

The driver caught sight of Lieut. Hayne

der orders for several days to proceed on martial composed mainly of field officers was ordered there to assemble for the trial of an old captain of cavalry whose drunk as never to get drunk without concomitant publicity and discovery. It was a rare thing for the old war dog to take so much as a glass of wine; he went for months without it: but the instant he silence. Began to drink he was moved to do or say something disreputable, and that was the trouble now. He was an unlucky old trooper, who had risen from the lowest-grades, fought with credit, and even, at times, commanded his regiment during the war; but war records could not save him when he wouldn't save himself. and he had to go. The court was ordered, and the result was a foregone conclusion. The colonel, his adjutant and Maj. Stannard were to drive to town during the afternoon and take the east bound train, leaving Maj. Waldron in command of the post; but before guard mounting a telegram was received, which was sent from department headquarters the evening before, announcing that one of the officers detailed for the court was seriously ill and directing Maj. Waldron to take his place. So it resulted in the post being left to the command of the senior captain present for duty, and that man was Capt. Buxton. He had never life.

and make his preparations. Mr. Hayne, therefore, had brief opportunity to speak with him. It was seen, however, that they had a short talk together on the major's piazza, and that when they parted the major shook him warmly and cordially by the hand. Rayner, Buxton, Ross and some juniors happened to be coming down along the walk at the moment, and, seeing them, as though with that all could hear:

drop in occasionally while I'm gone and take Mrs. Waldron out for a walk or drive; my horses are always at your service. And-a-I'll write to you about that matter the moment I've had a chance to talk with the colonel-to-morrow, probably." And Hayne touched his cap in parting salute, and went blithecolor.

Buxton glowered after him a moment, and conversation suddenly ceased in their party. Finally he biurted out:

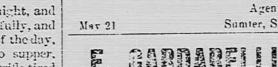
good deal better by himself and his regiment by standing up for its morale and discipline than by openly flaunting his favoritism for convicts in our faces. If I were in your regiment I'd cut him."

of the group to his ne' or; "the cut would have been on i her side long ago." And the speaker was Euxton's own subaltern.

after Hayne with an expression far more ter's portfolio. wearied than vindictive.

"The major is fond of music, captain," "Yes," put in Foster, "Mrs. Waldron baby sister, her pride and delight-until held up a warning hand. says he goes and owls Hayne now night she found her stronger in will-her proud after night just to hear him play." "It would be well for him, then, if he tion corresponding with Lieut. Hayne! scream: then all was still. visitors," said Buxton, with a black many more might not have been exscowl. "I don't know how you gentlemen in the Riflers look upon such mat- the desk, searching for something from ters, but in the -- th the man who dared him, but her corutiny was vain. Oh, to introduce a woman of the town into | what could she say, what could she do, his quarters would be kicked out in short to convey to her erriag sister an adeorder."

and envelopes, and with the latter came o'clock, had not returned at all, and in tickets. said Mr. Ross, with mischievous intent. an envelope sealed and directed. One little over half an hour had sent for the "He hasn't been to the club since the glance at its superscription sent the blood officer of the day. What did it mean? night you sang 'Eileen Alanna.' That to her check and fire to her eye. Was it Questioning and talking thus among was about the time Hayne's piano came." possible? Was it credible? Her pet, her themselves, somebody said, "Hark!" and Faint, far, mufiled, there sounded on spirited, truthful Neil was beyon ' ques- the night air a shot, then a woman's





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accuses Hayne of that, do you?" asked the shame, the guilt, the scandal of her away in the direction of the east gate. course? She, Neillie Travers, the be-Ross, in amaze.

"I do-just that. Only, I say this to trothed wife of Steven Van Antwerp. you, it has but just come to light, and only corresponding secretly with this-this lips and clinched hands stood leaning on one or two know it. To prove it positively scoundrel, whose past, crime laden as it he's got to be allowed more rope; for he had been, was as nothing compared to got her out of the way last time before the present with its degradation of vice! we could clinch the matter. If he sus- Ah! she had it! What would ever move young officers ran in pursuit of the first pects it is known he won't repeat it; if her as that could and must? kept to ourselves he will probably try it When the trumpets rang out their sunsgain-and be caught. Now I charge set call and the boom of the evening gun from lip to lip. you all to regard this as confidential." shook the windows in Fort Warrener and "But, Capt. Buxton," said Ross, "this Nelile Travers came running upstairs is so serious a matter that I don't like to again to her room, she started at the believe it. Who can prove such a story?" sight that met her eyes. There stood "Of course not, Mr. Ross. You are Mrs. Rayner, like Juno in wrath inflexiquite ready to treat a man as a thief, but ble, glaring at her from the commanding can't believe he'll do any other that is dis- height of which she was so proud, and reputable. That is characteristic of your pointing in speechless indignation at the style of reasoning," said Buxton, with little note that lay upon the open portbiting sarcasm. folio.

"Mrs. Clancy again!" said one. "That was not Mrs. Clancy, twas a shanged! Ruthlessly now she explored | far different voice," answered Blake, and tore away across the parade as fast as his | long legs would carry him.

"Look! The guard are running too!" cried Mrs. Waldron. "What can it be?" quate sense of the extent of her displeas- And, sure enough, the gleam of the rifles "You don't mean to say that anybody ure! How could she bring her to realize could be seen as the men ran rapidly Mrs. Rayner had grown ghastly, and was looking at Miss Travers, who with white

one of the wooden posts and gazing with all her eves across the dim level. Others came hurrying out from the hail. Other

starters. "What's the matter? What's happened?" were the questions that flew "I-I must go home," faltered Mrs.

Rayner, "Come, Nellie!" Oh. don't co. Mrs. Rayner. It can't be anything serious."

running towards them. "Is the doctor here?" he mated.

"Yes. What's the trouble?" asked Dr. Trequation for Style, Sublivian A seriest work of Arts 150 puters through the crowded doorway.

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