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# **ATale of Woe** and a Wail of Toe!

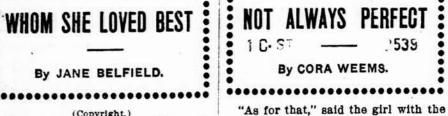
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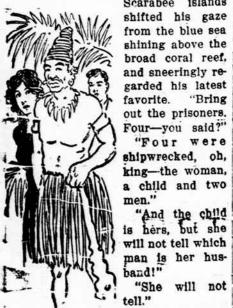
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"It is easy to discover which man the woman loves best." The king of the Scarabee islands



shipwrecked, oh, king-the woman, a child and two men." And the child is hers, but she will not tell which man is her husband!" will not "She tell."

"Bring

The king yawned. Not much entertainment for a white man to be captured by these savages and forced to be their chief! Twice he had attempted to escape and twice been ignominiously retaken. According to their laws-their stupid, unchangeable laws-the third attempt meant death.

He glanced down the long rows of bamboo trees whence his half-naked negroes led forward the group of white prisoners.

A woman, young and beautiful, held fast the hand of a blue-eyed boy.

A tall, fair man followed between two stalwart blacks.

Then another guard and another man, slight of build, dark of countenance.

The king beckoned to the woman, saying:

"I'm sorry for all of you-but-do you know their law?"

The woman strained hopefully forward. "You are not-"

"One of them? No-but I am their prisoner as much as you are. Ship- it is yellow-spotty or just a graywrecked-saved because I practised a brown colorlittle easy magic to fool them! I'm still clothed in purple and fine linen, you see." The king of the Scarabee islands spread out his skirt of woven grasses

"Can you not save us?" she implored wildly.

The king shook his head. "Two of you. They do not kill women-unless by request. This is their ancient "that you can't get away from a bad law. You may live, and the one you complexion. There isn't a thing you love best also may live. I will put you can do to distract attention from it, both on the first ship that passes this because it is the most prominent most detestable spot."

The woman knelt and clasped the boy. Over his head her eyes strained despairingly toward the two men who stood calmly regarding her.



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fat at the end, and there's no way of

helping the other girl dispose of the

candy. "I wouldn't feel that way

about it! Why, after one gets used to

it one never notices it, really! Con-

stance, if you are careful to keep your

head turned so that people don't get

"Yes, that'll help a lot," broke in the girl in blue serge. "Looking straight

at you one can't see how fat the tip

of your nose really is, dear. And I've

seen noses so much worse-all over a

person's face! Of course, your head is small, and that makes your nose

more prominent. But I shouldn't feel

so bad about it-if we forget our af-

"Well, I think you have a lot of

nerve to call my nose an affliction!"

cried the girl with the chocolate.

"You talk as though I were a side-

show freak, at the very least! Of

course, it has its faults, but it isn't

such an impossible nose, I'd have you

know! I suppose I notice it more than

any one else does, and I must say,

Kitty Phipps, that if I were you I

"I suppose you are insituating some-

thing about my complexion!" said the

girl in blue serge. "You've heard me mourn over it often enough and say

I'd give my head if I could change it.

I'm not claiming to be a beauty and

I know there are sometimes a few

olates. "My goodness! I never saw

any one with more things the matter

with her face! If it isn't broken out

"Yes, I've noticed that," eagerly

broke in the girl in brown. "How

funny Kitty's complexion acts sometimes! Did you ever notice that it

gets just the color of her hair, so

she looks all alike? I think it is most

who was helping dispose of the candy,

"I'm certainly much obliged to you!"

interrupted the owner of the com-

"The hard part is," said the girl

"Tiny!" cried the girl with the choc-

tiny spots on my face-"

flictions so much easier-"

wouldn't talk!"

curious!"

thing--"

profile view-"

"Oh, mercy!" said the girl who was

disguising it. It's a ruinous nose!"

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For an instant the eyes of the taller left hers and lingered upon the boy's yellow curls.

