POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOR JAILER

We are authorized to announce H. CLAY HORRIN as a candidate for Jailer of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the Primary, August 1, 1925.

We are authorized to announce W. S. OWINGS as a candidate for Jailer of Nicholas county subject to the action of the Democratic party, at the August Primary.

We are authorized to announce J. T. RANKIN as a candidate for Jailer of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the Primary, August 1, 1925.

We are authorized to announce NEWTON ("POLLY") BROTHERS as a candidate for Jailer of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the Primary, August 1, 1925.

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We are authorized to announce HOMA G. GAUNCE as a candidate for Jailer of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the Primary, August 1, 1925.

FOR COUNTY CLERK

We are authorized to announce STANLEY BLAKE as a candidate for County Clerk of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary.

We are authorized to announce JNO. A. WESTFALL as a candidate for County Clerk of Nicholas county, subject to the action of the Democratic party at the August primary.

GOOSE CREEK

Miss. Boone Heller and two sons, Miss and Cecil, visited Jim Heller and family from Saturday until Sunday.

Miss Elizabeth Hunter visited Ina and Rachel Heller Sunday.

MILLTOWN

Mr. Earl Clay and family spent Sunday with Mrs. Jessie Alexander.

Mr. Ernes Vice and family spent Sunday with Mr. D. D Vice and wife.

Mrs. Mary Wilson returned home Sunday after spending a week at the home of Mr. Milt Crump.

Mr. H. Neal spent Saturday with J. W. Neal at Hilltop.

R. T. Heller will fill his regular appointment at Mt. Zion next Sunday, Feb. 8.

MYERS

Miss Ruth Thompson spent Saturday with Miss Helen Dailey.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Stone and daughter, Pauline, spent Sunday with her mother, Mrs. Lizzie Roberts.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Anderson spent Sunday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Stone.

Mr. Tom Conners and family spent Sunday with Lewis Conners and family.

Miss Henrietta Davis spent Sunday with Lillian and Georgia Fitzpatrick.

Mr. Orville Gaunce is visiting his mother, Mr. Pearlie Bowles.

Mrs. Minerva Durrum spent Sunday night with Mrs. Fannie Manning.

BLUE LICKS

Rev. Sparks spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Walker Fryer and wife spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ed Barnett.

Mr. Ed Abner is on the sick list.

Miss Thelma Sampson, of Millersburg, was at home for the week end.

Mrs. Maggie Thomas was entertained with a birthday dinner Saturday, it being her seventy-fifth birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Henry Campbell and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Lazine Hedges and little son, Spencer Laughlin and Mr. W. A. Arge and family. All enjoyed a bounteous dinner and left wishing Mrs. Thomas many more happy birthdays.

SALTWELL

Rev. W. P. Davis filled his appointment here Sunday morning and evening. He preached two excellent sermons.

Noel Gaunce and family, of Carlisle, and Thomas Gaunce and family spent Sunday with S. W. Gaunce and family.

F. T. Gaunce, of Bracken county, spent Saturday night and Sunday with his mother, Mrs. Vera Gaunce and family.

Mrs. George M. Gunnce, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Ed Potts, returned home Sunday.

Mr. Jno Heller and family, Mr. and Mrs. Jno Gaunce, Mr. C. O. Upton, Mrs. Lelia M. Snapp, and Mr. T. E. Kendall spent Tuesday with P. D. Kendall and family.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Escobedo, visited here Sunday.

PARKS HILL

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Riggs and son were guests of her parents Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Elgin Clark, of Lexington, spent Sunday with Mrs. Tom Cameron Sunday.

Mrs. Nellie Kinser and daughter were guests of Mrs. Mike Lawson Sunday.

Miss Edna Crawford returned home Sunday from Paris, where she has been spending several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Shields have moved to the home vacated by Mrs. Will Vice and family.

Chester Stephenson and family were guests of his parents for the week end.

Miss Hosier Gray spent a few days in Carlisle, last week with her aunt.

Mr. E. F. Barnett is on the sick list this week with flu.

Mr. John Barnes lost a valuable horse Saturday night.

