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SMILING FACES.

How bliss are we when our life linears are... Within the range of sweetly smiling faces...

DIAMONDS AND PASTE.

BY E. THOMAS.



S YOUR mistress at home, Alice? "No, sir." M. R. Harwood smiled complacently...

purse always at your disposal within reasonable limits.

"Help him for my sake!" she pleaded, tearfully; but her husband was not to be cajoled from his decision...

"What am I to do?" he groaned. "The non-payment involves such disgrace! If only I could get clear of this debt..."

"Why not?" he queried, sulkily. "Who would be any the wiser? Of course I should use a fictitious name..."

"Are you sure there is no other possible way of obtaining the money?" "None whatever," he said, gloomily...

"It is evident you have not been able to obtain so large an advance as you anticipated, George?" "It is not only that, Nora! Your diamonds are a delusion—mere paste!"

"Where are my diamonds?" she demanded, in a voice not quite under the proud control she would have emulated.

"Don't feign ignorance," she cried, scornfully, "and deepen your deceit!" "Try and compose yourself, and explain your meaning," he said, coldly...

"Your diamonds! Why, Nora—" "And replaced them with paste!" she went on, hysterically. "How could you, Dick! How could you!" she sobbed...

"But how could he tell that Miss Royse was your sister? Be reasonable, dear."

Life Insurance. Hobbs, believing that insurance was a profitable plan, on his life one hundred thousand dollars carried...

Query of the Times. The lover was enthusiastic. "She has poetry in her eyes," he exclaimed.

Resignation. Waiter—What was your order, sir? I am sorry to say I have forgotten it.

His Social Triumphs. "Yes, sir," said the man in cell 711, "time was when I was admitted to the very best houses."

Not Confidential. "Scientists say that the secret of all life is vibration."

Both in the Same Fix. Deserter—In conversation with sympathetic grocer—And I trusted him so!

Couldn't Afford It. Rector—I wonder if Bullion will give us a subscription for our missionary fund.

In That Line. "He deals in mining stocks, doesn't he?" "Yes, or green goods, or something like that."

A Fair Beginning. "I can't begin to tell you all the bad things she said about you."

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AN ODD QUESTION. Claude (earnestly)—Am I the first man you ever loved?



She Went Too Far. She—if I marry you, you must give up smoking and drinking and your club.

Short of Breath. She cannot sing the old songs she sung long years ago.

DOUBLE EDGED. Little Willie (an angel child)—Clara, you needn't be afraid to tell Mr. Brown your age. He'll never tell.

A Dead Letter. "The letter 'E,'" she softly said, "from out the alphabet I'd shove, 'because,' and she blushed rosy red."

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