline lamps. One thousand four hundred and nincteen vey water to 242,506 premises. Only 11,738 premises are not supplied with city water. There are more than 800 miles of

conduits for electric wires, representing more than 5000 miles of ducts, and there are still 18,189 miles of electric wires in the air, sustained on 61,981

track, enough to reach from the Delaware to Lake Erie.-Philadelphia Led-

Lucky Scrah Amelia. From numerous applicants the Carelli

while she went into the village for a dowry. The fund for this dowry was left by the then Marquis of Bute in ers. Mr. Willet devoted much time to 1897 to commemorate his silver wedding, and consists of £1000, the yearly problems when he heard the front the want of money. The recipient, Town Hall with her husband, to be reminded by the Mayor of the crigin of the dowry, and in accordance with the terms of the gift, the Mayor will read to them the first eleven verses of the second chapter of the Gospel of St. John, descriptive of the marriage feact surprised tone, "I thought you was in at Cana, where water was miraculously turned into wine. The dowry, about "Better," said Jee, ignoring the first | £40, will then be handed to the bride.

His First Dress Suit.

"The first time I ever put on a dress suit," said ex-Gov. Scofield, "was at the reception and ball which followed in the evening of the day that I was inaugurated. I remember that we had to stand on a little platform. raised a few inches from the floor. while the crowd passed along and shook hands with Mrs. Scofield and

myself. "I weighed just ninety-six pounds at that time, and was as thin as a match. Mrs. Scofield is a fleshy woman, and as I looked at her during a lull in the procession and then sized up my own diminutive anatomy I whispered to her:

"Martha, we must look like the living skeleton and the fat woman in the

dime museum to these people." "That settled Mrs. Scofield for the balance of the evening, and to save herself she could not get rid of the ripples of mirth that would sweep over her face and break out into peals of laughter as the ridiculousness of the situation appealed to her."-Milwaukee Sentinel.

Ainslee's For July.

The novel in Ainslee's for July is 'The Ribboned Way," by S. Carleton, author of "The Corduroy Road." Other familiar names among the contributors are Justus Miles Forman, author of "A Bit of Grease Paint" and "Journeys End;" Ella Wheeler Wilcox, Charles G. D. Roberts, Guy Wetmore Carryl author of "The Lieutenant-Governor;" George Horton, Joseph C. Lincoln and Robert Loveman.

S. Carleton, the author of "The Corduroy Road," has a novel in Ainslee's for July which, in these days, is a refreshing piece of writing. It has what seems to be so rare in fiction lately, namely, atmosphere; it seems almost to have written itself. It is a plain, straightforward love story, but it smells of the woods and swamps more novels like this published, we Recovery had been rapid in other would be apt to complain less of the cynicism of the critics.

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