Two natives with knotted clubs stepped forward. The king rose. His gaze swept the multitude of dark faces.

He hesitated-no-his interference would but change those stolid countenances to fury.

"She chooses the boy," he said. The blacks seized the tall, fair prisoner.

"No!" the woman shrieked. "Nonot him! You have another law-the king's counselor told me-you dare not refuse a life for a life! I choose the child, but I claim the right to die in place of this man." She stretched out her hand toward the captive whose hair was golden as the boy's. "No! no! Do not listen to him. Guard the prisoner! You who are chief hereyou dare not refuse. It is your lawyour unchangeable law!"

The woman whispered in the boy's ear, and thrust his hand into the hand of the tall, fair man, who struggled vainly with his captors in desperate protest.

"Take them away! Take them away!" the king commanded. "This man and the boy are free!"

The woman smiled and turned her face toward the other prisonerslight of build, dark of countenance. The executioners bound them to-

gether. "I die," she murmured low, "with you!"

At even, the king of the Scarabee islands listened moodily to the swish of the bamboo trees.

"Which man did the woman love best, oh, king?"

The king of the Scarabee islands sidently regarded his latest favorite in the glow of the moon.

Introduced Potato Inte France. Recently the hundredth anniversary of the death of Antoine Augustin Parmentier, who introduced potatoes into France, was celebrated by the farmers of his native land. He was the apothecary of the Invalides, when, following the famine of 1769, the Academie de Besancon announced a prize for discovering a vegetable which could be used in time of famine. Parmentier won the prize with the indication of the nutritive starch of certain plants. The potato was then unknown in France. It had been brought from Peru, but was the object of warnings by doctors, who attributed to its use various fevers and even leprous affections. Parmentler persuaded the government in 1778 to give him a farm for his experiments. From the first flowering of the plants he sent a bouguet to Louis XVI, which gave the vegetable its first copularity.

plexion that was under discussion. "I'm glad to find out that you regard me as a human monstrosity! My complexion may not be the finest on earth, but I guess I'd pass in a crowd! It isn't necessary to be an insipid pink and white to be good looking! Artists have been known to rave over the color symphony of a girl like meall a faint golden-brown, they call it! They-"

"Anyhow," said the girl who was helping to dispose of the candy, "I'm glad I'm sensible enough to realize my weak points and not so foolish as to think I'm a regular Venus! What I'd like to change is my figure. I suppose you've noticed-"

"Oh, indeed, we have!" interrupted the girl in brown. "But I wouldn't worry over it so much. Of course, the fashions are bound to change some day and I suppose when it's no longer the style to look like a lath it'll be bad for you, but just now you're all right. You're just the thing! Why, everybody is simply trying to look shapeless and lank."

"I should think you would be glad," said the girl with the chocolate, "to know that you have absolutely no hips nor any shape at all."

"Thank you so much!" tartly said the young woman under discussion. "If you can't appreciate a figure that is svelte and willowy I suppose that's your misfortune! It takes a connoisseur to admire some types of beauty-types out of the ordinary! Since you are beefy and billowy I suppose in self-defense you have to Thank run down everybody else! goodness, I am what I am!"

"Well, anyhow," sighed the girl in brown, "barring my hair and eyes, my complexion and teeth and figure and ears and nose, I think I'm rather good looking! I'm really sorry for you un- New York World. fortunates!"

#### Long Trip for Submarines.

When Jules Verne wrote "Forty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" few of his readers imagined that his weird idea would be accomplished within their lifetime, yet two submarines have started from Portsmouth, Engunder their own power, created by oildriven engines. They are scheduled small. to reach Australia about May 18, which of 1,600-horsepower, calculated to develop 360 revolutions per minute, and will carry 11,000 gallons of paraffin as fuel and 1,500 gallons of lubricating They have as armaments four oil. torpedo tubes, and on arrival will be fitted with wireless telegraphy. They are to be known as AE1 and AE2, being of the E class. They will be escorted as far as Singapore by his majesty's ship Eclipse.

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