SPROUT

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Jacobs entertained the following guests Sunday: Mrs. Van Thornburg and little daughter, Goldie Lee, Jessie Lee, Clarence Mallory, Earl Morris and Herbert Bennett.

Mr. and Mrs. Cye Perry and Mr. and Mrs. Robt. Crowe spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sam Jacobs.

The friends and schoolmates of Miss Ina Jacobs gave her a surprise Saturday night, it being her seventeenth birthday. Those present were: Misses Edna Clark, Mary Jacobs, Virginia Godsey, Eula Burns Gilvin, Ellen Clary, Ophie Clary, Mary Elizabeth Hornsby, Viola Clary, Pauline Clay, Josie Lyons, Enna Eden, Nannie Sweeney, Lena and Ruby Brannon, Willora Farren, Ralph Alexander, Clark Godsey, Frank Weaver, Clarence Mallery, Clyde Clavell, Marion Yates, Kelley Blake, Joe Wilson, Charles Durham, Stanley Lyons and Clifford Kenner.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ring spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Henry Gray, of Cedar.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Florence and daughter, Catherine, of Sharpsburg, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Taylor Ring.

BUCKTOWN

Clifton Waugh is very ill with the measles.

Miss Lucy Letton called in a number of her friends Friday night and entertained them with a dance.

Mr. John Waugh is improving slowly.

Mrs. Willie Wagoner is confined to her home with measles.

Several from here attended the basket ball game at Sharpsburg afternoon.

JACKSTOWN

Miss Lucy Letton entertained a number of her friends with a dance last Friday night.

Mr. Albert Heller is able to sit up after a severe illness.

Mr. Paul Crouch is improving nicely after an operation.

Mr. Benton Bonta and children are able to be out, after having the measles.

Master William Wasson, who has been sick with the measles, is better.

This community extends their sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Pris. Bell in the loss of Mr. Bell's mother.

MAPLE GROVE

Miss Viola Clay spent Sunday with Lena and Ruby Bronaugh.

Miss Lena Belle Bronaugh and Kenney spent Sunday with Opal Clavell.

Mr. and Mrs. Tipton Curry spent Sunday with her daughter, Mrs. Bessie Bronaugh.

Miss Jocie Lyons spent Sunday with Bernice and Beatrice Jacobs.

Miss Jimmie Clay is making her home with her sister, Mrs. Sam Smoot.

Mrs. Clarke Shrout is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Sam Smoot.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Warner, Mr. and Mrs. Noble Hopkins, and Mr. and Mrs. Martin Clay spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John B. Bronaugh and family.

Mr. Stanley Lyons gave a surprise party Saturday night, Jan. 31th.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hardin and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. White Downing and family.

BAREFOOT

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Livengood had as their Sunday guests: Mr. Alice Coy, Raymond Coy, Mr. Harry Livengood and Mrs. Pearlie Morris.

Mrs. Charlie Florence and daughter, Gladys, were the Sunday guests of Mr. R. E. Wagoner and family.

Miss Daisy Bell Livengood was the week end guest of Mr. and Mr. Virgil Smith and family.

Mrs. Clarence Earlywine lost by death a good milk cow.

Joe Wagoner was the Sunday guest of Jack Richey and family, near Rose Hill.

Mr. and Mrs. Sonnie Burden were the Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Clarentz Earlywine and family.

Mr. Howard Livengood is sick but we again after an attack of flu.

Mrs. Tom Small is improving slowly.

LICKING

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Linville visited his father, Mr. T. Linville, Monday.

Mr. Lesle McLeon, of Paris, visited Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Parrell Sunday night and Monday.

Married—Mr. Lee Revel, of Richmond, and Miss Florence Fitch, of this community, were united in marriage at Flemingsburg January 31.

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Moran and son, Albert, were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunt.

Mr. H. B. Bennett, wife and family and Mr. William Burgess spent Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Price, of Fairview.

Claude and Meredith Linville spent Sunday with their grandparents, near Mt. Olivet.

Mr. T. C. Price, of Fairview, visited Mr. and Mrs. Alonzo Burgess Monday.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy Parris, on Jan. 27th, a son. To Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hunt, on Feb. 1st, a son.

