

The Ring of the Matterhorn

By John J. aBeckett

It is needless to remark that the descent of the redoubtable Matterhorn was made as safely as the climb up had been. No prouder American girl lived than Florence Rodney when she reached the Hotel Mont Cervin.

ter the young fellow proposed a supper at the Savoy. Miss Rodney, who felt like a laborer after a hard day's work when she reflected on her weary climb up the Matterhorn, was bent on restful pleasure and gladly assented.



With a muttered oath he clasped his hands to his head.

air and her eyes fixed steadily on him Miss Rodney advanced quickly, but with a dignity all her own.

"You are the Earl of Carrington?" "At your service," he replied, with a mocking inclination.

"Then, when you have removed your hands from your pockets, there are a few words which, for my own sake, I wish to say to you."

"I have never fully realized the insulting nature of my aunt's proposition, revolting enough to me even had you been a gentleman, until I saw you. My answer the moment I heard her unseemly condition was 'No.'"

She turned, and, without waiting to hear the words with which he resented her cool contempt, walked steadily from the room.

Then, with tight clinched hands, he rose, and, walking unsteadily out, got into the first hansom he saw and bade the driver hurry to his lodgings in Duke street, Piccadilly.

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FLANNEL WAISTS.

Colors and Styles For the Newest Woolen Shirt Waists.

French flannels now come in every variety of color and shade, instead of being confined to a few tones of red, pink and blue, as was formerly the case.

The genuine shirt waist of flannel is made without a lining and is much less full than such waists have heretofore been.

Embroidered flannels show a dot or a fleur-de-lis in white or black on a colored ground.

The man to whom he had spoken took it on himself to open the carriage door for Mr. Ramsay's guests, and heard, naturally, the order he gave the driver to go to the Metropole.

The next morning at about 10 a servant brought Miss Rodney a card. She picked it up with that pleasant interest one feels in a caller when one is in a foreign land.

"You can take the card back. That is the only answer."

About 20 minutes later the servant brought her a note, written on the hotel paper. The address was in a loose, scrawling hand. She opened it and glanced at the name at the bottom.

The costume illustrated is of navy blue serge. The skirt is plain in front, has stitched plaits at the side and a wattleo plait at the back.

serge costume. The skirt is plain in front, has stitched plaits at the side and a wattleo plait at the back. The triple belt is ornamented with cords of white cloth, and the triple pederine is adorned in the same manner.

The Bank President. Are you aware the cashier has taken a half interest in a yacht?

The Confidential Adviser. No. For a long time I have seen he does not become a full-fledged slipper, Indianapolis Journal.

He did so, and Miss Rodney enjoyed the evening thoroughly. After the tea-

NIGHT IN THE WOODS.

EFFECT OF THE AWFUL SOLITUDE WHEN FIRST EXPERIENCED.

The awe inspiring stillness makes Sleep an impossibility For Many and Brings Visions of Terror to Haunt the Tired Senses.

The awe inspiring stillness of the first night in camp? You lie on your back vainly courting sleep. Vainly, I say, because of the very intense stillness which should woo it, but does not, as you are unused to it.

It will be so with you when you have accustomed yourself to the preternatural quiet so different from the rumble of passing vehicles over paved streets and which affects you not.

In front of your rude camp, which is left open, the smoldering fire smokes and crackles, each snap of charred embers sounding to your ears like the report of artillery.

A night owl makes bold to disturb your already troubled mind by perching on a big pine not a hundred feet away and sending forth a screech that curdles your blood until you realize what it really is.

Suddenly comes a soft tread or dried brush. Surely some one is stealing up to your camp. You rise to a sitting position and await the marauder's next move.

Now he must be directly beside you, with nothing but a wall of boughs between. You can stand it no longer, and, with a half suppressed yell of excitement, you seize your gun, spring to your feet, dash aside the light canvas that falls over the front of the camp just enough to keep out the smoke and run out prepared to shoot on sight.

You creep softly back to your boughs rather ashamed at yourself and glance furtively at the guide, who sleeps peacefully through it all.

His! What's that? Two fiery eyes set in the framework of impenetrable gloom beyond the fire seem staring directly at you. Like coals, they burn and the words of your guide, "Oh, yes, that's plenty of bar'ro'n yere," come back to you with awful import.

A muskrat may be a joke, but a hungry bear prowling within 20 feet of you is an unsafe guest. You know you are as white as a sheet, and your hands tremble as you bring the piece to your shoulder and aim directly between those awful greenish yellow eyes.

The roar of your rifle sounds like a clap of thunder, and its reverberations roll and chase each other over the tops of the pines and spruces and startle a thousand sleeping creatures who render night hideous with their frightened cries as they scurry or fly away from your vicinity.

When he finds you pale and trembling and hears you declare that you have shot a bear, he mutters incredulously and, lighting a lantern, goes out to investigate.

They Spilled Over. Marjorie never cries when any little mishap befalls her and has been known to sustain without shedding a tear severe bumps that have rapidly acquired a black and blue aspect.

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"That," he answered, "is the Earl of Carrington."

quittance. He invited her to go to the Lyceum and promised to call for her at the Metropole that evening with his mother and sister.