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There are touches of lightness and one bright and amusing episode in Mr. Henry C. Rowlands' "The Magnet," which appeared as a serial under the title "The Blue Fish" (Dodd, Mead and Company).

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