HOO JAW

Mrs. Alice Gaunce is spending a few days with her son, Mr. Lafayette Gaunce and family at Paris.

Mr. Ray Ritchie is able to be up about the house.

Mrs. Veda Earlywine and Mrs. Mollie Earlywine spent Monday with Mrs. Rhoda Earlywine.

Mr. Preston Layton, of Kiser Station, spent Sunday with his son, Mrs. John Sidles and family.

Mr. Ernine Earlywine is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill, at Cynthiana.

Several friends and relatives gathered at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Hill Sunday, Feb. 1, it being her 87th birthday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Bollus Barnhill and daughter, Helen, Mrs. Angie Maynor, of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Layton, Mr. and Mrs. Herman Jackson and daughter, Ruby, of Paris, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Hill and daughter, Thelma, Mrs. Mary Earlywine, of Carlisle, Mr. and Mrs. Hargis Earlywine, Mr. and Mrs. C. M. Hill, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Earlywine, Miss Mae Earlywine, Mr. and Mrs. Perce Mynear, of Centerville, Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Earlywine, of Headquarters, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Frederick. She received many nice presents. All retired many nice presents. All reported a delightful time and wished her many more happy birthdays.

ELLISVILLE

Miss Genevieve Laughlin met with a very painful accident one day the past week. She had taken food with her to school in a syrup can and put it on the stove to heat, by the contents of the can struck fire in the fire and exploded. A physician was summoned and the wounds dressed, she is comfortable at this writing and is getting along as well as could be expected. It is not thought her sight will be affected.

CANE RUN

The family of Otho Clark remains ill with measles.

Miss Katherine Dovin spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Burke.

Little Virgil Griffin returned home Sunday after spending the week with his sister, Mrs. Gilbert Gray.

We are glad to say that little Thomas Hamilton is able to be out again.

Margaret and Marion Davis spent the week end with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Dee Davis, of Myers.

Mrs. Susan Hardwick, of Morrow, Ohio, is at the bedside of her son, Ben Hardwick who is very ill.

Miss Alberta Ratliff left Monday for Flemingsburg, W. Va., where she will resume her work in the Hereford Orphan Home. Miss Jones Allen-

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

FOR SALE—Good, cheap, corn stalks always on hand. Write A. F. Shields, Bethel, Ky., or call at his shop, at Sweet. Both county Also best rubber tire. 11tf.

FOR SALE OR RENT

As I find it impossible for me to care for four cows I will offer either a unsexed, I will either sell or rent my home dwelling and store. This is a good stand and the dwelling could not be built for less to deal with if one will give me the right attention. W. D. Morris, Carlisle, Ky., route 3. 2-5 2t

Mens full cut, triple stitch Overall. You would not get better at \$2.00, our price $1.69.

Batson's Cash Store

FOR SALE—Good second-hand harrow. Inquire of Mrs. Ed Shaffer. 11tf.

FOR SALE—I have a team of mares, 9 and 13 years old, sound and extra good workers. Either one will drive. Will sell private-ly. Also one good Ford-all harness and 1 2-horse sled. Apply to Lewis Watson, Kiddville, Ky., R. F. D. 1. 1-29 2t

ON OUR BARGAIN TABLE

Underwear, 39c to 98c.

Ladies' Dress Shoes at $1.75 $3.00 Sweaters, going at $1.95

Lot Ladies Shoes at $1.95

Batson & Cotton Bot. for the.

Brayfield Dry Goods Co.

Our fine and fantastic department now open on second floor. Sunday's

SPIRELLA

Spirella garments to fetch will support and control the figure—which is the secret of perfect style, and along anatomical lines—designed to conform to age-period, build, size and grace and beauty to the figure—for every type and figure condition. Those are a few of the reasons why we say "Let Spirella." Call Mrs. W. T. Roberts for demonstration. Phone 128.

A nice loose-cooled shower with pleasant surroundings. Morgan's Restaurant. 11

WIRE FENCE

Parties wanting wire fence should see

Bostain & Curtis

4,500 LBS. OF COFFEE

We have been notified by Hudson, agent Sunday with his family, that our sales for 1924 amounted to 4,500 pounds. This is a splendid testimonial of the quality of this brand. Try a pound next time.

