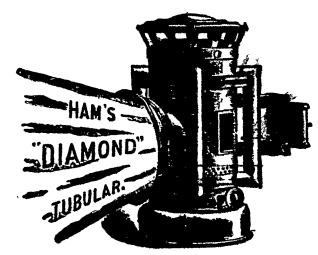
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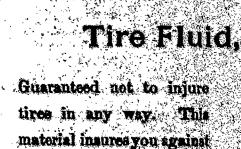
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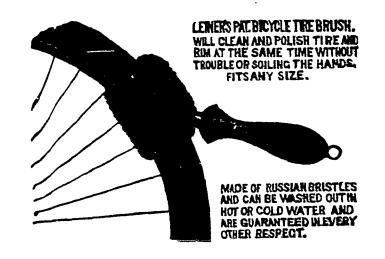


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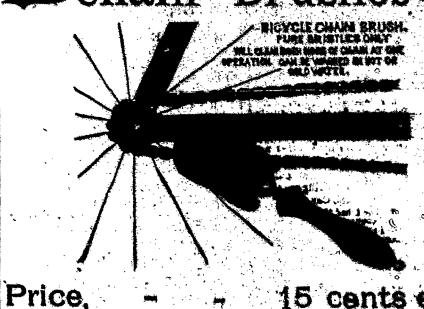
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'Marriage is the saving of a young man," said my Aunt Tabitha senten-

I assented, for I find it pays to give a ready acquiescence to abstract propositions.

"You must marry," continued my

"I am still very young," I said meek-

My aunt turned to my mother. "Whom shall Alfred marry? What do you say to Leti tia Brownlow, or Amelia Stafforth?"

"Is she not rather"—my mother waved one hand-"and Alfred is so

slim. ' "I think she has a very fine figure, ' responded my aunt. "Or there is Gertrude Williams. She will have a fortune if she outlives her sisters.'

"There are only five of them," I said hopefully. "Or Mabel Gordon?"

"No, none of these," I cried decisive-My annt looked offended. "Very well, then; choose for yourself," she

said tartly. "Perhaps that would help," I remarked though tfully. "Well," said my aunt impatiently

after a short pause, "whom do you sug-I thought for a moment.

"What do you say to Winifred Fra-

"That minx?" cried my aunt. . "Oh, Alfred!" echoed my mother.

"Why not?" I asked. "Such a dreadful family!" said my "So fast!" interjected my aunt.

"But have you never noticed the sun on her hair?" I asked innocently. My aunt drew herself up. 'We have not noticed the sun on her

hair," she said with much dignity, 'nor do we wish to observe the sun on her hair. I was justly annoyed. "I really think

it must be Winifred Fraser." I said. "She is very fond of me, and"-"How can you be so cruel to me?" cried my mother. "Have you noticed how gray my hair is getting? You will

not have me long." She drew out her

handkerchief. "You will come to a bad end," said my aunt. "I always thought you were depraved. If you marry that painted hussy, you must not expect my counte-

"Under the circumstances, I will not marry Winifred Fraser," I said with great magnanismity, for I did not particularly want my aunt's countenance.

My aunt sniffed. "You had better "I merely joked," I said soothingly,

remembering she had not made her will. "Indeed!" "The truth is"-I dropped my voice

-"I am in love with some one else."

mother repreachfully.

"The girl I love is not free." "Married!" cried my aunt. "Not married-but engaged." "Who is it?" asked my mother gently.

I was silent for a moment, and then I sighed.

"It is Constance Burleigh." "It would have been a most suitable natch," murmured my mother.

"Very suitable," repeated my aunt. There was a momentary silence, broken by my aunt.

"I did not know Constance was engaged."

'It is a secret. You must not repeat what I have told you." "I don't like these secret engagements," said my aunt brusquely. "Who

told you?" "She told me herself." "Who is the man?"

"I do not think I should repeat his name.'' "I hope Constance is not throwing herself away.

I shook my head doubtfully. "You know the man?" I nodded. "Is he quite-quite"-

Again I shook my head doubtfully. "What have you heard?" my aunt asked eagerly.

"I don't think I ought to repeat these things."

"You can surely trust your mother," murmured my mother.

"And my discretion." said my aunt. "Well," I said, "I have been told he is cruel to his mother."

"Really!" cried the two ladies in a breath. "His mother told me so herself."

"How sad!" said my mother. "And what else?" asked my aunt "Another relation of his told me he was depraved."