Batson's Cash Store

The Kitchen-Cabinet we price you at $18 is good as many priced you at $25. R. D. Barlow.

HEATERS, RANGES

Plenty of Heatersand Ranges, at 11 Brayfield Dry Goods Co.

CLUBBING OFFERS

Mercury and Lexington Herald, daily without Sunday $7.50

Mercury and Cincinnati Post $4.75

Mercury and Times-Star $4.75

Mercury and Louisville Post $6.25

Mercury and Louisville Herald $6.25

The Mercury will order any magazine published in this country for subscribers at a substantial reduction, if ordered with renewals or new subscriptions of this pap-r.

Old newspapers for sale at this office at 10 cents per bundle.

FLOUR

Now stock of Flours, at

Batson & Curtis

FOR RENT

FOR RENT—Piece of 167 acres near Blue Licks, for small crop, tobacco time allotted to harvest, one third rendered, by grade and other work. See me court day. Wm. Kitchen, Lexington, Ky., route 4. 1-29 tf

FOR RENT—Office rooms. See Sam T. Howe. 11

WANTED

SALESLADY WANTED—Woman of refined character. One who is neat and tidy in dress and habits; direct representation. A manufacturer manufacturing garments that almost every woman wears has a attractive proposition for a lady of social standing. One who has a wide acquaintance to her local community. You can devote part or full time to this proposition. D.B.Ita Dept. A., P. O. Box 818, Cincinnati, Ohio. 2-5 3t*

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—On the Burtonville pike several days ago, a certain amount of money. The owner can have same by calling on Geneva G. Hunter and paying for this advertisement. 1t

NOTICES

CARD FROM WILL OWINGS

(Political Adv.)

Mr. Will Owings, a farmer of near Carlisle, has announced his consent for Jailer appears in this issue. He has been urged by many women to give his candidacy a fair and impartial consideration, which he fulfill all the Chiles pertaining to the office and the duties also belong.

Mr. Owings comes of a long line of Democratic ancestors and is the first of the family to offer for office.

A generous, public spirited citizen with a host of friends, who will be a good man to serve.

CARD OF THANKS

The Ladies of the Order Clan of the Carlisle High school wish to express their sincere thanks to whose assistance made possible the success of the Basket Social given by the Chamber of Commerce on Friday night, and especially do they wish to thank the members of the Baptist church and the Chamber of Commerce for furnishing this opportunity to raise a portion of the funds necessary to run the Lyceum Course deficit which the school faces.

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE

All persons having claims against the estate of Cal Hedges, deceased are requested to present same, properly proven, to the undersigned executor at once. Also all persons indebted to said estate are hereby notified to settle.

This 2-5 4t T. Gardner, Exec.

Morgan's Restaurant has a hot lunch with good service daily.

SHOES FOR MEN

Mens Work and Dress Shoes, a few sizes left at bargain price of $2.95 and $3.95. All $5.00 shoes values.

Brayfield Dry Goods Co.

CARD OF THANKS—We wish to thank our friends for the many kindnesses shown us on the occasion of the death of our beloved Ilsey Ruth Jackson and Mrs. L. Clark. 1t*

Teachers' meeting will be held in court room Saturday, February 7 at 1:30 p. m. 1t

NOTICE

All persons knowing themselves indebted to me by note or account, please call and settle. Dr. W. F. Martin. 2-5 4t*

CLOTHING MAN COMING

Gentlemen: He can be found at back Hotel Feb. 9-10 with a full line of gabrings and topcoats, also wool for men and young men. $22.50 to $35.00. Made to your measure by A. Cash & Co. strictly in accordance with the Golden Rule Tailor System direct. Guaranteed fit. 2t

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NOTICE

In order to give my customers better service, prices and render them a more efficient service I have decided that on, and after February 1, 1925, my business will be operated on strictly cash basis. Credit will not be extended after that date. I thank you for your cash and obtain the benefit of the discount I will be enabled to give lower prices on merchandise offered for sale and the service I render is credit is extended.

I appreciate the patronage of my former customers and take this step in order that they and myself will be benefited.

Robert Foxhack, Merchant, Carlisle, Kentucky, R. F. D. 1. 1*

NOTICE

We have a few left over from our big sale, priced from $12.95 to $19.95. Good material, well made. Even if you don't need an overcoat now, you can't afford to miss this. Buy one and lay it away.

Brayfield Dry Goods Co.

HIGH SCHOOL ENTERTAINMENT

The Dacteryville high school students are cordially invited to attend their mid-winter high school party, Friday evening, Feb. 6, by the Public Speaking Class, one of the funniest of all farces in one act, "Hans Von Bunch," a popular, amusing farce in prologue and one act, and other snappy dishes, will also be rendered, by grade pupils. All in all, a strong, lasting program of two hours. Don't miss it. Admission 25 cents. Benefit of school. Curtain rises at 7 o'clock. 1t

A CORRECTION

There has been a report circulated, that I run off some tobacco that I had been thoroughly cleaned and diseased. In Justice to myself, and that the people who don't know the facts in the case may not be misled, I will say that only a few leaves of the tobacco was in a truck in which there was tobacco in it, to put it mildly, very bold notation. His eyes don't have been in the roughest shape, as I was not in any such truck. Then there was a small sweet lot of bark that came in says "Oh yes, it is so Walker Bros. bought him in Mercerville and it cost him $100." Another instance, all headquarters will readily tell you, that nothing of the officials at Carlisle investigated the matter, in their satisfaction, which I wanted them to do. I have never stamped any tobacco or even thought of such a thing, and say that I have kept it up in fine fettle. With gratitude and respect to my friends and patrons I remain the Big Dairy Tobacco Growers Association. 1t

W. A. McClure.

MARION C. BLAIR

Local agent for Massachusetts Bonding and Insurance Company, full-line stock company having $10,000,000 in assets. Specializing on Accident and Health Insurance 1-29 2t

COMMUNITY SALE

I will hold a community sale of livestock at the Myers & Hinkston stockyard on West Main street on WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 11.

Horses, mules and all kinds of stock will be offered for sale. Bring in your stock the day before the sale.

T. B. WATSON

WATCH OUR WINDOWS

for dates for Specials. Get a copy of all of these bargain prices.

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The Courier-Journal of the Louisville Times and The Mercury for one year for $7.50. This exception is offer is good until after February 14. 1t

Old newspapers for sale at this office at 10 cents per bundle.

A LINE O' CHEER

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All the resolutions fair
Of the glad New Year
Are not too late to-day
To keep, though they be made
In days that now are dead
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Have long been trod upon
And left to die.
Begin!

Diagnosis

Doctor—You seem to be all run down, Mrs. Peck. Let's see your tongue.

Henry Peck—That's right, doctor, you guessed it right off.

Many Women Are Now Starting Their Spring Sewing. We Offer The Following Suggestions:

SILKS—An Imported Washable Charmeuse, in a variety of colors, 36 inches wide 85c per yd.

SPRING FLANNELS, In Novelty Stripes, (Shipment just received.

Other Wash Silks, in the New Striped Patterns, 36 inches wide, at $1.50 to $1.75.

Striped, All-Silk Broadcloth, in Fancy Stripes, 36 inches wide $2.75 per yard.

PRINTED CREPE DE CHINES in a variety of colors, 40 inches wide from $2.50 to $3.25.

R. T. Kirkland & Co.

THE VERY BEST IN GROCERIES
Nationally Advertised Brands
You Know They Are Good
Call 13--We Deliver

Metcalfe's Grocery

OVERALL SPECIAL

Beginning February 5th and ending February 11th will make Special Price on Overalls for one week.

BIG 3 OVERALLS . . $2.00
Favorite Brand $1.50

These are 2:20 wt cloth and from our regular stock, cut good and roomy, made to stand hard service.

This price lasts for one week and CASH ONLY.

Watch Our Windows For Specials.

THE C. C. COLE CO.
The Home of Better Clothes

Darbury seethed and bubbled, and resented the hasty and the flagrant engagement of Hugh and Barbara. It is always a matter for criticism when people's actions with the aid of this sentence, but Darbury became the victim of some sense of respectability in a world of sin.