"Poor, poor Constance!" whispered my mother. "And would probably end badly."

"I expect be drinks," said my aunt grimly.

"Does Constance know this?" asked

my mother. "I don't think so."

"You did not tell her?" "Of course not." "I consider it your duty to." "I really cannot."

"Then I will," said my aunt reso-

"What I have said has been in confidence." "I do not care."

"I beg you not to do so." "It is my duty. I am too fond of Constance to allow her to throw herself away on this worthless man.'

I shrugged my shoulders. "Do as you please, but don't mention my name. By the way, Constance said she would probably call this afternoon." At that moment the bell rang.

"That may be she," said my aunt, flying to the window. "It is." I got up slowly and sauntered into the conservatory, which adjoins

"And you never told me," said my arawing room. From behind a friendly | mother's bosom. "Oh, dear; oh, dear; palm I could see without being seen. I saw my aunt look toward my mother.

"If we open her eyes." I heard har whisper, "it may pave the way for Al-

My mother said nothing, but I saw the same hope shine from her eyes. The door opened, and the servant announced Constance. She came forward with a little eager rash, then stopped

short, embarrassed by the want of reciprocity. "We are glad to see you," said my mother, and kissed her.

My aunt came forward. "We were just speaking of you," she said solemn-

"Sit down." Constance looked a little crushed. "I

thought Alfred would have told you." she murmured. "We have heard"— began my aunt "Hush," interposed my mother. "Come nearer me, Constance. Won't

you take off your hat?" Constance came and sat by her side. 'I was anxious to come and tell you

that—that"— "If you are alluding to your engagement," said my aunt somewhat severely,

'we have already heard of it." "You have heard!" cried Constance. "With the deepest sorrow."

Constance drew herself up. "You do not approve?" she asked proudly.

"We love you too much," said my mother gently. Constance looked bewildered.

"You are too good for the wretch," oried my aunt.

"What! Oh, what do you mean?" exclaimed Constance. "If you marry this man." continued

my aunt vigorously, "you will regret My mother teck her hand. "My sister should not tell you this so suddenly." "It is my duty to speak, and I will," gried my aunt. "I will not let Constance unite herself to this man with

her eyes closed." "What have you against him?" demanded Constance, a red spot beginning

to burn in each cheek. "He drinks," answered my aunt almost triumphantly. Constance sank back in the cushious.

"I don't believe it," she said faintly. "He ill treats his mother-beats her, I believe," continued my aunt. "This cannot be true," cried Constance. "Mrs. Granville, tell me."

My mother nodded sadly. "Alas! I cannot deny it." Constance rose. "This is awfull" she said, holding on to the back of the sofa. 'I could never have believed it." She put her hand to her forehead. "It is

the one on this point." Constance buried her face in my

And I love him so?" she sobbed.

In the adjoining room I was becoming uncomfortable. We thought it right to tell you." said my aunt, moved by her tears, "though Alfred begged and implored us

all the time you were hiding your sorrow. How noble of youl

My mother looked at Aunt Tabitha. who returned her stare. "Who ever is it?" said Aunt Tabiths, whispering. "Find out."

"Where did you meet him, dearest?" whispered my mother. "Meet him? Why, here, of course," said Constance, with opening eyes. "Yes, yes, of course," said my

mother, mystified. "I thought you would be so pleased and I hurried across to tell you." "Can Alfred have made a mistake?" muttered my aunt hoarsely.

The two elder ladies stood still in the ed tenr of the larger Western cities. utmost embarrasiment. "I shall never be happy again," said

Constance mournfully. "Don't say that," implored my mother. Perhaps there is a mistake. "How can there be a mistake?" saked Constance, raising her head. "There can be no mistake." said

my aunt hastily. "How could be be ornel to you?" wied Constance, kissing my mother. "Oruel to me!" oried my mother.

"You said he was cruel to you." "Of whom are you speaking?" cried both ladies. "Of Alfred, of course."

The two elder ladies sat down sud-

"You are not engaged to Alfred?" they gasped simultaneously. "To whom 'else?" said Constance in amazement. "There is some misunderstanding,

I observed smoothly, coming in at the moment.

The three fell upon me together, It took at least an hour to explain.

Yet I had said nothing which was not this city.

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"It is I who am sorry for you," said my mother doubtfully.

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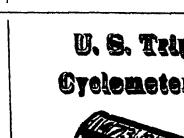
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