Nobody was surprised, of course. Nobody ever is on such occasions. Everybody knew that something would happen sooner or later, and that it was bound to be sudden.

But what everybody did not know concerning the latter fact was the real reason. And herein lay the cause of the ensuing ten days' delay. Immediately, Miss Davies was in London at the Dudley-Bowles' to meet the "fallen girls," as the mystery remained unsolved. But the cost of engagement rings is a lusty tree. Again, and in louder tones, the question arose: What happened on the island?

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had been a figure circulated, that I run off some tobacco that I had been thoroughly cleaned and diseased. In Justice to myself, and that the people who don't know the facts in the case may not be misled, I will say that only a few leaves of the tobacco was in a truck in which there was tobacco in it, to put it mildly, very bold notation. His eyes don't have been in the roughest shape, as I was not in any such truck. Then there was a small sweet lot of bark that came in says "Oh yes, it is so Walker Bros. bought him in Mercerville and it cost him $100." Another instance, all headquarters will readily tell you, that nothing of the officials at Carlisle investigated the matter, in their satisfaction, which I wanted them to do. I have never stamped any tobacco or even thought of such a thing, and say that I have kept it up in fine fettle. With gratitude and respect to my friends and patrons I remain the Big Dairy Tobacco Growers Association. 1t

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"How Do You Know?"

and Mrs. Stockley were deeply upset, the latter especially, for they had not the most afflicted kept their own counsel so long.

The only ray of comfort to Barbara in her overwhelming grief was her sister's absence. The relations between her mother and herself were of the direst, Mrs. Stockley never forgot her position as a lady, and was constantly able Grandmother's grarious act in establishing her own identity with the county. This marriage between her daughter and Hugh Darbury would have been her dearest ambition. Now, for no tangible reason, it had been revived with the girl's returning to Darbury, and Mrs. Stockley was in a state bordering on lacking of hair lapse. The worse because then Hugh had been snoring. She had wept, sobbed and spluttered, and finally had recourse to irrevocable utterance.

"I'll never speak to you again if you would give their eyes to prevent it," she cried at last. "What will people say? There has been enough talk already. I'm confess you still care for Hugh—"

"Oh, you, you!" interrupted Barbara impatiently. "That tiny's not sufficient. It's not a woman's love for a man; that's quite a different thing. I know."

"Don't talk like a novelette!" the mother broke in querulously. Then, suddenly, her eyes narrowed and her chin face sharpened. "How do you know?" she asked sensibly.

Barbara was momentarily off her guard, not realizing her slip, and the other woman pressed the advantage.

"Answer me, Barbara! I have the hitherto pressed for the confidence that was so due—in spite of the pain sip which has come to my knowledge. You owe it to us all, now, to give an account of your life upon that island. Nothing happened to you, I suppose?"

The girl stood looking down into the fire, covering her reply, for a few moments. Her mother gave a little click with her lips.

"I'm sure," she said decisively, "we thought so."

"Thought what?" cried Barbara, turning sharply.

"That there had been some nonsense between you and that man, encharmed as you were."

The girl's eyes opened ominously, and she set her teeth. Her mother, exasperated by this reticence, continued with increasing anger:

"I regret to have given you my consent. I always knew he was an unscrupulous type of man—I never trusted him! But you at least should have known better, after your very careful upbringing. If his ideas were loose—"

"Stop, mother!" Her quick anger flamed out. "You don't know what you are saying. He was the soul of honor. And because of it I—you, I grow to love him—I—I—" She broke off, unable to help it. I shall love him until I die," she cried recklessly, threw herself into a chair and burying her head.

"You mean, Barbara," said Mrs. Stockley accusingly, "that it is the soul of honor to take advantage of a girl's lonely position? To lure her from the—"

"He did not!" She sprang angrily to her feet; then recalled, too late, the wisdom of Hugh's warning.

Her mother laughed incredulously.

"Then you gave him your affection unasked? You believe like a sentimental schoolgirl—threw yourself at his head, in fact?"

Anything was better than exposing Alan's name in the circumstances, so if the truth must out, the responsibility for this shower, not to end the ordeal, "if you like to think so. He only [illegible] saving me in care for me. [illegible]